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New Trustees Welcomed to TREE Fund Board

The TREE Fund Board bid farewell to veteran trustees Robb Fanno, Tim Gamma and Dr. Robert Miller at the end of 2009. Their service, dedication and contributions were gratefully acknowledged by the entire TREE Fund Board and staff. The Board has since welcomed

three new trustees, who will serve three-year terms. They are Mark Hoenigman of Busy Bee Services Ltd. in Ohio, Anita Gambill of STIHL Inc. in Virginia and Randall Miller of PacifiCorp in Utah. In addition, Jim Zwack of Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements in Minnesota

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ISA Chapters Meet the Challenge

Trying to raise money in 2009 might best be compared to riding a bike uphill, into a steady headwind, for a whole year. And yet, despite the obstacles presented by the economy, 19 regional chapters of ISA raised nearly \$350,000 for tree research and education in 2009.

The TREE Fund's "Chapter Challenge" results for '09 reveal a dedication to our mission of "advancing knowledge in tree research and education" that would not be deterred by difficult times. Seven of the ISA chapters that participated in the Chapter Challenge attained "Platinum" status, contributing an amount equivalent to \$40 per registered ISA member. Three chapters achieved "Gold" status (equal to \$30 per member) and four more were ranked "Bronze" (equal to \$20 per member).

The Platinum Chapter Challenge virtual plaque for 2009 lists ISA chapters from Indiana, New England, New Jersey, New York, Penn-Del, Utah and Wisconsin. Repeat Platinum achievers from 2008 include Indiana, New Jersey and Wisconsin. New York added \$7,000 to its 2008 fundraising total, Penn-Del bested its 2008 numbers by more than \$14,000,

and New England posted a 400% increase from its 2008 contribution to achieve Platinum status. The New Jersey Arborists also deserve recognition for posting their 4th consecutive Platinum ranking in 2009! Congratulations to all of our Platinum performers!

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of ISA registered a Gold Level repeat in 2009, and will join the Kentucky and Midwestern Chapters on the Gold Chapter Challenge plaque.

Chapters from Minnesota, Ohio, Pacific NW and Western attained Bronze status in 2009. Western chapter's contribution totaled nearly \$63,000, an increase of \$13,400 over 2008's already strong effort.

The Top Five Contributors for 2009

Chapter	Total	2009 TREE Fund Liaison
Western	\$62,941 (2434)	Bob Squibb
New England	\$42,775 (588)	Jeff Carney
Penn-Del	\$35,825 (615)	Rob Beideman
PNW	\$32,590 (11,147)	Wendy Robinson
New York	\$23,926 (471)	Brian Sayers

**2009 chapter membership in parentheses.*

Chapter Challenge totals include chapter sponsorships of TREE Fund special events, dollars raised by Tour des Trees riders, proceeds from chapter donations to the gala auction, earnings from local fundraising projects, and individual and corporate donations to the TREE Fund obtained through the efforts of each chapter. The TREE Fund staff and Board of Trustees extend a sincere "Thank you!" to the ISA chapters and the TREE Fund Liaisons that rallied their members to the cause. We couldn't have done it without you!



M. Janet Bornancin
TREE Fund Executive Director

From the Director's Chair

By Janet Bornancin
TREE Fund Executive Director

Spring is an opportunity to reflect upon the past and chart a course for renewed success. 2010 marks the final year of our current (3-year) strategic plan, and a look back reveals that we excelled in strengthening our governance, increasing public awareness of the TREE Fund and its mission, and improving the management of our programs.

It's my pleasure to welcome three new trustees to the TREE Fund Board. Their diverse backgrounds, skills and circles of influence bring fresh perspectives and renewed energy to our organization. Read more about them in this issue.

Your annual donations, sponsorships, and volunteer support over the past 3 years enabled us to award more than \$725,000 for research and \$28,000 for education programming and scholarships. Our most recent research disbursements are highlighted in this newsletter, and additional info is available at www.treefund.org

2009 witnessed the debut of several new TREE Fund programs. The inaugural Arboriculture Education Program Grant helped to fund the Maryland Forestry Foundation Board's Natural Resources Career Conference (see page 5 for more details), and the first John Wright Memorial scholarship was awarded to a deserving undergrad.

Just as exciting, TREE Fund President David McMaster and fellow Trustee Matthew Wells facilitated collaboration between the TREE Fund, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Bartlett Tree Experts, The Davey Tree Expert Company,

STIHL Inc. and the City of New York to deliver an arboriculture training program to the MillionTreesNYC Training Program. Each of these organizations contributed generous quantities of manpower, expertise, equipment and passion, resulting in a highly successful program that inspired participants and trainers alike. The program's training coordinator summed it up this way: "You have saved lives through your gift of this program." Read more in this issue, or visit www.milliontreesnyc.org.

Our self-evaluation also affirmed what we all knew: we didn't increase our assets as much as we had projected when we originated our strategic plan in 2006. However, a fortuitous decision to move our investments from the stock market to a money market account in August of 2008 kept our losses well below the catastrophic levels experienced by many. Under the management of the Chicago Community Trust about 80% of our assets have been gradually reinvested in the market.

In spite of the economy, we were able to fund 100% of the expenses of our 2009 special events with sponsorship dollars. Our goal is to repeat that feat this year, and every year. As you can see in this report, the return on your donations is high: your profession is advancing, your workforce is being developed.

But there is still much more to do. Please consider making a charitable gift directly to the TREE Fund, purchasing an event sponsorship, supporting a Tour des Trees rider, and attending the auction.

Our success depends on you, just as our industry depends on the TREE Fund.

The Heritage Oak Society is a special group of individuals who have included the TREE Fund in their estate plan with a "planned gift" in the form of a trust, insurance policy, or bequest. For additional information about the Heritage Oak Society, visit www.treefund.org/planned_giving.htm.

Society members include:

- John Z. Duling (in Memorium)
- Robert Felix (in Memorium)
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Barbarinas
- William E. DeVos
- Rose Epperson
- Timothy Gamma
- John Goodfellow
- Laurence R. Hall
- Ronnie & Greg Haston
- William P. Kruidenier
- Sharon Lilly
- Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth D. Meyer
- John & Bonnie Moran
- Jerri Moorman
- Robert L. Mullins
- Kenneth Ottman
- Debbie Price
- Tom Prosser
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Skiera
- Gary Watson
- Allan J. West

Heritage Oak Society Spotlight: Al West

Editor's Note: This year the TREE Fund Report will spotlight our Heritage Oak Society and its members. This is the first in a series of profiles of TREE Fund champions including Tour des Trees riders, individual donors and sponsors.

By Pepper Provenzano
TREE Fund Trustee

Allan West's life and career path in forestry is well documented, stretching from the green hills of England to the coast of California.

His father owned a hotel in Yorkshire, in northern England, that required a 24/7 work ethic, and holidays were unheard of. West's

father became friends with GIs on leave during World War II who told stories of beautiful weather in a plentiful land across the ocean.

After the war, West's family moved to Toronto, Canada, where he became interested in forestry as a Boy Scout under the tutelage of professional foresters leading the troops.

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TREE Fund, Partners Aim High with MillionTreesNYC Training Program

The goal of New York City's MillionTreesNYC project is ambitious: plant and care for a million new trees within the city's 5 boroughs in 10 years. In October 2009 NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York Restoration Project founder Bette Midler officially planted tree #250,000. That's a lot of trees, and it begs the question: who's going to care for them all?

Just a year ago the TREE Fund was approached by MillionTreesNYC to facilitate an arboriculture training program for underemployed young adults in NYC. The TREE Fund enlisted Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Bartlett Tree Experts, The Davey Tree Expert Company and STIHL Inc. to provide job skills training to young arboriculture trainees as part of the MillionTreesNYC Training Program. The arboriculture training program has since "graduated" two classes of 11 students each, mostly inner-city residents with their roots in asphalt, not arboriculture. The program's goal is to provide participants with two key components to a career path: job skills and contacts. Many will go to work for the city's Parks Department, but the consensus among the trainers from the tree-care companies was that these trainees would be employable anywhere in the industry.

The arboriculture trainees received 2 full weeks of hands-on instruction from some of the best trainers in the industry. Topics included chain saw operation, tree felling, limbing and bucking, tree biology, identification, selection, and planting practices, principles of Plant Health Care, pest and disease identification and hazard evaluation techniques. In addition, arboriculture trainees enrolled in the second week of climbing training were treated to a day spent in the trees of Bronx Park, honing their skills with champion climber Mark Chisholm.

"What's really been great is that we're all working together to provide practical arborist training and promote safety," said TREE Fund President and Bartlett VP David McMaster. "It's been a truly cooperative effort between Asplundh, Bartlett,

Davey and STIHL, with great support from the New York City Parks folks."

McMaster and fellow TREE Fund Trustee Matthew Wells of NYC Parks and Recreation were instrumental in crafting this public/private partnership, which generated over 560 man-hours of free training for MillionTreesNYC Training Program participants. The New York Times covered the final tree-climbing techniques class in its print and online editions, adding to the luster of an already sunny February day. But the real payoff could be seen in the eyes of the newly graduated trainees, for whom "a million trees" means a lifetime of opportunities. (Read more about this program at www.treefund.org)



Mark Chisholm and the MillionTreesNYC trainees.



TREE Fund Special Events Update

Chicago is definitely our kind of town, and the TREE Fund is gearing up for its best Special Events season ever in 2010.

The 2010 **STIHL Tour des Trees** will launch at 10 a.m. on July 18 from Chicago's beautiful Millennium Park, with our cyclists outfitted in striking black and orange jerseys and helmets to match (thanks to KASK, our newest sponsor!).

The 2010 Tour launch ceremonies in Millennium Park will be broadcast live from 8 – 10 a.m. during the *Mike Nowak Show* on WCPT radio, and special guests will include Chicago's Commissioner of the Environment, Suzanne Malec-McKenna, and Chuck Leavell, noted environmentalist, tree farmer and keyboardist for the Rolling Stones. Invited guests include the honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, an avid cyclist and tireless advocate for Chicago's urban forest.

Mike Nowak's 2-hour broadcast will focus entirely on trees, the TREE Fund and the Tour des Trees. Plan to join us in Millennium Park Sunday morning to send off the Tour, or tune in to the broadcast online from 8 to 10 a.m. CDT, at www.chicagoprogressivetalk.com.

From Millennium Park the Tour will travel 500 miles through northern Illinois (see the route map at www.stihltourdestrees.org) before returning to the Chicagoland area for a celebratory dinner at the Morton Arboretum on Friday night. On Saturday the Tour will welcome more than 100 additional riders for the "Ride for Research", a 35-mile ride through Chicago's western

suburbs to raise money for the TREE Fund and spread the message of the Tour des Trees. **Donate to the Tour or register to ride in the STIHL Tour des Trees or the Ride for Research at www.stihltourdestrees.org.**

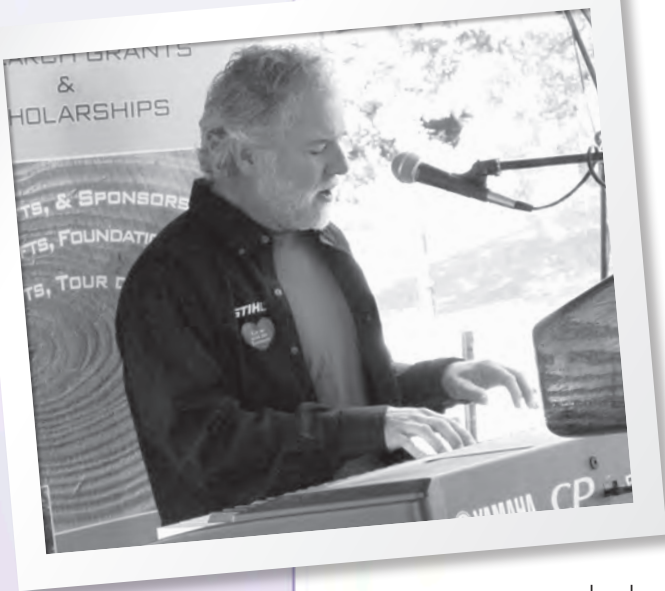
One of the highlights of this year's Tour will take place before the riders even mount their bikes. Chuck Leavell is scheduled to headline a special performance at The Chicago Omni Hotel on Saturday, July 17, to benefit the TREE Fund and The American Forest Foundation. **"An Intimate Evening with Chuck Leavell"** will feature Chuck at the piano and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's David Spero, whose skill as an interviewer and long friendship with Chuck promise a rare glimpse into the life of a man whose resume includes the Allman Brothers, the Rolling Stones, a family, a tree farm and an abiding passion for the environment. The 2010 STIHL Tour des Trees cyclists will attend as guests of the TREE Fund. Tickets are \$100, and attendance is limited to 200 guests. **Ticket purchase information will be posted at www.treefund.org and www.stihltourdestrees.org when it becomes available.**

The Tour concludes July 24 with a victory lap and recognition ceremony at the Morton Arboretum. Two days later, on July 26, the TREE Fund will host its annual **"Raise Your Hand for Research" Gala Auction** at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. The 2010 Gala Auction will be expertly managed by a professional auctioneer, and our catalog already features handcrafted furniture, autographed books, fine art, photography and excursions to NYC, the Midwest, the Pacific Northwest and all points in between. It's a great place to shop for equipment, indulgences and your next vacation, and the money raised supports the scholarships, education programs and research funded by the TREE Fund. **To donate an item to the auction contact our new Special Events Assistant, Lacy Antonson, at lantonson@treefund.org.**

2009 marked the first time that 100% of the costs of our special events were underwritten by event sponsorships. As a consequence, the proceeds of the Gala Auction and the money raised by the Tour riders were earmarked for tree research. We've set our sights on repeating that achievement in 2010, but we need your support as a Special Event Sponsor to make that happen. **To sponsor a TREE Fund event, contact Mary DiCarlo at marydicarlo@treefund.org.**



Tour Sponsors:
Deadline to get your logo on the 2010 Tour jersey is May 1!
Sponsorships available from \$2500. Contact Mary DiCarlo at marydicarlo@treefund.org to purchase a Tour des Trees Sponsorship.



Chuck Leavell playing Start Me Up in Central Park, New York.
2009 STIHL Tour des Trees

TREE Fund Approves New Research Projects

What do ground penetrating radar and woody endophytes have in common? On the surface, it may not seem like much. Look a little closer and you'll see both these topics have the potential to benefit the every day work of arborists and impact the services provided by tree care professionals. Another thing that makes them similar ...projects regarding both these subjects will be undertaken as part of the 2010 John Z. Duling Grant Program.

This year, our Research and Education Committee evaluated 26 grant applications. In January, the committee, chaired by Dr. Hallie Dozier of Louisiana State University, approved ten of those applicants for funding. The approved projects cover a wide range of topics important to the continued advancement of tree and shrub care. Over the next one to three years, researchers will delve into the effectiveness of various wire basket removal practices as well as examine the behavior of tree root soil systems with different root configurations. They will evaluate the damage resulting from volcano mulching and determine the effect of tree form on load response. The 2010 John Z. Duling Grants are:

Michael Arnold (*Texas A&M University*)

- Does propagation method impact survival and growth of below grade planted trees? (\$9,931)
- Cutting Baldcypress off at the knees (\$9,982)

Nina Bassu (*Cornell University*)

- Ground penetrating radar: A new technology to locate, assess and preserve tree roots in urban development sites. (\$9,000)

Taryn Bauerle (*Cornell University*)

- Exploration of woody endophytes for increased tree performance. (\$8,721)

Monica Elliott (*University of Florida*)

- Uptake, distribution and persistence of systemic fungicides in large palms. (\$9,000)

Joseph Scharf (*University of Massachusetts*)

- Rigging speed line forces. (\$10,000)

Ed Gilman (*University of Florida*)

- Effect of tree form and branch orientation on load response. (\$10,000)

Stephen Mitchell (*University of British Columbia*)

- Effects of root system configuration and partial excavation on tree stability. (\$10,000)

Joseph Scharf (*University of Massachusetts*)

- Rigging speed line forces. (\$10,000)

J. Ryan Stewart (*University of Illinois*)

- Consequences and impacts of wire basket retention and removal on establishment and root morphology of a shallow-rooted and a deep-rooted tree species. (\$10,000)

Gary Watson (*Morton Arboretum*)

- Evaluating damage resulting from volcano mulching. (\$7,000)

With such an array topics, the resulting research will have wide-reaching benefits. Congratulations to the researchers and their academic institutions. We look forward to the discoveries and answers these projects will provide the arboriculture industry!

TREE Fund Education Grant Takes Career Conference to the Next Level

In 2009 the TREE Fund issued a \$5,000 Arboricultural Education Program Grant to support the Maryland Forestry Board Foundation Natural Resources Careers Conference (NRCC). Following is a brief summary of the 2009 Conference.

36 students from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC gathered at the Hickory Environmental Education Center last July to attend the Natural Resources Career Conference, a week-long summer program for high school students interested in pursuing a career in forestry and natural resources. Taught by industry professionals, the NRCC incorporates classroom instruction and hands-on

field experience to explore career options and college programs in natural resources, including forestry, urban forestry, and arboriculture.

A portion of the TREE Fund grant was used to support upgrades to the NRCC website that improved the program's visibility and reach. It also facilitated the design and implementation of an electronic application process, and

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TREE Fund Grant to Support Tree Biomechanics Week

The structural and biological response of trees under stress will be the focus of Tree Biomechanics Week, an intensive field study project and research symposium scheduled for August 21-28 in Ohio, supported in part by a grant from the TREE Fund.

Researchers, practicing arborists, and students will convene at The Davey Tree Experts' research arboretum and farm in Shalersville, Ohio, to study how trees respond mechanically and biologically to loads and other stressors. The goal is to increase understanding of how trees successfully respond to mechanical stress, and what causes them to fail.

Whole-tree strength, branch strength and load-bearing capacity of intact, healthy trees will be tested against those showing signs of decay, growth defects, root loss or soil disturbance. The stress capacities of specific species will be examined, as will the effects of pruning on tree and branch stability. Other research topics are currently under development, and the

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Conference

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development of a database to manage program and participant information. The remainder of the grant money will be used to support program delivery and curriculum development. The NRCC also was successful in leveraging the TREE Fund grant to obtain matching funds from the Maryland Forestry Board Foundation.

The NRCC is already looking forward to next year's program, scheduled for July 25-31 at the Hickory Environmental Education Center, located in western Maryland. For more information about the 2010 Conference, visit: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/nrcareersconf.html>.

Al West greets a guest at the 2009 Gala Auction

You are invited. Please consider a legacy gift to the TREE Fund. If you have already made a provision for the TREE Fund in your estate plan, please let us know so we can include you in the Heritage Oak Society, and thank you.



Leaving Your Legacy: Philanthropy & Estate Planning

This is the first in a series of informational articles exploring opportunities for "Planned Giving". The TREE Fund's Heritage Oak Society recognizes donors who include the TREE Fund in their estate planning. For more information, contact Janet Bornancin at 630-369-8300 or jbarnancin@treefund.org

Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance

Most people could not write a check today for \$100,000 to their chosen charity, but life insurance can enable you to fund a generous future gift by making small premium payments over time.

The advantages of using life insurance as the instrument to fund a charitable giving plan include:

- You may qualify for income, gift and estate tax deductions.
- The gift is given without disrupting other assets reserved for your family.
- Death benefits are paid promptly to the charity.
- Gifts of life insurance do not increase estate liquidity needs.
- The policy's growing cash value also may be borrowed by the charitable institution for special needs.

The federal government has structured income, gift and estate tax laws to encourage you to

share your assets with charitable organizations. The tax benefits you may receive include:

- Lower income tax liability
- Lower gift tax liability
- Lower estate tax liability

Options for Funding Charitable Donations Through Life Insurance

There are two common options to consider when making charitable donations through life insurance. Choose the one that best meets your needs:

- *Option 1:* Name a charitable beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of a policy you already own or purchase a new policy, naming a favorite charity as beneficiary.

In either case, you own the policy and you pay premiums. You cannot deduct the premium payments, but you maintain control of the policy (should you decide to change the beneficiary at some point).

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Spotlight: Al West (continued from page 2)

Another move, this time to California, brought West to the University of California at Berkeley to earn his undergraduate and master's degrees in forestry. While still at Berkeley, then 20-year-old West began a career with the Forest Service that spanned nearly four decades and a spectrum of experiences ranging from research science to land management.

In 1979 he moved east to Washington, D.C., where he rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry, traveled to high-level meetings around the globe, and was assigned responsibility for developing the Urban and Community Forestry Program through the State Foresters.

On retirement in 1993 he was immediately offered a position on the ISA Research Trust Board (forerunner of the

TREE Fund) and would serve as TREE Fund president from 2001-2008.

During that time West lobbied for creation of an endowment to provide special recognition for major supporters of urban tree research. This led to the founding of the Heritage Oak Society in 2000, and West became a founding member.

What most inspired his long love of forestry? The city of York in northern England, where he was born and raised, is well known for the beauty of its trees and gardens as well as its prominence in the history of England and the plays of William Shakespeare. "From early on I've had a great passion for trees from my childhood in Yorkshire," he says.

Al West retired from the Forest Service in 1993 after serving for 38 years. Ever active, he currently serves on nine separate boards, including his local Rotary, church and water boards and the Southern California Fire Council. He also serves as Chairman Emeritus of the TREE Fund.

New Trustees Welcomed *(continued from page 1)*

is relinquishing his position as TREE Fund Liaison Committee Chair and has signed on for a three-year term as a trustee on the board. A new TREE Fund Liaison Chair will be named soon.



Mark Hoenigman

A partner in Busy Bee Services, Ltd., Mark is recognized nationwide for his expertise in transplanting trees bare root. Research in trees, and the environs in which they live, enables

his company to further the "green" part of the arboricultural industry. As a TREE Fund trustee, he brings not only his passion for tree research and the environment, but also his acumen in bank accounting, insurance and IT gained through 30 years of business experience. He has served the ISA, both on the Chapter and International level, in various capacities including TREE Fund liaison.



Anita Gambill

Anita is a public relations specialist for STIHL Inc., has over 20 years of experience in PR, advertising, marketing, sponsorship and trade show/event planning, all of which will be useful in her work to expand

the influence of the TREE Fund. She has served both the ISA and Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) organizations and has supported the Tour des Trees through STIHL's sponsorship since she joined the company in 2001.



Randall Miller

Randall has 27 years of experience in commercial, governmental and utility arboriculture, the last 10 of which have been in the directorship of PacifiCorp's vegetation management

program. Nearly 500 people in six Western states are employed by this program. He brings expertise in organizational leadership and communication skills as he recently completed his term as president of the Utility Arborist Association and has served in various state and federal task forces.



Jim Zwack

Jim has 11 years of experience at Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements in research and commercial sales of plant health care products to arborists. He began his service to the TREE Fund in 2005 as

the liaison for the Minnesota Chapter, and is a veteran of four Tours des Trees. In 2008, he became the chair of the Liaison Committee which includes a seat on the TREE Fund Board of Trustees. He is in the process of passing the torch to a new Liaison Chair, but will continue to lead the Tour des Trees Subcommittee as part of his work as the new chair of the Development Committee.

To view a listing of all members of the TREE Fund Board, please visit www.treefund.org/people.htm.

Biomechanics Week

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week is expected to result in multiple peer-reviewed research papers and long-term collaborative research on related subjects.

Also proposed for Tree Biomechanics Week is a symposium for practicing arborists to be hosted by ISA at Kent State University. Participating field-study researchers will be invited to present to the symposium attendees their current or past research findings relevant to tree biomechanics. As many as 125 arborists are expected to attend.

Tree Biomechanics Week is a collaborative project conceived by Davey, ISA and BioCompliance Consulting, Inc., made possible in part by a \$10,000 grant from the TREE Fund. Individual and corporate donors are invited to support this project with a check or an online donation (visit www.treefund.org/donate).

Additional information will be posted at www.treefund.org as it becomes available.

Leaving Your Legacy *(continued from previous page)*

- *Option 2:* Donate policy dividends, if any, from cash values to a favorite charity, or make cash donations to the charity for the purpose of purchasing life insurance.

This provides you with a current income tax deduction, while the charity pays the premiums and maintains ownership of the policy.

Estate Planning Needs

If you have more sophisticated estate planning needs, charitable giving may be a necessary and valuable component of a comprehensive estate plan. In this case, life insurance in combination with various estate planning instruments can provide you with current

income tax deductions and may generate income for you and your family.

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Save the Date....

- **May 1, 2010**

Deadline to submit applications for the *Hyland Johns Grants, Robert Felix Scholarships and Education Program Grants*.

- Apply online at www.treefund.org.

- **June 15, 2010**

Deadline to submit applications for *John L. Wright Memorial Scholarship*.

- Apply online at www.treefund.org.

- **June 30, 2010**

Nominations due for *Ken Ottman Volunteer of the Year* award.

- Nominate at www.treefund.org.

- **July 17, 2010**

"An Intimate Evening with Chuck Leavell" to benefit the TREE Fund and the American Forest Foundation. Omni Chicago Hotel. Additional information at www.treefund.org.

- **July 18-24, 2010**

2010 STIHL Tour des Trees - Chicago Loop Tour

- Register, volunteer and donate at www.stihltourdestrees.org.

- **July 24, 2010**

2010 STIHL Tour des Trees "Ride for Research"

- 1-day, 35-mile ride through Chicago's western suburbs (*no fundraising required*).
- Riders register at www.stihltourdestrees.org

- **July 25, 2010**

16th Annual Golf Outing to benefit the TREE Fund (*sponsored by Asplundh Tree Expert Co.*)

- Additional information at www.asplundh.com and www.treefund.org

- **July 26, 2010**

"Raise Your Hand for Research" Gala Auction, Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Tickets available with ISA registration or at the door (\$25).

- Additional information at www.treefund.org.

- **August 21-28, 2010**

Tree Biomechanics Week field study and research symposium, Ohio.

- Additional information at www.treefund.org.



Cyclists of the 2009
STIHL Tour des Trees

TREE FUND Report



Tree Research & Education Endowment Fund

Our Mission

To identify and fund projects and programs that advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment.

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