



## Shindig VI: Luau at King's Island

**August 20, 2016  
5 to 10 p.m.**

### For Shindig tickets and sponsorship info:

Call 815-599-3413 or  
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## Aloha. Hawaii Calls!

**A**re the tropics calling your name? Palm trees, sandy beaches, and fruity drinks sound ideal? Feel like taking a Hawaiian vacation? It's easier (and closer) than you might think! Guests at Highland Community College Foundation's Shindig VI will feel as if they are transported to their own private Hawaiian Island... all without leaving the city limits of Freeport!

The HCC Foundation and the Shindig Planning Committee are very thankful to Kathy and Scott King for the use of their property for our Hawaiian **Luau at King's Island**. Executive Director Jim Berberet added, "Many islands in the world are remote and desolate, but the King's Island will be very accessible and open to Shindig goers. With lots of Hawaiian activities, food, music, auction items and culture, it'll be just like Honolulu. Only things that'll be missing are Diamond Head, pineapple farms, and Elvis."

Hawaiian attire is encouraged! There will be a "Loudest Hawaiian Shirt" contest, as well as many other festive activities. Look for HCC students to be teaching the hula and other dances, as well as a special procession to kick off the live auction! Catered again this year by Troy and Donna Lessman, the menu will include a selection of pork, Huli Huli chicken, grilled pineapple, fresh fruit and veggies, Hawaiian macaroni salad, caramelized Maui onion dip/ chips, banana bread, Blue Hawaii mini cupcakes, and much more! There will also be fun tropical Hawaiian music from The Wacky Keys before and after the auction.

Scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2016, the event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction. Live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. with auctioneer and Highland nursing program alumnus, Doug Munda, seeking out the highest bidders.

**Shindig VI: Luau at King's Island** tickets are \$50 per person, and include food, beer, wine, and soft drinks, as well as musical entertainment and more! Sponsors and donated auction items will receive special recognition. For tickets and sponsorship info, call 815-599-3413 or go to [highland.thankyou4caring.org](http://highland.thankyou4caring.org).





## Double Play: Double Your Money — and Your Impact !!

In 2013, a generous anonymous JoDavievs County donor pledged \$50,000 per year for five years in matching dollars, that can only be obtained if the Foundation raises the same amount each year in donations to either the Major Gifts Campaign or the College's "area of greatest need."

2016 is the fourth year of the HCC Foundation's "Double Play" appeal. Every dollar donated to Double Play, up to \$50,000, will be matched at year-end. As we head to press, donations to Double Play 2016 total \$25,000 so far.

For 2013, 2014, and 2015, the Foundation met or surpassed its Double Play matching goals, thereby receiving a total of \$150,000 in matching funds from our Double Play benefactor.

Please help us reach our Double Play 2016 goal! To donate to this appeal, you can mail in a donation using the special envelope enclosed in this newsletter, or you can give online at [highland.thankyou4caring.org](http://highland.thankyou4caring.org). We truly appreciate your support!



## 20<sup>TH</sup> Annual HCC Foundation Leadership Golf Outing

One hundred ten golfers—a record high—enjoyed low scores and a sunny day during the Highland Community College Foundation's 20th Annual Leadership Golf Outing at the Freeport Club on June 6.

As a result, the Foundation was again able to provide \$10,000 for support for the HCC Stephenson County Leadership Institute and the Jo Davievs County Leadership Forum. Funds support scholarships for qualifying Leadership program attendees. The Foundation also continued its support for Highland's High School Servant Leadership program with a \$2,000 grant.

New this year were the food providers. Three Headed Monster (from Shannon) dished up wonderful lunch of pulled chicken sandwiches and pork chop sandwiches with delicious sides and trimmings. Lessman's Catering (also from Shannon) provided heaping hearty appetizers as the evening fare.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to the many volunteers, prize donors, providers of food and beverages, 27 hole (tee or green) sponsors, 11 on-course skill sponsors, and the major sponsors listed below for making this year's event a successful fundraiser—and a FUN-raiser. And we also thank our high bidders on four live auction items and 50-50 winner Rob Jacobs. We THANK YOU ALL!!

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# **A Family Legacy: The Future Sullivan-McConville Agricultural Scholarship**

**B**ack in 1996 when Elizabeth (Betty) Sullivan was updating her estate plans, she considered carefully the legacy she would like to leave. Who were the people she wanted to remember, and what kinds of causes or institutions meant the most to her? She first provided for family members and her church in her will and then added a bequest gift to establish an endowment with the Highland Community College Foundation, which upon her passing, will fund a scholarship for a student in HCC's Agriculture Program each academic year, in perpetuity.

For Betty two key issues instilled throughout her life were a deep love of farming and the importance of education. It all began when the Sullivan family farm was homesteaded in 1848 by Irish immigrant, James H. Sullivan, his wife, Mary and their four children, in what would later become Harlem Township, not far from Lena. Their son, James C. continued the family farm and his son Edward J. later did as well.

Meanwhile in Freeport.... The young widow Isabelle McConville had immigrated to the US with her 11-year-old daughter Jane. Being a practical nurse, she found a position with the prominent Oscar Taylor family as live-in housekeeper tending to their medical and culinary needs. (The Taylor home is now the

Stephenson County Historical Museum).

Jane later graduated from Dekalb Teachers' College and was teaching in the school on the Sullivan farm. There, she met Edward Sullivan, who was farming with his parents. They married in 1913 and had 3 children; John F., Mary Isabel, and Elizabeth. When John finished his studies at the University of Illinois, he returned home to the farm and with his father established a nationally-known herd of registered Brown Swiss cattle.

Jane raised chickens, sheep, and also geese that she sold to the W.T. Rawleigh Company as Christmas presents for the employees. While at school, Betty was active in 4-H and helped with the farm chores. During college and graduate school years, her vacations were spent on the farm showing cattle at local and state fairs.

During WWII Jane returned to teaching the school on the farm. Due to labor shortages the herd was dispersed; John remained on the farm raising Angus cattle, retiring in 1950. Jane and Ed continued the farm operation, which had grown to 350 acres, in partnership with tenant farmers. Ed passed away in 1953.

Jane and Betty continued to manage the farm, eventually from Madison where Betty was working at the University of Wisconsin as a microbiologist. After Betty's mother passed



away in 1983 the farm was sold to settle the estate. This ended the Sullivan presence on the farm.

To satisfy her farming instincts, Betty became a Master Gardener, establishing extensive gardens at her home and volunteering at the UW Arboretum and Olbrich Gardens in Madison. In later years, she purchased two farm properties in Winslow Township and restored a portion to prairie and woodland. One of the properties has a wind turbine as part of the Eco-Grove Wind Farm.

Providing for future agriculture students in her will is Betty's way of honoring her parents' memory and ensuring that others have an opportunity for a college education. "I guess you would say this is our family's legacy," muses Betty. "We can pass along our love of the land and of farming as well as our value of higher education and the opportunities it provides. I'm delighted to be able to honor my parents in this way."

## **HCC CHORAL MUSIC TOUR TO EUROPE: A PREVIEW CONCERT TO THANK DONORS**

*On May 11, twenty-two HCC chorus members presented a "preview concert" of material they had rehearsed for their Choral Music Tour to Germany and Austria. HCC Music Instructor Allen Redford directed the chorus, and Pat Beckman provided piano accompaniment. Beckman also composed some of the pieces that were to be performed by the chorus on the tour.*

*This preview concert was held at Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant, and the 35 invited guests were all donors who had supported the HCC Foundation's fundraising efforts for the trip over the past few years. The Foundation was able to raise enough funds to offset costs and make the trip affordable and possible for more HCC students.*

*Redford stated, "We are so grateful to the donors who made this trip possible, and we figured, what better way to thank them than by holding a preview concert?"*

*At the time of the Woodbine event, the group was making final preparations for its departure on May 15. Several stops in Germany and Austria were planned, including choral performances in several historic venues and a few days "home stay" with German families.*



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## **Foundation Collaborates with Bar Association to Host Estate Planning Seminar for Local Attorneys**

**T**he HCC Foundation co-sponsored a "Continuing Legal Education" (CLE) seminar for attorneys on April 28, in partnership with the Stephenson County Bar Association.

Thirty-one attorneys representing all four counties in HCC's district attended the afternoon-long session, which included four different attorneys who spoke on a variety of estate planning topics:

"Charitable and Planned Giving" – Gordon R. Fischer, Iowa City

"Addressing Retirement Benefits in Estate Planning" – Marcia L. Mueller, Rockford

"Directed Trusts and Virtual Representation Agreements" – Heather McPherson, Freeport

"Guardianship Best Practices" – Robert M. Fagan, Freeport

Director of Fundraising Kim Rampenthal welcomed the group at the beginning of the afternoon, and expressed thanks for the roles that any of them may have played in facilitating estate and bequests gifts to HCC over the years. Highland has certainly

been the recipient of several planned gifts that have made a significant impact on the College, and of course an attorney has been involved in each instance.

Attorneys cannot influence their clients' choices of beneficiaries of their charitable planned gifts, nor can the attorneys tell HCC Foundation when a client has made this designation. But Kim urged them to tell their clients who have included HCC in their estate plans to let the Foundation know, so that the Foundation can secure some documentation of their plans and, more importantly, thank the donors now, while they are still living.

In addition, Kim explained, donors who have let the Foundation know that HCC is included in their estate plans can enjoy being part of the Heritage Society, an esteemed group of Highland supporters who are kept informed about the College and the Foundation and invited to special programs and events on campus.

The April 28 CLE attendees appreciated Highland's conference facilities, and the partnership between the Foundation and the Bar Association that made this event possible.

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