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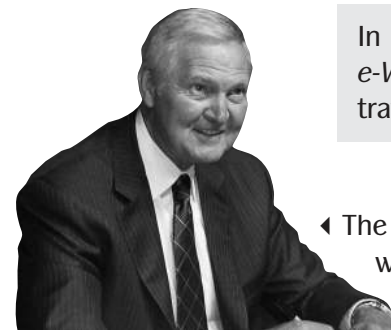
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In 2011, Humanities Council grants and programs served dozens of West Virginia communities through lectures, exhibits, e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* online, publications, documentaries, reading programs, a book festival, research and travel grants, and more:

◀ The West Virginia Book Festival welcomed Jerry West and National Book Award winner Jaimy Gordon, among many other writers and readers.

The bicentennial of steamboats on America's inland waterways was celebrated in exhibits at Wheeling's Oglebay Institute and the Huntington Museum of Art.

Jim Leach, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, visited Charleston and Huntington. ▶

Our Little Lecture Series presented programs on historic preservation, religious traditions, classical music, and the West Virginia constitution.

The West Virginia Classics series was launched as a collaborative publishing venture between the Humanities Council and WVU Press.

Our *History Alive* program added six new characters and tallied 91 presentations in 42 counties.

Restoration got under way at the historic Mount Hiser Cemetery in Pendleton County.

The exhibit *Forgotten Legacy: Soldiers of the Coalfields* opened at the Kimball War Memorial in McDowell County.

Summer reading programs were funded in Mingo, Jackson, Morgan and Pocahontas counties.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Gordon Wood delivered the 2011 McCreight Lecture in the Humanities.

The 14th Amendment was the subject of an exhibit and lecture series at West Virginia State University.

The Humanities Council continued to support the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown.

The Humanities Council partnered with the Smithsonian to bring the national premiere of *The Way We Worked* traveling exhibit to Marlinton, with visits to five other West Virginia communities also planned.

The Ross Foundation contributed \$6,000 to sponsor History Alive programs in Doddridge, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie and Wood counties.

The Lost River Museum developed a Civil War exhibit and symposium with gallery tours and programs for students and the general public.

The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, the BB&T West Virginia Foundation, and the Katharine B. Tierney Charitable Foundation provided funding to e-WV.

The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony aired on public television with support from the Humanities Council. ▶

Bluefield State College hosted Fulbright Scholars from Macedonia, Kenya, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Africa, as well as India, Israel, Korea and Peru.

The Pocahontas County Free Libraries began documenting the stories of those who have lived, worked, and traveled along U.S. 219.

◀ e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* celebrated one year online with users in more than 150 countries around the world.

Our new Sesquicentennial Speakers Bureau presented programs in Kanawha, Upshur, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Jefferson, Pocahontas, Ohio, Hancock, Brooke, Hardy, Mercer and Raleigh counties.



# Report Card and Annual Honor Roll



## From Our President

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to report that the Humanities Council has wrapped up another great year.

While not quite at the level of 2010, which brought a big one-time contribution in support of e-WV, the online version of the *West Virginia Encyclopedia* (thanks, Verizon!), our income in 2011 represented an increase over other recent years.

It was especially gratifying to attain this degree of success in a year that saw troubling reductions in federal support for the humanities. Funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities were cut intra-year to a level below what we had budgeted for, and the impact was compounded by the late date at which we received final word from Washington.

Against this background I was particularly pleased that we managed to show a modest surplus at year-end, while still increasing the grant

dollars allocated to humanities projects across West Virginia. As I say, it was a great year overall, and we thank everyone who helped make it possible.

In these challenging times we especially appreciate the support of state government, through the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts. The Council board and guests were thrilled to join Governor Earl Ray Tomblin for dinner at the Governor's Mansion in October (*photo above*), and we thank the Governor and our friends in the Legislature for their confidence in our efforts to serve West Virginians.

I hope you will let our leaders in Charleston and Washington know of your own support for the humanities. And do, please, continue your personal giving. Last year more than \$250,000 came to us from hundreds of corporate, individual and foundation donors, and we truly could not have made ends meet without it.

You will find all the details in this report, where the money came from and (more importantly) where it went, as well as the Annual Honor Roll of donors who make our work possible.

This is our accounting to you. Review it carefully, and let us know if you think we should be doing things differently.

Sincerely,

Steve Hopta, President

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The Humanities Council had a good year in challenging circumstances in 2011. Our revenues totaled \$1,369,501. We spent \$1,321,544, for a surplus of \$ 47,957.

REVENUE	
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$664,480
State of West Virginia	\$450,000
All other sources	\$255,021
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$1,369,501</b>
EXPENSES	
Programs & grants	
grants	\$309,168
direct programs	\$288,769
related expenses	\$191,150
<b>Total programs &amp; grants</b>	<b>\$789,087</b>
Administrative	\$436,831
Development	\$ 95,626
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,321,544</b>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 47,957

### Where the money came from...

Again in 2011, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency, provided the largest share of Humanities Council income, \$664,480 or 49 percent of the total. This represented a reduction from \$717,050 in 2010. The West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts provided \$450,000, the same as the previous year and 33 percent of total Council income. The remaining \$255,021, or 18 percent of the total, came largely from the private sector, including individual gifts and corporation and foundation support.

### ...and where the money went.

In 2011, 60 percent of Humanities Council expenses went to programs and grants, 33 percent to administrative costs, and seven percent to development. Our grants to other organizations increased, while program expenditures decreased following completion of the online encyclopedia software development contract.

**Looking back**, and allowing for the occasional peaks and valleys, we note that Council income has generally increased from year to year. Council assets, standing at \$1,740,575 at the end of fiscal 2011, increased slightly from the year before.

**Looking forward**, we anticipate further cuts in federal support for the humanities and the continued need to seek income from other directions. The Humanities Council board of directors has approved a budget of \$1,463,000 for fiscal year 2012, which includes a \$120,000 grants reserve carried forward from 2011.

Unless otherwise indicated, the figures and charts shown here are based on actual, unaudited financial information as reported internally to management and the board of directors. The West Virginia Humanities Council is audited annually by an independent auditor, with each year's audit available for public inspection by April of the following year.

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