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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

J.C. Schweingrouber, Director

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For many of us Christmas is the most wonderful time of year. It is a time of reflection about the true meaning of the holiday. This season is a time to count our blessings and rejoice with friends, family and our church families.

It is also when the year winds down and we look forward to the beginning of a new year. For some the holidays can be difficult for various reasons. Sometimes that reason is a financial one as many throughout parts of Appalachia struggle with job loss and the difficulty of finding another job close to home. It makes it even tougher for those families with young children. For some, this time of year is hard due to the loss of loved ones.

Let each of us take this time of year to reach out to those in need and help provide some comfort. There is nothing like the feeling you get when helping someone in need or providing comfort or kindness to someone who really needs the kind words you can share this Christmas. The feeling that we get from giving and helping is often the best gift that we can possibly receive. Have a merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

*The best way to predict
the future is to create it.*

2016 calendar is now available!

Have you gotten your 2016 Calendar in support of the Appalachian Scholarship Fund yet? If not, what are you waiting for? We have a limited supply left and for a donation made payable to the Appalachian Scholarship Fund we will send you a 2016 calendar. **100% of your donation goes to local students to help pay for higher education expenses.**

Thanks for your support and please help us spread the word about this great program.

Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 397, Richlands, VA 24641.

FAA Board Meeting Recent Resolutions

Board members met in Norton, VA at the Offices of ARC TV on November 29, 2015.

On the agenda was the proposed sponsorship of the documentary about Central Appalachia being worked on by Shane Simmons and members of The Appalachian Project. The board unanimously agreed to sponsor their documentary and assist them with finding necessary funds to complete the project. Board members followed up with this vote by meeting with Mr. Simmons in Russell County, VA the following week to discuss the project in more detail.

We are excited to be working with the folks at The Appalachian Project and look forward to the final version of their documentary. You can find The Appalachian Project on Facebook at:

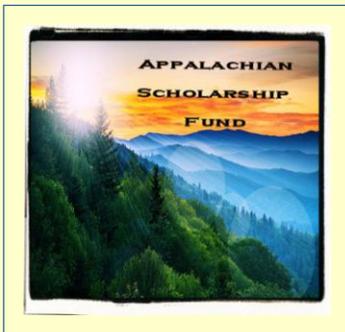
<https://www.facebook.com/AppalachianProject>

In recent weeks there has been growing interest in the region to form a think-tank to consider the wide ranging issues impacting our central region and many members of the community (small business owners, elected officials, and others) have expressed interest in being part of such an effort. The goal will be to come up with solutions to regional problems outside of a normal political setting in order to give more voice to citizens from each community. We are hoping that this effort would give rise to a more solid vision of what we want our communities to look like in ten to twenty years.

The board unanimously approved to sponsor such as effort under our non-profit and a website for this effort has been reserved. Director James Hibbitts will be working with interested individuals to help form localized committees as a part of this effort. If you have an interest in being a part of this process please email us at info@supportappalachia.org and we will be in contact with you.

2016 Calendar Available Now!

*Help support the
Appalachian Scholarship
Fund with your purchase
of the 2016 FAA
Calendar. For
information email:
info@supportappalachia.org*



*Make your tax deductible donation
today!*

December 2015 Artist of the Month— Jason Good Blues Band

Music throughout Appalachia comes in many forms and genres. The influences of our local musicians also comes in many forms such as bluegrass, soul, folk, funk and the blues. Our December Artist of the Month has many musical influences. The Jason Good Blues Band of Morgantown, West Virginia shares their style of blues with live audiences at the many festivals they play as well as live audiences at clubs and other venues all around the region.

Jason Good, guitarist and vocalist, took up the guitar at an early age. His father played bluegrass and that was an early influence on him. “I was exposed to bluegrass when I was little but when I heard Eric Clapton for the first time the blueprint of the blues took hold.” He even spent some time in Chicago studying the blues and learning his craft. After some time he gave up playing guitar and life sort of moved on. However, a couple of years ago he decided to pick up where he left off at a young age. “I needed to get back to the music and I called up some local musicians that I felt were a “dream team” of sorts and we formed the band and quickly began playing live shows.”

The Jason Good Blues Band is composed of Drew Jones on keys and saxophone, J.L. Holsberry on drums, Justin Bricker on bass and Fred Baier on harmonica. Their live shows are a mix of original works and old blues standards. They have recorded a few songs in Chicago that will be a part of their first CD that Jason hopes to have available sometime in the spring. You can find clips of their music on SoundCloud and clips of their live shows on YouTube.

You can visit the band online at: <https://www.facebook.com/JGBlues/>

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Mission Statement

The Foundation For Appalachian Advancement serves for the progress and enhancement of the Appalachian region through education, economic development of families and communities, and for the advancement of regional arts and culture.

The Spirit of Giving

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As we come closer to the end of a great 2015, most of us consider donations to our favorite charities. There are many great charities out there to support and like most of us, we tend to support things that have a special meaning to us or charities that are close to home. We Appalachians are a hard working people and a very generous people. Friends helping friends. Neighbors helping neighbors.

Many of us will choose to support cancer research, children's hospitals, or local animal shelters. As you consider your donations this time of year, we ask that you consider a small donation to the Foundation For Appalachian Advancement. Whether it is for the Appalachian Scholarship Fund, promoting economic diversification, or promoting our arts and culture, we care about

every donor and every penny given in good spirit. We strive to be good stewards of your generosity and use the donations as efficiently as possible. Those of us that are involved are all volunteers. No Director or Officer is salaried. That gives us the flexibility to make sure that your donations are spent wisely and effectively to support the programs that you believe in.

We appreciate your support and ask that you consider our mission statement and our goals throughout Appalachia to help those in need and promote our culture to the best of our ability.

Thank you.

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