



## Highland Community College Alumni Association seeks new members

The Highland Community College Alumni Association is seeking to expand its membership in honor of the College's 50th anniversary year. Cal Wescott, president of the Alumni Steering Committee, said, "The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration provides a significant opportunity to search out as many Highland alums as possible." Wescott estimated that more than 50,000 students have attended Highland since the college was established in 1962.

The Alumni Association will be partnering with the Highland Foundation to encourage businesses and organizations in northwestern Illinois to ask their employees to identify themselves as HCC alums and send in membership forms. There are no annual dues to belong to the Highland Community College Alumni Association.

Wescott envisions an alumni network capable of supporting Highland students with scholarships and on-going educational projects. Professionally, networking with fellow alumnus is also critical in the competitive economy for employers and job seekers alike. HCC Alumni may contact the HCC Foundation Office at 815.599.3413 or by mail at 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL, 61032



## Campaign Donations Top \$2.3 Million

**T**hanks to continuing donations and pledges from donors in the four-county Highland district over the last three years, the *Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today* major gift campaign has

reached \$2.3 million dollars.

More than 1000 individuals and 55 businesses have contributed to the on-going campaign which supports the Ray (pictured at right) and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing, the

Wind Turbine Technology Center, and programs in those new facilities that were built to provide needed training for local jobs in critical industries such as health care – nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) – and in one of America's newest industries, wind power generation.

After diligent research and analysis, and after State of Illinois and ICCB approval, Highland Community College moved ahead with plans to construct these new facilities.

To fund them, the College worked with local banks to secure loans at very favorable interest rates. The Foundation's role is to assist the College to pay off the debt by raising necessary funds.



A peek at the Great Gatsby...  
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## A Night to Remember...

**W**hen guests arrived at Keith and Diane Martin's historic home on August 18, 2012, they were immediately transported back to the roaring 1920s and knew they were in for a one-of-a-kind experience at The Great Gatsby, a charity event hosted by the Highland Community College Foundation. As most of the 350 guests arrived, they were decked out in finery reminiscent of the 20s, and were greeted with lively music played by Bill Petersen and his band. The excited party-goers received their bidding numbers and were offered the opportunity to have their photo taken with flapper girls on vintage vehicles.

Owned by the Martin family and known throughout the area for stories of Rawleigh opulence, alleged mafia ties, and gorgeous restoration, the former Countryside haven (built in 1924) was opened to help raise funds to benefit the HCC Foundation. Throughout the first floor, visitors could view the Martin's restoration. Guests were also able to peek back at what the property looked like when the Rawleigh family was in residence through black-and-white photos placed throughout the rooms and on the grounds.

Jim Berberet, Executive Director of the HCC Foundation, proclaimed, "The night was perfect for the weather, costumes, food, drinks, and of course, the money raised. There was such enthusiasm to get into the spirit of this period

by dressing in costume. We had a great turnout from throughout the college district."

The Martin's backyard was transformed into a 1920's Art Deco oasis. The large tent was decorated in black, white, silver, and crystals. Three chandeliers strung with crystals provided a warm glow for the attendees to dine, while the table décor featuring crystals and warm candlelit glow from Endless Inspirations was oohed and aahed over.

From there, guests took in the music while they enjoyed the cuisine. Fred Bonnet, proprietor at Fried Green Tomatoes in Galena, established five food stations at the Great Gatsby: "Up the River" fresh smoked salmon, "Broken Leg of Lamb" crustinis, "Spuds Malone" mashed potatoes' bar, "The Big Cheese" artesian cheese display, and "Case of the Vegetable Caper." From all reports, the mashed potato bar was a highlight for many attendees. Desserts prepared by Hanson Catering of Winslow were deemed out of this world by many; fresh cannolis and dessert shots of many flavors were enjoyed by all.

Every effort was made by the volunteer planning committee to secure vendors, food, beverages, equipment, tents/tables, supplies, and services from within HCC's district.

The over 100 silent auction items were showcased in a tent adjacent to the main tent. Donors from throughout HCC's four-county dis-

trict and more gave unique items to the fundraiser, including a hot air balloon ride, amazing themed baskets, jewelry, and a fishing trip. HCC's faculty and staff significantly contributed to the auctions by creating one-of-a-kind baskets and offering their unique services and departmental specialties for bid. After the silent auction concluded, Doug Munda of Munda Associates kicked off the live auction – and the bidding was fast and furious... with unique experiences stealing the show, including flights in a fighter jet, murder mystery party, private dinners, sporting events, and weeks in condos exploring warm and sunny places.

Berberet stated the importance of this fundraiser to the College, "This on-going campaign continues to support a wide variety of college programs, including the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science wing, medical training programs, the wind turbine technology initiative, additional career training, educational programs, and scholarships for students." Together, the live and silent auctions raised nearly \$53,000, making this fundraiser one of the highest grossing in Highland's history. Proceeds from the event will benefit HCC Foundation's *Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today* campaign.

During the summer of 2011, the HCC Foundation held its first charity auction fundraiser, Shindig at the Stables, with hosts Don and Janey Morse. Plans are underway for the next event. Stay tuned!



## Sauer-Danfoss contributes \$50K

**S**auer-Danfoss, a Freeport-based global manufacturer, has announced a \$50,000 donation to Highland Community College Foundation's *Growing for Tomorrow... Changing lives today* major gift campaign to support the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing and the Wind Turbine Technology Center.

The announcement, made by Bert Lohr, director of Freeport operations, stated Sauer-Danfoss made this significant commitment to the on-going major gift campaign because, "Highland has for many years worked with us to train our employees in three core areas: CNC machine training, computer skills, and manufacturing processes."

Lohr added, "Training has been conducted at the Sauer-Danfoss plant, as well as the College facilities over the past 20 years. Highland has delivered these courses in our facility and on campus during three shifts."

Highland College President, Joe Kanosky, thanked Lohr and Sauer-Danfoss, "This is definitely a win-win situation for Highland, Sauer-Danfoss, and let's not forget the men and women who received training that qualified them for good jobs."

As a result of the donation, the HCC Board of Trustees recently approved the naming of the CNC machining room and CAD/drafting room in the technology center as the "Sauer-Danfoss Manufacturing Technology Center."

Highland's Dean of Business and Technology, Scott Anderson, stated, "Sauer-Danfoss continues to be a great partner. They have provided financial assistance by supporting the purchase of new CNC equipment, gifts in-kind of used equipment, and their door has always been open for tours and internships for our students."

Sauer-Danfoss, with approximately 290 employees in Freeport, focuses on fulfilling the needs of off-highway vehicle and OEM manufacturers with engineered hydraulic and electronic components.

**The Highland Community College Foundation has been called, "The Bucket." Many millions of dollars have been dropped into that bucket since 1962.**

Those many millions of dollars have been invested in students, faculty, academic programs, and technical and training programs at HCC.

- More than \$5,900,000 in scholarships to students
- More than \$9,000,000 in grants to HCC
- More than \$2,000,000 for land for campus, building constructions, and equipment

**The HCC Foundation thanks the thousands of citizens and businesses of northwestern Illinois who continue to recognize the value of education and training. We thank YOU for your generosity.**

## Donor wall to be lasting tribute to the generosity of northwestern Illinois individuals and businesses

From the \$500 plus supporter category to \$1 million plus platinum givers, donors to the HCC major gift campaign are permanently recognized on the donor wall in the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing.



# HCC Foundation Recognizes Distinguished Alumni

**T**he Highland Community College Foundation presented its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Distinguished Alumni Awards on Thursday, October 18, at the Freeport Country Club. The 2012 award recipients were (back row, left to right) James Frisbie, Gene Dikkers, Candice King, Matt Summers, Peggy Badgett; (front row) Jay Kempel, James Hastings, Patricia Dunn, Jan Martin (representing alumnus Douglas Martin), Christine Vondra (representing alumnus Joseph Vondra), and John Hay. A total of 96 individuals have earned the Highland Community College Distinguished Alumni Award since nominations began in 1995.



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