



## Shindig V: Woodstock

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## Peace. Love. Music.

**P**ace, love, and music are in the air as the HCC Foundation prepares for Shindig V: “Woodstock,” an event to support Highland Community College.

On August 15, 1969, the Woodstock Music Festival opened on a patch of farmland in White Lake, a hamlet in the upstate New York town of Bethel. Coincidentally, exactly 46 years later on Saturday, August 15, 2015, guests will gather at Woody Burt’s South Park Farm and travel back to the spirit of the original Woodstock. Era attire is encouraged—including lovebeads, headbands, bandanas, tie-dye t-shirts, wire frame glasses, fringe vests, cutoffs, jeans, and so forth.

The HCC Foundation will again offer its very popular and competitive live and silent auctions. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction. Live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. with auctioneer Matt Hart of Sycamore.

Hip and heavy chow with far-out desserts are being prepared by Troy and Donna Lessman. Look for ribs, drunken’ weenies, crab cake bites, a smashed potato bar along with tie-dyed mini cupcakes, Mississippi mud dessert, brownies, and so much more to get guests in a groovy frame of mind! They’ll also be 60’s games, music, trivia, a photo booth, beverages, and more!

Shindig V: Woodstock tickets are \$50 per person, and include food, beer, wine, and soft drinks, as well as musical entertainment and mellow hippie vibes! Sponsors and major donated auction items will receive special mention in advance publicity, event-night signage and the auction program. Several levels of sponsorship are available, and cash contributions are welcomed.

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Proceeds from the event will benefit HCC Foundation’s “Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today” campaign that supports the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing and Nursing and Allied Health programs, as well as the Wind Turbine Technology facility and programs.



## It's official!

The Highland Community College Hospitality Management program, inspired by Swift Hospitality Group, is underway, with an instructor hired and new classes ready to go for the fall 2015 semester in August.

The instructor and program coordinator will be Evan Talbert, an experienced hospitality and culinary professional. Four new classes will be offered this fall as part of the Associate of Applied Science two-year degree: Intro to Hospitality, Supervision/HR, Front Desk Management and Housekeeping/Room Division.

Local businesses, individual donors, a grant from the Carlson Hotel group, and a significant pledge from the Swift Hospitality Group, generated more than \$81,000 and allowed Highland Community College to give a green light to Hospitality Management.

Support for second year funding, estimated to be \$100,000, will be sought again from private donors and hospitality-related businesses. Highland estimates that the program will be self-funding by year three, with tuition revenue and state reimbursement covering most of the operational costs.



## 2015 Golf Outing Supports Leadership in a Big Way

**T**he largest number of golfers ever –102– came together on June 1 to enjoy sunny weather, the challenging beauty of the Freeport Country Club course and great camaraderie. As a result, the Foundation was again able to provide \$10,000 for continued support for the HCC Stephenson County Leadership Institute and the Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum. These funds support scholarships to qualifying Leadership program attendees.

And because of a good bottom line, the Foundation was also able to provide \$2,000 in grant funding to Highland's High School Servant Leadership program.

New this year was a hole-in-one opportunity for an all-paid trip for two to the Master's Golf tournament in 2016. This was sponsored by Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning. Unfortunately, no one aced the hole.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to the many volunteers, prize donors, providers of food and

beverages, ten on-course skill sponsors, 29 hole sponsors and the following major sponsors for making this year's event a very effective fundraiser—and a FUN-raiser as well! And we cannot forget to thank our high bidders on the live and silent auction items and 50-50 winner, Karla Niemann, who donated her winnings back to HCCF. We thank you all!!

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# Swartz Family Bequest Benefits Lifelong Learning

**A** recent bequest to the Foundation captures the importance that Highland Community College has had for one local family.

Before Helyn Swartz passed away recently, she had requested that a donation be made to the HCC Foundation in her memory because her four children all experienced education at Highland College.

Also, Helyn herself loved participating in classes & activities at Highland. She loved learning, was a writer, a dancer, took exercise and dance classes, and conducted Rules of the Road training classes for seniors on behalf of the Secretary of State's office. Helyn's daughter Sharon said that she was always talking about her involvement at HCC, and she found the activities very energizing and stimulating.

The oldest Swartz family child, Kathleen Swartz Gummow, who graduated from Freeport High School in 1961, was the first enrollee in Freeport Community College when Dean Hargett arrived to open the

College. Since FCC did not have a separate campus, classes were held in the high school building, starting at 4 pm and ending at 10 pm. Kathie worked full time and attended part time, graduating in the second class. She graduated from Michigan State University (MSU) in 1966 with a degree in Microbiology.

Daughter Sharon Keenan (who provided most of this background information) graduated from Freeport High in 1964 and attended FCC on a scholarship, when Burton Brackney was dean. She worked part time in the Student Personnel Services office. She was President of the Board of Student Directors her sophomore year, and graduated Phi Theta Kappa with high honors in 1966. She also graduated from MSU in 1968 with a degree in English.

Brother Bruce K. Swartz, Jr. graduated from Freeport High in 1966. He was in the first graduating class from Highland Community College. He currently owns businesses in Rockford and Rockton.

Another brother Brian Swartz, now deceased, graduated from Freeport High in 1971 and entered the HCC Tool and Die program operated in conjunction with Micro Switch, division of Honeywell. He earned his certification from HCC and was head of the model shop at Micro/Honeywell at the time of his death in 2004.

Sharon Swartz says, "You can see how important your institution has been to the Swartz family. We all benefitted from the educational and career opportunities provided by the local community college."

She added, "We appreciate that her bequest will benefit the Lifelong Learning community outreach program that you are striving to reinstate."

Tim Hood, who assumed the Highland College presidency July 1, has indicated that one of his major goals is to re-establish the Lifelong Learning program at Highland Community College.

## Seeing Double: Be Part of Double Play 2015

*For the third year in a row, the Highland Community College Foundation is encouraging everyone to be part of its "Double Play" appeal.*

*In this matching incentive program, donors who contribute to the Major Gifts Campaign or the "Greatest Needs of HCC" allocation will have their dollars matched by an anonymous donor. This year's match pool is \$50,000 – which makes the potential "net" from this appeal \$100,000 !*

*For 2013 and 2014, the Foundation met or surpassed its Double Play goals. We are well on our way to do so again in 2015. In fact, as this newsletter issue goes to press, the Double Play appeal has taken in over \$29,000 so far this year.*

*To donate to Double Play, mail your check to the HCC Foundation, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, IL 61032. (Be sure to mark it "Double Play" in the memo section.) Or, donate using a credit card via our secure online donation site at [highland.thankyou4caring.org](http://highland.thankyou4caring.org).*

*We hope that YOU will join us in helping to reach our 2015 Double Play goal !!*

## Heritage Society: Leave a Lasting Legacy

If the Highland Community College Foundation is named in your estate plans, and documentation can be provided to the Foundation, you are invited to join the Heritage Society. This esteemed group of Highland supporters is kept informed on current developments and events at the College, and is invited to programs and opportunities that are only for this elite group of HCC Foundation's donors.

For more information, contact the HCC Foundation office at 815.599.3413.



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## Alumni Updates

### Cynthia Faulkner, Freeport

"I received my Associates Degree from Highland and my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Columbia College in 2002. I have lived and worked in Freeport for 35+ years. I am also a graduate of the Highland Leadership Institute. I am a successful business owner and entrepreneur with considerable experience in business management, having launched Higher Grounds Coffee 11 years ago. My previous career was in the life insurance industry at Trustmark Insurance Company. I have been a member of the Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors since 1995."



### Shelly Griswold, Freeport

"Sometimes I think we forget what an asset Highland Community College is to our region. As a young adult, Highland's convenience and affordability allowed me to attend while working full time. When I transferred to Rockford College, every single one of my Highland credits transferred. I finished my bachelor's degree at Columbia College. Most of my career has been spent in Freeport, so I've worked with a lot of other HCC graduates! Today I am a Community Development Specialist working for Fehr Graham, an engineering and environmental consulting firm with ten offices in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin."



### Connie Kraft, Lena

"After graduating from Lena Winslow High School and working for twelve years in manufacturing, in 2002 I enrolled at HCC to continue my education and change my career path. I worked at RAMP from 2004 until recently. I am currently the Office Manager for Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois. I'm a Lena Lion Club member and serve as the Lena Community Center Board President. I have just enrolled in more classes at HCC for fall 2015 and am thankful that we have such a great local presence for students to continue their education!"



### Terry Steenrod, Freeport

"Feeling that I was not prepared to commit and go away to a four-year college, living in Freeport allowed me my best option of continuing my education while living at home. Being able to attend classes at Highland, provided me (I'm convinced), the most cost-effective route to obtaining the education and training I needed to quickly land a position in my field. My HCC experience was nothing but positive, particularly as I met my wife Linda there in the process. The college won't guarantee a spouse...you're on your own in that department!"



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