

The Board of Directors of Southern Chapter of AIFD meeting in Dallas, Texas on January 4, 1979, established in memory of Allen Shackelford, one of the energetic crusaders in AIFD and a principal founder and first president of AIFD Southern Chapter, an AIFD Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of AIFD on January 5, 1979, they approved the formation of The Allen Shackelford AIFD Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

The Southern Chapter appropriated \$500.00, the National Board, \$1,000.00 to start the funding of The Shackelford AIFD Foundation. The purpose of the Shackelford AIFD Foundation is to provide scholarships to deserving college and/or university students that are pursuing a career in floriculture with primary emphasis on floral design. The Allen Shackelford AIFD Memorial Scholarship Foundation is a direct expression of one of the major purposes of AIFD - - to provide educational assistance to those who are dedicated to a career in the retail floriculture industry. This Foundation which provides the basis for an ongoing education assistance program was another step forward and a major undertaking for AIFD.

The forming Board of Trustees of the Shackelford AIFD Foundation were; Carol Mitchell, President of AIFD Southern Chapter, Herb Mitchell, President of National AIFD, Michael Polychrones, Sandy White, and Don Stothart. Don Stothart was the original Chairman of the trustees.

The original goal of The Shackelford AIFD Foundation was set at \$30,000.00 and no other scholarship could be established until this goal was reached the goal of \$30,000.00 would produce about \$3,000.00 a year to be awarded in scholarships. Only earned income could be awarded as scholarships. The first scholarships were award for the academic year 1981-1982.

At a meeting during Southern symposium at Texas A&M the need to financially assist students to attend the national symposium was discussed and it was suggested that the foundation seek donations for this purpose. These donations would be awarded to students to pay their national symposium registration. This was started on a limited basis and after a couple of years the student committee of AIFD undertook the project until 1987 when the Foundation was asked to seek the donations and award the sponsorships for this project and all donations would be a part of the donors account within the foundation. A total of \$39,737.00 has been donated to date for this project. A new Foundation had been chartered in 1985 and the sponsorship became a project of the AIFD Foundation, Inc. and has continued under its direction. It has grown to a point where in 1989 all eligible students attending the national symposium were awarded a full sponsorship. The total donated for the sponsorship for 1989 was \$13,395.00.

The Shackelford Foundation continued to grow and in July 1985, the Board of Directors of National AIFD authorized the formations of a separate entity to be incorporated as The American Institute of Floral Designers Foundation and the trustees of that foundation to have sole responsibility for its management, planning and supervision.

The American Institute of Floral Designers Foundation, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit corporation and received the charter from the state of Louisiana on October 23, 1985. The AIFD Foundation, Inc. was established to be the umbrella for all future funds and projects and a single group of trustees and officers would have the responsibility of all activities. The AIFD Foundation is the fund raising segment for special projects such as the student sponsorship for symposiums and the establishing of other funds and projects.

The purpose of the AIFD Foundation is:

- A. To operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes.
- B. To provide financial support to educational institutions in the furtherance of educational purposes; to provide scholarships awards to students; to undertake educational programs and in general, to undertake and to provide support for projects and programs which facilitate the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in the field of floral design.
- C. To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes, except as restricted in the Articles of Incorporation.

The Board of Trustees was increased to a total of twelve (12) under the new charter. Nine (9) of the trustees serve three (3) year terms with three (3) elected each year. Three (3) are elected for a one (1) year term and one of these trustees is to be the current President of AIFD. All trustees are required to be members of AIFD in good standing and remain so as long as they serve as a trustee. Officers are elected from members of the board of trustees and are for one (1) year terms.

Original trustees and officers of the AIFD Foundation, Inc. were Jack Smith, Wilton Hardy, Jennie Irely, Teresa Riddle, Eulalah Overmeyer, Allen Beck, Sandy White, Treasurer, Michael Polychrones; Secretary, Frankie Shelton; Vice Chairman operations, Tom Powell; and Chairman, Don Stothart.

Requests were made to start other funds and the foundation established a policy that new funds may be established as part of the AIFD Foundation, Inc. to honor an individual are in memory of an individual and be a specified named fund within the Articles of Incorporation and such funds require a minimum original donation of \$5,000.00. The Eulalah Overmeyer AIFD Fund was established in late October, 1985 to honor Eulalah and was sponsored by the South Central Region of AIFD. The original funding was a donation totaling \$10,000.00 by the American Floral Service. The first awards for scholarships from this fund were made for the academic year of 1986-1987.

The purpose of the Overmeyer AIFD Foundation is to financially assist any college and/or university student pursuing courses directly related to retail floriculture with specific emphasis in floral design as a profession.

In April of 1988 the Rocky Pollitz AIFD Fund was established. Teleflora, Inc. funded this fund to honor Rocky and by July of 1990 will have donated a total of \$10,000.00 to this fund. The first award from this fund for a scholarship was awarded for the academic year 1988-1989.

The awards are made from earned income and go to assist college and/or university students pursuing courses directly related to retail floriculture with specific emphasis in floral design as a profession.

The AIFD Foundation, Inc. has been approved as a tax exempt public foundation as a central organization. The Shackelford AIFD Foundation, The Overmeyer AIFD Fund and The Pollitz AIFD Fund are subordinates of the AIFD Foundation, Inc. The principal fund-raising activity of the foundation is the deacon's collection at national symposium, and regional symposiums. The deacon's collection was started by an overzealous member coming to a symposium program with a silver plate he had just received. He was showing it off and passed it to someone to see and in the process, as it was passed; money was placed on the plate. This was going on during a program on flowers for church and other religious services. When the plate reached the front and final "pew" over \$30.00 had been collected. The funds were given

to the Shackelford AIFD Foundation and the deacons were started. For a couple of years the deacons did a collection at the foundation luncheon at national symposium and at regional meetings. Then a raffle at national symposium was the fund raising for two years. In 1988, the tacky overzealous deacons returned with their usual pleas for cash, checks, and credit card numbers and have become even more active as many well-known characters have become members of the deacons and in 1989 at Chicago Symposium the collection reached over \$11,000.00.

Funds donated to the Allen Shackelford AIFD Memorial Scholarship Foundation, The Eulalah Overmeyer AIFD Fund, and The Rocky Pollitz AIFD Fund is invested in secured investments and only the earned income may be awarded for scholarships.

Donations to the AIFD Foundation, Inc. for other than sponsorship to symposium cover the expenses of all funds and the remaining monies are invested and earned income is awarded as scholarships. The first award from the AIFD Foundation, Inc. was made for the 1989-1990 academic year.

The total funds on hand as of December 31, 1989 have grown to \$169,728.35 which includes interest on hand and donations. The funds have been growing at a rather good rate and in 1985 the three funds in operation that year showed an increase of \$40,316.85. The four years since have seen a growth above \$20,000.00 each year. These increases are for money invested, received from donations and interest not used, and does not include the direct donations for the student sponsorship which has grown to a total of \$39,737.00 that has been awarded from this project.

Awards from earned income to financially assist students in attending college has grown to a total of \$42,500.00. Those listed below have received awards from the foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Allen Shackelford AIFD Memorial Scholarship Foundation

1981	Lisa Harkins	Miss State U.	
	Peter Vournazos	SUNY	
	Total 1981		\$750.00
1982	Gregory Beard	Cal Poly	
	Susan Edwards	Cal Poly	
	Anthony Piazza	SUNY	
	Vincent Petrovsky	Cal Poly	
	Pamela Kilby	Miss. State	
	Susan Kuwahara	Cal Poly	
	Total 1982		\$1,500.00

1983	Jennifer Hastings	Cal Poly	
	Susan Hoffman	Cal Poly	
	Pamela Kilby	Miss. State	
	Lillie King	Cal Poly	
	Leslie Mc Givney	SUNY	
	Vincent Petrovsky	Cal Poly	
	Wendy St Pearce	SUNY	
	Total 1983		\$1,750.00
1984	Debra Aldal	Cal Poly	
	Thomas Burrell	Cal Poly	
	Edward Howze	Miss. State	
	Melinda Rodgers	Miss. State	
	Vincent Petrovsky	Cal Poly	
	Total 1984		\$1,750.00
1985	Edward Allen Howze	Miss. State	
	Thomas Burrell	Miss. State	
	Carol Ma	Cal Poly	
	Melinda Rogers Cook	Miss. State	
	Total 1985		\$2,750.00
1986	Carol Ma	Cal Poly	
	Burt Knight	Miss. State	
	Christine Valentine	SUNY	
	Fran Stevenson	Miss. State	
	Cindy Flinn	Miss. State	
	Tracy Glover	Miss. State	
	Total 1986		\$6,000.00

1988	Melissa Crowley	Miss. State	
	Angela Berch	Miss. State	
	Kristine L. Nash	Texas A&M	
	Amy Densmore	Miss. State	
	Karen Kawczynski	Cal Poly	
	Sharon Hardy	Miss. State	
	Total 1988		\$7,000.00
1989	Debra Lo Bianco	Miss. State	
	Phan T. Giang-Tran	City College of SF	
	Kim-Anh Thi Ngugen	City College of SF	
	Wendy Strickland	Miss. State	
	Amy B. Hile	Cal Poly	
	Virginia Fatkins	Ohio A&T	
	Total 1989		\$6,000.00
	Total to date		\$33,500.00

The Eulalah Overmeyer AIFD Fund

1986	Carol Ma	Cal Poly	
	Christine Valentine	SUNY	
	Fran Stevenson	Miss. State	
	Cindy Flinn	Miss. State	
	Total 1986		\$1,000.00
1987	Laura Burk	Cal Poly	
	Jill Dickson	City College of SF	
	Burt Knight	Miss. State	
	Total 1987		\$1,500.00

1988	Melissa Eaves	Miss State	
	Denise M. LeVine	Cal Poly	
	Total 1988		\$2,500.00
1989	William Bailey	Ohio A&T	
	Total 1989		\$2,500.00
	Total to Date		\$7,500.00

The Rocky Pollitz AIFD Fund

1988	Kristine L. Nash	Texas A&M	
	Total 1988		\$500.00
1989	Raphael Yi	City College of SF	
	Total 1989		\$500.00
	Total to Date		\$1,000.00

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1989	Melissa Eaves	Miss. State	
	Total 1989 and to Date		\$500.00

TOTAL AWARDS TO DATE **\$42,500.00**

TRUSTEES

The trustees of the foundation on January 1, 1990 are: Allen Beck, John Cason, Jennie Irely, Eulalah Overmeyer, Teresa Riddle, Jack Smith, and Bill Taylor. Officers are Chairman, Don Stothart; Vice Chairman-Operations, Tom Powell; Vice Chairman- Fund raising, Joe Gordy; Treasurer, Michael Plychrones; and Secretary, Frankie Shelton.

Past trustees are Wilton Hardy, Carol Mitchell, Herb Mitchell, Jim Morley, Ralph Null, Sandy White and Susan Tomlinson.

Two Trustees have served since the start of the foundation in 1979, Michael Polychrones has been the treasurer most of the time and Don Stothart has served as the only chairman.

Follows are financial information and the Honor roll of donors as of 4/89.

FINANCIAL STATUS FROM 1-79 THRU 12-89 ALL FUNDS

Money Received

Total Donations	\$210,044.93	
Interest	48,854.94	
Interest Funds Received		\$258,899.87

Money Paid Out

Scholarship Awards	42,500.00	
Student Symposium Assistance	39,737.00	
Expenses All Funds	6,934.52	
Total Paid Out		89,171.52
Balance Paid Out		\$169,728.35

BALANCE OF EACH FUND 12-31-89

Allen Shackelford AIFD		
Memorial Scholarship Foundation		\$ 89,262.65
Eulalah Overmeyer AIFD Fund		44,579.34
Rocky Pollitz AIFD Fund		14,069.48
The AIFD Foundation, Inc.		21,817.88
Total Balance all Funds		\$169,728.35

EARNINGS

From beginning of each fund thru 12-31-89

Allen Shackelford AIFD		
Memorial Scholarship Foundation		\$ 36,494.25
Eulalah Overmeyer AIFD Fund		9,236.85

Rocky Pollitz AIFD Fund	1,013.72
The AIFD Foundation, Inc.	2,110.12
Total Interest all Funds	\$ 48,854.94