

## **APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings. I want to personally thank all of you who made donations to the foundation and others who purchased items at our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Silent Auction at the OBB Homeowners' Weekend. As a community, we are approaching the \$20,000 mark. The time is nearing to make decisions regarding spending some of these initial funds on worthwhile projects.

A wonderful idea emerged from last weekend's discussions. A technical training program for West End youth could be staffed by volunteers. I have nicknamed it "WETT" to stand for West End Technical Training Program. I am hoping to find individuals with skills in construction, shop, captaining, and other strengths to get the program started. Cost of this program is anticipated to be minimal; TKF would buy books and other teaching materials as needed.

Another thought for the village in general is something called "Taste of West End" where local restaurants provide samples of their menus and tourists come from OBB and other parts of Grand Bahama to enjoy a festive day.

I am working on a Master Plan with phases for the spending of our donations. A scholarship will be made available for students desiring to go to college. The amount will be determined by a committee. The implementation of microcredit loans is still a priority of TKF. I am gathering information on how to apply for a micro-credit loan and plan to visit banks in Freeport to request support for the community.

Our website will be updated later this month. This newsletter will be added and will serve as our first update for all visitors to read.