

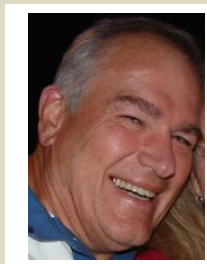
The Presidents Corner

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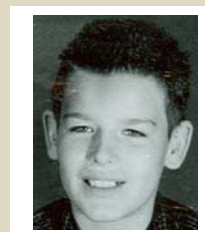
As the current President of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association, I am delighted to announce that the Board of Directors took a gigantic step forward at the last Board Meeting in November 2008 when we overwhelmingly voted to appoint Bobby Sarpalius as the first Executive Director of the Association. The

Association has taken monumental strides in the past three years. However, the vision of the Board is to achieve far more for CFBRAA, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, USA. The Appointment of an Executive Director is the next essential step in achieving great things.



Up to this point, all of the past and present board members have unselfishly, graciously and exhaustively contributed many hours, day and night, to near completion of the needed infrastructure for our 501(c)3 charitable organization. Even with all of the efforts extended, there is much to be done and we have to accelerate from a "part time" initiative to a "full time" result. Bobby Sarpalius will be the catalyst in helping bring this to fruition.

Bobby Sarpalius graduated from BR in 1967. He was on the Board when the Association was chartered back in 1972. He served as chairman of the Finance Committee from 2005-08, and he has served as Treasurer for the past three and a half years. When the Board of Directors decided to take the step of appointing an Executive Director, Bobby was the logical choice.



Bobby has a diversified experience level that has prepared him with all the essentials necessary to assist the Board of Directors and Committees in completing the goals set forth to serving our organization. A thumbnail synopsis of his education includes: Associate of Science, Business – Amarillo College. Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communications – Hardin-Simmons University, Master of Divinity, Pastoral Ministry – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and finally, Doctor of Ministry, Pastoral Ministry – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bobby has served as Pastor for a Church that experienced significant results in growth through his leadership and responsibilities in the administration of the organization, finances, planning and ministries of a congregation over 1,000. This included the management and administration of multiple staff and a child care center. He led the Church in relocating and building a new facility.

Bobby made the decision to move into the private sector of business in 1991 and has served in two key positions since, the last being a Financial Controls Specialist for Bell Helicopter.

As the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors took the initiative in appointing an Executive Director, we never could find ourselves searching beyond Bobby Sarpalius. When going through the hiring process, management in private enterprise always sees the "best stuff" about a person on resumes and still after careful research, there is great risk that such a person will actually "fill the bill" at the end of the day. With Bobby Sarpalius on the other hand, the Board of Directors has actually experienced and enjoyed for over three years one of the highest work ethics that I personally have ever observed in an individual.

The mission of CFBRAA is to provide support for the CFBRAA alumni, being the family that Cal Farley's was to us when we were kids. The Association works closely with Cal Farley's in the Alumni Support phase of their mission. This step of appointing an Executive Director will better enable the Association to establish and maintain family ties with our brothers and sisters all over the country. It will enhance our opportunities to involve philanthropists in contributing to the mission of both the Association and Cal Farley's. It will open doors for more effective support of alumni and their families in times of crisis and need and in providing scholarships for alumni family members.

Bobby has not been appointed to "do the work" of the Association, but rather to assist all of us, especially the Board of Directors, in getting the work done. Don't hesitate to contact Bobby with your suggestions, encouragement and support. He is our "point person" and all communication should be directed to him that needs action or response. Bobby will direct these communications to the other Committees and Board Members to insure timely responses. His email is cfbraa@sarpserv.com His phone number is (817) 788-8782. He is OUR Executive Director.

May your New Year bring many blessings and may our Lord keep you in the Hollow of His Hand!

Michael Rogers