

Robert A. Sigel, Chair

Bob has had an illustrious career in both private and publicly held consumer products distribution businesses. He helped build his family's company, Millbrook Distributors, into one of the largest distributors of non-foods and specialty foods in the United States. Millbrook was acquired by the McKesson Corporation, the nation's largest distributor of pharmaceuticals, where Bob became a corporate officer and CEO of its Service Merchandising Division. In the late 90s Bob led a management buyout of the division and renamed the company Millbrook Distribution Services. In 2008, Millbrook was acquired by United Natural Foods, a leading distributor of natural and specialty foods. Shortly thereafter, Bob left the company to establish his own consulting firm, R.A. Sigel and Company, whose clients included private equity firms and hedge funds interested in the branded natural, specialty, organic, and ethnic food space.

Bob has been actively involved as a volunteer for many organizations, and is a Trustee of the Sigel Family Foundation, whose mission is to actively support social service and arts organizations especially on Cape Cod.

He received a BA in Economics from Bowdoin College and an MBA in Finance from the Whitman School of Syracuse University. Bob and his wife Susan retired to Cape Cod full-time in 2010.

**Amanda Davis, Vice Chair**

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Amanda spent her business career in marketing, advertising, and publishing. Before retiring, she was publisher of *Living in Stamford* magazine.

Amanda has been actively involved as a volunteer in non-profits for over 35 years. A Greenwich, CT native, she is a member of the Junior League of Greenwich, where she served as President from 1992-1993. Amanda first joined the Board of Directors of the Greenwich Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1989, returned in 2001 and served as Chairman of the Board from 2003-06. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Human Services, YWCA of Greenwich, the

Breast Cancer Alliance, and the United Way of Greenwich, where she and her husband, Bob, co-chaired the United Way Campaign for three years.

Amanda and her husband Bob retired to Chatham in 2018. Amanda is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Chatham Historical Society, and a member of the Chatham Garden Club, the Women's Club, and the League Club of Cape Cod.



Duke Bates, Treasurer

A native Oregonian, Duke began his finance education at 18 with US National Bank and the University of Oregon. With his undergraduate studies completed in 1985, he transferred his domestic and international business development career to Los Angeles and began working with a large British bank.

With 19 years' financial experience and an MBA degree, Duke relocated to Key West, Florida to begin a privately held savings bank, Key West Bank. As CFO the demands were many, but the rewards were great and soon the bank grew to 30 million in assets.

After seven successful years and a touch of island fever it had come time to move to the Northeast and begin taking advantage of the wide employment field. Currently working and living full time in Cotuit, Duke is enjoying the challenges of expanding the La Mer Concierge customer base, while maintaining a strong financial footing.



Nancy Strickland, Secretary

Rev. Nancy Strickland is a native of Lexington, MA. After receiving a BA in Psychology and an MA in Elementary Education, Nancy was employed by the Arlington, MA public school system as reading specialist. From there she worked as a head teacher at the Tower Day School in Lynnfield MA. Mid-career, she made a shift and graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Center, MA in 2002. She was ordained in the United Church of Christ and has served churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She has been active in denominational activities and chaired many committees in the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Always learning, she also received training as a spiritual director, with a focus on Ignatian spirituality.

While semi-retired, Nancy has a private practice in spiritual direction and does occasional guest preaching. She has a passion for music and recognizes the healing and unifying elements it holds. Nancy lives in West Falmouth, MA and enjoys the outdoors and frequent visits from her children and grandchildren.



Jill Beardsley

Jill is the Director of Community Support Associates, a community-based program providing residential, case management, vocational, recreational, and outreach services to adults with disabilities and the elderly on Cape Cod. A resident of Brewster, Jill's community involvement includes serving as a board member/secretary for Calmer Choice, a past president of the New England Rehabilitation Counseling Association, and a former officer for Brewster Partners in Education. She is currently the secretary of the Board of Living Mission in Action, The Federated Church of Orleans, a member of the Estate Planning Council of Cape Cod, and a member of the Aging Life Care Association.

Jill holds dual bachelor's degrees in English and rehabilitation services and an M.A. and C.A.G.S. in rehabilitation counseling from Assumption College.



Jane Carroll Blankenship

Jane has over 40 years of business experience in the Professional Services industry. She began her career in Marketing at The Forum Corporation and later worked for Pearson plc and Oliver Wyman. Named CEO of several businesses, she helped Fortune 1000 companies execute customer centric strategies, increasing revenue and customer loyalty. Her work required her to live outside the United States in Canada and the UK. Jane has both corporate and non-profit Board experience including at Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod. She holds an MBA from The Carroll School of Management at Boston College and an Executive MBA from Stanford University.

Jane spent her summers in Chatham beginning in the 1950s. She and her family moved back to Chatham full-time in 1998.



David Bryson

Now retired, David Bryson was the chief legal officer of Endurance International Group, a publicly traded technology company. David previously spent 20+ years in banking, as chief regulatory counsel for FleetBoston and Assistant General Counsel at BankBoston. David is past Board Chair of ArtsBoston, a non-profit audience development organization supporting the theatre and arts community in Massachusetts, and a class of 2000 graduate of LEADBoston's year-long civic and community leadership development program.

David is a graduate of St. Thomas Seminary, St. Anselm College and Suffolk University Law School. After raising their four grown children in Charlestown, MA, David and his wife, Kathy, now happily reside as new grandparents in West Falmouth.



Sherie Bush

Sherie is a former partner at an international law firm where her practice focused on commercial finance, capital markets, and non-profit governance and finance.

A lifetime devotee to and patron of the arts, with a particular love for classical music, Sherie is a resident member of the Harvard Musical Association and also currently serves as a Board member and volunteer Executive Director of the Cape Cod Chamber Orchestra and a Board member of Multiverse Concert Series, a Boston-based collaboration with the Museum of Science and the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. She has served in many other performing arts volunteer roles over the years, including as immediate past-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra; Development Director of the American Baroque Orchestra; Chairman of the Board and Development Director of the former Atlanta Lyric Theatre; Member, Board of Directors, Georgia Academy of Music; Development Office Volunteer, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; and Member, Board of Directors of the former Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, MA.

Sherie graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where she double-majored in Political Science and Music (Instrument: solo piano) and from Emory University School of Law, where she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the inaugural edition of the Emory Bankruptcy Law Journal.

Sherie currently splits her time between Chatham and Boston with her husband Walter and West Highland Terriers Dorothy and Winston.

**Ellen A. Dickinson**

Ellen lives in Orleans, MA with her husband Phil. Before retirement, she was a liaison between US offices and European headquarters for the Louis-Dreyfus Corporation and worked as business manager of the Westchester Arts Council.

Ellen's philanthropic work has been recognized throughout the Cape. She has served as president of the Lower Cape Outreach Council Board of Directors, on the Friends of the Snow Library Board of Directors in Orleans, and as Treasurer of the Namequoit Sailing Association Board of Directors. Ellen was named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by Philanthropy Partners of the Cape & Islands in 2017. She holds a degree in French from Hunter College and an accounting degree from Western Connecticut State University's Ancell School of Business.

**Steven Heslinga**

Steven is a Partner & Senior Vice President at the Heslinga & Tate Private Wealth Group of Wells Fargo Advisors in Hyannis. Previously, he worked as an investment banker and bond trader for Wells Fargo Securities in North Carolina. He serves on the Investment Committee at the Cape Cod Foundation and previously served as the Membership Committee Chair at the Hyannis Rotary Club and as a board member for Flower Angels USA.

Steven lives in Barnstable with his wife, Tracy, and two sons, Stevie and Teddy. He holds dual degrees in economics and German from Wake Forest University.

**Arthur Massaro**

Arthur recently retired from the general contracting construction company he founded more than 40 years ago in Charlestown, MA, turning the reins over to his daughter. A graduate of Boston University, he has been a board member of the North Bennet Street School, a post-graduate vocational school in Boston's North End, as a carpentry advisor for over 30 years.

Arthur spent a year in Florence, Italy with his wife and two children and has returned many times, practicing his Italian language skills. He now lives in Cotuit with his wife, Joanne.



Jamie Selldorff

Jamie is a CPA whose work experience includes Campbell Soup Company in New Jersey and Sara Lee in Chicago, IL. She has served on the boards of Cape Cod Children's Place and the Chatham Cultural Council and is currently on the boards of the Atwood Museum, Nauset Garden Club, and League Club of Cape Cod. Jamie is a member of Eastwood Ho!, the Orleans Yacht Club, and the Chatham Platform Tennis Association.

Jamie holds a B.S. from the University of Scranton and an MBA in marketing from the Kellogg School of Management. Jamie is a resident of Chatham.



Maria Trozzi

Maria is a distinguished author, psychotherapist, and national speaker in times of crises such as Columbine, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and the Boston Marathon bombing. Widely recognized for her expertise in loss, transitions, and resilience, she has appeared on *CBS Mornings*, *Good Morning America*, and *The Today Show*.

Maria co-founded the Good Grief Program at Boston Medical Center as an Assistant Professor of Developmental Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine. She has shared insights on facing life stressors and developmental transitions with health care providers, educators, and parents in all 50 states. Her book, *Talking with Children About Loss*, is an essential reference.

In the non-profit world, Maria founded and led Joanna's Place, offering support to bereaved South Shore children, and dedicated hundreds of hours to the executive leadership of the Junior League of Boston. She was named a "Hero Among Us" by the Boston Celtics after the Haiti earthquake.

Maria maintains a clinical practice on Cape Cod, dedicated to family resilience and loss. Originally from Boston, she and her husband Peter are full-time Cape residents and full-time enthusiasts for all the Cape Symphony offers.



Margaret Van Sciver

Margaret Greenfield Van Sciver grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School. She worked as an investment banker in New York City and New Jersey before moving to Cape Cod in 1993. Specializing in strategic planning, real estate finance, and loan syndications, Maggie held positions at Morgan Stanley & Co., Bankers Trust Company, and National Westminster Bank, and was a guest lecturer for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. In 1995, Maggie co-founded Whitebriar Financial Corporation, a Cape Cod commercial lender specializing in resort and receivables finance. She served as CFO from its founding until 2024.

Maggie has served on the boards of numerous arts, education, business, and charitable organizations, including the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Bruce and Adele Greenfield Foundation, Cahoon Museum of American Art, Cape Cod Academy, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation, Cape Cod Conservatory, Cape Symphony Orchestra, Cape Cod Synagogue, Falmouth Jewish Congregation, Harry and Maggie Van Sciver Foundation, Harwich Junior Theater, and Oceanside Performing Arts Center.

During her eight years with the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Maggie served as Board President and chaired the Pops by the Sea fundraising concert. In 2008, she received the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award from Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands. Maggie lives in Marstons Mills.



Christopher S. Wilson

Chris attended Princeton University as an NROTC Scholarship recipient, and the University of Southern California, where he earned a master's degree in foreign affairs. He served as an infantry officer with the First Marine Division, U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict. Chris currently serves as Director of Business Development at Chase Corporation.

Chris has served on numerous boards including the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund, the Concord Museum, the Copley Society of Boston and, for more than five years, as President of Bridge Over Troubled Waters, a safe haven for Boston's runaway and throwaway youth.

Chris and his wife Carol split time between homes in Concord and Sandwich. They have eight children and enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.



John Meyer, *Trustee Emeritus*

John, the Founder and a Principal of John Meyer Consulting, has more than 50 years' experience in site planning, environmental studies, civil engineering, traffic and transportation, design management, and related construction services. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering with a specialization in sanitary engineering from New York University.

He has received numerous awards, including the John B. Jervis "Engineer of the Year" by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

John has served as a Director of the Westchester County Chapter of New York State Society of Professional Engineers and as Chairman of the Civil and Construction Technology Committee Advisory Council on Occupational Education at Westchester Community College.

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