

## **HONORARY CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS**

Laurie Osgood and Rod McElroy, Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs  
for the Mt. View Performing Arts Center capital campaign

### **Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs Named for Mt. View Fundraising Effort**

**THORNDIKE , ME –** FUTURE MSAD 3 Board of Directors Chair Steve Bennett has announced the appointment of two well-known community leaders as Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs for the Mt. View Performing Arts Center capital campaign – Laurie Osgood, President and Chief Operating Officer of UNITEL, Inc., of Unity, and Rod McElroy, a long-time MSAD 3 educator and administrator. In making the announcement Bennett said, “We are indeed fortunate to have their experience, leadership, and commitment to the students of our district.”

A 1980 graduate of Mt. View High School, Ms. Osgood spent every day of her K-12 education at the current Mt. View school complex, slated to be replaced by the new school construction project to open in 2008. Mr. McElroy’s distinguished career in education includes 23 years of service in MSAD 3 – as guidance counselor, principal, and superintendent.

On May 31 FUTURE MSAD 3 publicly launched the campaign for the Mt. View Performing Arts Center, an effort to raise funds to transform the basic, state-funded auditorium into a true Performing Arts Center. To do this, funds are needed to cover the cost of theatre lights, electrical infrastructure, enhanced acoustics, a sound system, a control booth, stage curtains, a mezzanine, and a rigging catwalk.

FUTURE MSAD 3 is a non-profit organization run by community volunteers. Our mission is to raise funds to enhance particular areas in the new Mt. View School complex not covered by state funding. Mt. View’s new Performing Arts Center will provide a high-caliber performance space for all of the district’s students—including Mt. View’s outstanding Chamber Singers, band, and drama club. The Performing Arts Center will enhance the development of student theatre programs in the elementary, middle, and high school. It will enable community members to host public events, community theater productions, and musicals.

The FUTURE MSAD 3 Board considers this campaign a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a multiple-use space in the new school for students and community members – a 300-seat performing arts center for concerts, theatre, and public events.

According to FUTURE MSAD 3 Board Chair Steve Bennett, “We believe that the new Mt. View school will provide educational opportunities never before enjoyed by our children. The new Mt. View school can become a source of pride for all of us: it can become a true community-centered school that will both raise student aspirations and provide an exciting connection among the eleven towns of MSAD 3.”

“Working together, with Laurie, Rod, and the 11 communities in our district, we have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create a true Performing Arts Center for the students of MSAD 3.” said Bennett.

### **Laurie Osgood, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair, Mt. View Performing Arts Center**

Laurie Osgood serves as UniTel’s President and Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, Ms. Osgood oversees all aspects of UniTel’s daily operations including: Personnel, Budgeting, Short and Long Term Strategic Planning & Operational Execution. In December 2005, she was appointed an additional role as Vice President of Business Development of UniTek, where she will be responsible for leading the development of UniTek’s short and long-term growth. She also resides on the Board of Directors of UniTel and its parent company, UniTek. Ms. Osgood joined UniTel in 1985 and has fulfilled various operational roles and responsibilities within UniTel and UniTek. During her 21 year tenure, she has served in key UniTel/UniTek management positions in Information Technology, Customer Relations, Project Management and as Director of Internal & External Support. Osgood is a native of Knox and a 1980 graduate of Mount View High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance from the University of Maine-Orono.

Active in professional and civic organizations, Osgood sits on the Board of Directors of the Telephone Association of Maine (representative of the state's 22 independent telephone companies), the Telephone Association of New England (regional association of telephone and telecommunications companies). She currently resides on both of the Executive Committees for TANE and TAM, chairs the TAM Commercial Committee, and is President of TAM and former President of TANE.

UniTel serves 5000 customers in all or part of 11 towns in Waldo, Penobscot and Kennebec counties. UNITEL offers an array of telecommunication services and products including local service and access to long distance service, Centrex, Voice Mail, Data Circuits, Uninet Internet Service, UniPage Paging Services, and Unicel Cellular Services

Laurie and her husband, Bruce, Director of Membership Services at the Waldo County YMCA, are the parents of three daughters - Kathleen, Kristine and Kariann. They reside in Belfast, Maine.

### **Rod McElroy, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair, Mt. View Performing Arts Center**

Rod McElroy of Unity attended public schools in Washington State and Maine, graduating from Patten Academy in 1950. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and went on to graduate from the University of Maine. Rod began his career in education as a teacher at Brownville Junction High School, and at the same time he established a Guidance Program for grades 7 – 12. Rod left Brownville to become a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Guidance Councilor at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, and then came to the Unity area where he served MSAD 3 over 23 years as a guidance counselor, principal, and superintendent. When Mount View High

School opened its doors in 1964, Rod became the school's first Guidance Counselor. He was named Principal of Mount View High School in 1967, and ten years later was appointed Superintendent of MSAD 3, a role he filled until 1987. Rod moved on to become Training Director for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket in the spring of 1987.

Rod was elected to the Maine State Legislature as a District 110 Representative during the 117 th and 118 th Legislative sessions, and served as a member of the Education Committee. His primary interest is and always has been the welfare of young people and the impact that the many surrounding factors have on their individual lives.

Rod is retired, lives in Unity with his wife Gloria, and still leads a busy life. They are the happy parents of four adult sons – George, Kevin, Mark and Jeffrey, as well as the thankful grandparents of Kelly, Drew, Scott, Kimberlea, and Brian. In addition to serving as the Honorary Campaign Co-Chair for the capital campaign for the Mount View Performing Arts Center, Rod is also active with the Unity Barn Raisers, and Unity's Planning Board, Cemetery Committee, Utilities Committee, and the Mount View Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.