

# All About the Organization

## Meet the staff

### President

Bart Hoebel, Professor  
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Program in Neuroscience  
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Princeton University  
Former Cub Scout and 4-H leader

### Executive Secretary: 2005

Tina Clement  
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Real Estate Agent and  
Formerly with the Princeton-  
Blairstown Project, summer camp

### Secretary

Cynthia Hoebel, Pianist  
(609-921-6612)  
Retired Choir Director  
Formerly, Physics Dept. Purchasing  
Agent, Princeton University.  
Chair, Sharing and Caring Comm.,  
Unitarian-Universalist  
Congregation of Princeton

### Treasurer

Valerie Hoebel  
(609-921-6643)  
Formerly Registration Supervisor,  
Microfilm Manager,  
Expense Account Auditor,  
Price-Waterhouse, Inc.

### River Tour Pilot

Captain Robert Gerenser, 2004  
Experienced local river captain.  
Coryell's Ferry Boat Rides  
Captain Tim Yates, 2005  
Experienced local river captain.  
Wells Ferry Boat Rides

### Steamboat Operator

Peter Burn

Licensed Engineer for SPLASH  
Mechanical Engineer,  
Kayline Processing, Inc.  
Instructor, Mercer County  
Vocational Tech.

Robert Schuster  
Retired, Lockheed-Martin  
Adj. Prof. Elect. Eng. Technol.  
Mercer Cnty. Comm. College

### Grants Committee

Janice Van Buren  
Kris Hallinger

### Computer Advisers

Mark Opala  
Markopala.com  
Nancy Fedder,  
Fedder Solutions  
Michael Muzzie , David Berkowitz  
Paul Bree and Dan Joyce  
Princeton University

### Tour organizers

Linda and Bob Barth,  
(908-722-7428)  
Canal Tours and More, Inc,  
Officers: NJ Canal Society  
George Schweickhardt,  
(215-862-9884).  
Advisor, retired mule boat operator,

### Teachers' Committee

Kevin Kopp  
EYES, Inc.  
WET workshop leader

### River Experts

Steve Meserve  
Shad Fishery  
Patrick Masterson  
Delaware Valley Power Boat Assoc.

## Board of Trustees

Bart Hoebel, President  
Prof. Princeton University  
Cynthia Hoebel, Secretary  
Pianist, Choir Director  
(609-921-6612)  
Valerie Hoebel, Treasurer:  
Worked for Price-Waterhouse Co.

(609-921-6612)  
Tina Clement, Exec. Director 2005  
Real Estate Agent, Keller-  
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Princeton-Blairstown summer camp  
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Retired teacher with experience in  
urban and suburban schools  
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Mary Ellen Noble, Board Member  
Co-founder and Associate Director of  
the Delaware RiverKeeper Network  
(215-369-1188).  
Gordon Griffin, Board Member  
Attorney, Mason, Griffin and  
Pierson PC and Past President of the  
Rockingham Association  
(609-924-5077)  
James Firestone, Real Estate Broker,  
Keller-Williams, Inc.  
Poet (609-924-2558)  
George I. Fernandez, New Hope  
Riverfront property and boat landing  
Hope for Cuba

## Consultants

### Resident Consultants

Pamela Baker (Lambertville)  
Admin. Princeton Univ.  
Paul Witte (New Hope)  
Designer/inventor  
Alison Kingsley (New Hope)

### Education Consultants

David Smith  
Environment-based Educational  
Solutions, LLC  
Jeffrey Graber  
Princeton Asst. Super't. of Schools  
Clarke Rupert  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
Dan Dabbs  
Chemical Engineer  
Princeton University  
Boy Scout Leader

Peggi Carlsen,  
Curator, Rockingham:  
Washington's post-war home  
Linda Mead  
Executive Director D&R Greenway  
and Crossroads of the Revolution  
Bill McKelvey  
President, Friends of the NJ.  
Transportation Heritage Center

### Legal Consultants

Gordon Griffin, Sr., Shawn Neufield  
and Trish Waterbury  
Mason, Griffin and Pierson P C  
Robert Stockton, ESQ

## Gala Committee

Tina Clement: chair  
Valerie Hoebel  
Tracy and Eddie Shehab  
Jan and Paul Witte  
Bob and Linda Barth  
George I. Fernandez  
Jim Firestone  
Bob Gerenser

## Grants

Bunbury Company (a private  
foundation): \$5,000.  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
Princeton (Endowment Fund): \$5,000.  
Captain Planet Foundation: \$2,500.  
Bread for the Journey: \$500.

## Contributions

### Benefactors \$10,000+

Ethel Mae Theriault  
James Firestone with  
Liske and Benjamin Wright

### Patrons \$1,000+

Applied Engineering & Technology,  
Structural engineers, 921-8999  
Gordon Griffin Sr.  
for incorporation as a nonprofit

Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
of Princeton, Auction Outreach  
Doreen Spitzer  
Sarah and Martin Leibowitz

**Sponsors \$500+**  
Jack Wald

**Sustainers \$100+**  
Michael Lewis and Marianne Jaeger  
Charles and JoAnne Widman  
George Miller  
Bob and Linda Barth

**Contributors \$50+**  
Carl and Ann Brown  
Paul and Jan Witte  
Christmas tree buyers at Hoebel's Little  
Valley Farm, \$1,608 in 2000; \$650 in  
2001; \$810 in '02; \$2,010 in '03;  
\$1,055 in '04, etc. Call 609-921-6612.

## Donated Materials and Services

**Founders \$100,000+ (interest free loan)**  
Bart and Cindy Hoebel  
Steamboat and trailer  
(Funds largely from sale of public  
easement to Little Valley Farm in  
Rocky Hill NJ, now a farm forever)

**Benefactors \$10,000+**  
International Paint  
Epoxy boat paint, 182 gallons  
Call Roy Snow 800-223-0154  
for industrial paint.  
Fred Nowrotski  
Supervised hull reconstruction  
and dockside steel staircase at  
C&F Metal Fabricators  
908-359-8561

David Smith  
Consulted on lesson plan development  
and field trip management.  
Environment-based Educational  
Solutions, LLC

**Patrons \$1,000+**  
United Crane Co.  
Mobile crane service to lift 14-ton  
steamboat on and off trailer:  
Call Bill Chemidlin 908-245-6260  
for crane service.  
C. R. Cushing and Company  
Naval architects  
Boat drawings  
Robert Staats-Westover  
Structural plans for upper deck  
Princeton University  
Office equipment  
Wagner Spraytech Co  
Industrial paint sprayer  
Xantrex Technology Inc.  
Electric power inverter  
Mark Opala  
Commercial & educational websites  
For website design, markopala.com

**Sponsors \$500+**  
Brady Manufacturing  
Steel frame for boat shelter  
Call Ed Brady 732-928-0257 for  
fabric garages and greenhouses.  
Ansun Metals Co.: Gg. Whalen  
Zinc electrodes to prevent hull rust  
Dr. Shrink  
Shrink wrap  
Superior Welders, Rahway NJ  
Boiler pressure test and valves  
Timothy Yates Construction  
Dock

**Sustainers \$100+**  
C. J. Vanderbeck  
Boiler cleaning and assembly  
Onka Trucking  
Arranged boat transport  
Call Gary to move steel 908-413-7237.

Lawrenceville Mechanical Contractors  
Water intake port  
Cumberland Sales Co.  
Railing cable 800-643-5189  
David Todd  
Turbulence calculations  
General Electric Co.  
Lexan for safety windows  
Clarence Myers  
Original piston-casting forms  
International Dock Products, Inc  
Aluminum escape ladders  
Bugher Marine Services, Inc.  
Vessel Survey 609-275-2600  
Elliott Bay Steam Launch Co.  
Brass plaques  
Nautical Fire Suppression. Ltd.  
Automatic fire extinguisher controls  
Nelson Glass Co.  
Safety glass for boiler room 924-2880  
Boat mechanical work: Pete Burn, Bob  
Schuster, Bart Hoebel, Ted Griffith  
Kris Hallinger, Thaine Shetter  
Boat painting: Bart Hoebel, Bob  
Schuster, David Smith, Neil Falcone,  
Dick Christian, Charles Widman, Bill  
Pauley, Valerie Hoebel, Doug Clark,  
Doug Opalski, Ethel Mae Theriault,  
Nancy Keene, Herb Foster, Tamara  
Thatcher, Chris Miller

## Cooperating Organizations (others welcome)

Delaware River Greenway Partnership,  
Richard McNutt, President  
908-996-0230  
delawarerivergreenway.org  
Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission  
Ernie Hahn, Executive Director  
609-397-2000

Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Maya van Rossum, Executive Director  
215-369-1188 delawareRiverkeeper.org  
New Jersey Canal Society  
Robert Barth, President  
908-722-9556  
Heritage Conservancy  
Clifford C. David Jr., President  
215-345-7020 ext 112  
Russell Johnson  
215-345-7020 ext 107  
heritageconservancy.org  
Princeton Environmental Institute  
Ignacio Rodriguez-Iturbe  
Admin. Office 609-258-5985  
New Hope & Ivyland Railroad  
Paul Nichini, President  
215-862-2332 newhoperailroad.com  
Black River and Western Railroad  
Keene Berenga, President  
908-782-9600 brwrr.com  
Well Ferry Boat Rides  
Captain Tim Yates  
215-205-1140  
Delaware Valley Earth Force  
Jean Wallace, Executive Director  
215-984-9888 earthforce.org/delval  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
Carol Collier, Executive Director  
Clarke Rupert: Public Info Officer  
609-883-9500 ext 260  
www.state.nj.us/drbc/  
River education website:  
state.nj.us/drbc/edweb/edweb  
**See also:**  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
www.epa.gov/surf  
Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP)  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/index.html)  
[www.dep.state.pa.us/default.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/default.htm)  
NJ State Library  
[njstatelib.org/cyberdesk/revweb.  
htm#water](http://njstatelib.org/cyberdesk/revweb.htm#water)  
United nations  
[un.org/esa/sustdev/rlinks](http://un.org/esa/sustdev/rlinks)

## Formal Endorsements

New Hope Borough,

Laurence Keller: Mayor

Delaware Riverkeeper Network,

Maya K. van Rossum: Exec. Director  
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hamilton

NJ, James P. McFarland: Pres.

D & R Canal Watch,

Barbara T. Ross: Pres.

Canal Society of New Jersey,

Robert H. Barth: Pres.

D & R Canal Commission,

James C. Amon: Exec. Director

Bucks County Audubon Society,

J. Maxwell DeVane

Delaware River Basin Commission,

Carol R. Collier: Exec. Director

## Accomplishments

1. Replica of stern wheel steamboat brought here from Ohio, 1988.
2. Board of Trustees formed.
3. Non-profit organization established.
4. Coast Guard approved plans.
5. Restoration completed: new ribs, hull, electric system, paint, boiler room, pipes and valves.
6. Educational program planned.
7. Three grants and many donations received. We thank our Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers !
8. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection 2004.
9. School classes and community groups on the steamboat 2005.
10. Project WET seminar on the steamboat, started 2006

## Join Project SPLASH (we need your help)

### 10 Ways you can help: pick one

1. Plan to bring a group to the steamboat.
2. List your house for sale with our prominent, local real estate broker, and he will let you donate the listing commission to the Steamboat Floating Classroom for a large tax saving for you. Call for further information (609-921-6612.
3. Volunteer to organize lesson plans for use in the classroom before and after steamboat trip.
4. Volunteer to become an official steamboat engineer or deckhand or pitch in as a Saturday helper.
5. Organize a fundraiser.
6. Find a major sponsor.
7. Forward steamboat information to appropriate email lists.
8. Refer your friends to our web site [www.SteamboatClassroom.Org](http://www.SteamboatClassroom.Org).
9. Send a tax-deductible donation.
10. See also ways to make no-cost donations as listed on our web site. (a) S.P.L.A.S.H. receives 5-25% donation for your on-line shopping and (b) see our steamboat gift shop for nice items with logo).