



Shindig VII: Monopoly™

**August 19, 2017
5 to 10 p.m.**

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Shindig VII: A Night of Fun & Games

Get ready to pass "Go," collect your friends, and move your tokens for a festive evening as the Highland Community College Foundation presents Monopoly!

Steve and Beverly Chesney are this year's host and hostess on their property strategically located on "Park Place." "Our Shindig Committee is turning Steve and Beverly's property in Freeport into a very special game board that will keep our guests entertained all night," stated Jim Berberet, HCCF Executive Director. "Guests will have the opportunity to view property cards, move their tokens, socialize at the Water Works, and watch out for Officer Mallory as he looks to add to his jail." And there will be "Free Parking" too!

Todd and Glenna Weegens are opening their nearby "Weegens Gardens" for guests to tour. Cost is \$5 (payable at the Shindig) and includes a specialty drink of Glenna's creation!

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase both Chance and Community Chest cards. Chance cards can be purchased to win a prize or gift basket, whereas Community Chest cards provide opportunities to donate to HCC's Student Emergency Fund. Catered again this year by Troy and Donna Lessman, the menu will include a selection of Tennessee Street Ribs, Monopoly mashed potatoes, Asian salad served on Oriental Avenue, Build Your Own hotdogs on Boardwalk, and much more! Live music provided before and after the Shindig by Trinadora.

Scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017, 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 VII: Monopoly tickets are \$75 per person, and include a specialty drink token, 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/donation info, call 815-599-3413 or go to highland.thankyou4caring.org.



Jeff Reinke Named Executive Director of HCC Foundation

The HCC Foundation Board of Directors has named Jeff Reinke of Winnebago as the incoming Executive Director of the HCC Foundation. Reinke will serve with retiring Executive Director Jim Berberet during a transitional period into the Fall 2017 Semester.

Reinke will be responsible for developing and executing fundraising programs which benefit the College and its support of students, according to Todd Weegens, President of the Foundation Board of Directors.

Reinke has more than 35 years of not-for-profit experience and recently served as Assistant Vice President of Major Gifts for the Alexian Brothers Foundation and AMITA Health in Chicago, where he oversaw the Major Gifts program for a \$28 million Behavioral Health Campaign.

Previously, he served as the Fox River Valley Regional Foundation Director for Presence Health, where he managed fundraising for Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin and Presence Mercy Medical Center in Aurora. He also managed fundraising efforts for the Rockford Region ministries, including Presence Saint Joseph's in Freeport.

Reinke holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He resides in Winnebago with his wife Chris, who is a special education teacher for the Winnebago School District. They have five children ranging in age from 22 to 32 and three grandchildren. His interests include his family, biking, travel, and love for the game of basketball, which he has coached, played and watched his children for more than 25 years.



21ST Annual HCC Foundation Leadership Golf Outing

A record high number of golfers – 114 – enjoyed a sunny but breezy day during the Highland Community College Foundation's 21st annual Leadership Golf Outing at the Freeport Club on June 5.

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

Three Headed Monster (from Shannon) dished up lunch consisting of smoked pork loin sandwiches, smoked shredded BBQ chicken sandwiches, monster beans, cole slaw and chips. Lessman's Catering (from Shannon) provided heaping heavy appetizers as the evening fare.

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

and beverages, 23 hole (tee or green) sponsors, five 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 five live auction items.

PLATINUM SPONSOR: Fifth-Third Bank and The Morse Group

GOLD SPONSORS: Monroe Clinic and Winter Construction/Generations Brewing Company

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BRONZE SPONSOR: Bocker Auto Group

GOLF BALL SPONSOR: Illinois Bank and Trust

BIG BEVERAGE BUCKETS SPONSORS: Diamond Brothers Insurance and Colony Brands

SNACKS ON COURSE: Journal-Standard (Always Cookies), Alan Wenzel (Mrs. Mike's potato chips), Jim Phillips & Tracy Mays (Dragon Popcorn) and Lena Brewing Company



Bearing Fruit: The Partnership Between HCC Foundation and Highland's Agriculture Program

The HCC Foundation continues to work closely with Justin Ebert, Highland's agriculture instructor, as the HCC Ag program continues to thrive. Enrollment growth in the program has warranted the recent hiring of a second full-time agriculture instructor, Monica Pierce. The second instructor will not only share the teaching load with Mr. Ebert and a few adjunct (part-time) instructors, but will also be charged with coordinating the new "college farm" which will be an integral part of the program's curriculum.

Since the fall of 2014, support from local farm bureaus, ag-related businesses, banks, and individual farmers has been instrumental in fueling much-needed program enhancements of the Highland Community College Agriculture program, especially in terms of technology, equipment, delivery of instruction, and co-curricular activities. Donations in support of Highland Ag have funded such initiatives and items as:

- Dairy Judging Team
- Ag Club/Post-secondary Ag Students (PAS) activities
- Ag program test plot activities
- Scholarship for AAS (2-yr non-transfer degree) in some specific trades, including Agriculture Management



- Purchase of unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) and related iPads & other technology
- Equipment for soil science lab
- Surveying equipment for Ag mechanics & soils classes
- Equipment and supplies for crop science plant lab
- General donations to the program, which are combined with other gifts for larger-scale projects

The changes afoot would certainly be impossible without the generosity of our local donors. In fact, the funds to establish the second instructor

position and to (soon) establish the "Northwest Illinois Agriculture Center" are the result of a sizable pledge from a longtime member of the local agriculture community, who wishes to remain anonymous. As the Highland Ag program embarks on its next phase, continued and expanded support will be needed.

For more information on how you or your company can be part of this exciting next chapter of the Highland Ag program, please contact Kim Rampenthal, HCC Foundation, 815-599-3724, or Justin Ebert, HCC Ag Instructor, 815-599-3507.

HCC Foundation Seeks Distinguished Alums

The HCC Foundation is seeking nominations for its 23rd annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. Recipients will be honored during the Foundation Board's Annual meeting in October.

The Foundation is looking for persons who have demonstrated community leadership, professional achievement, made their start at Highland Community College, and believe in the mission of the community college and higher education.

Nominees do not have to currently live in the Highland District. The Foundation's Alumni Development Committee will review the nominations and select the award recipients. Nominees with an earned degree are preferred, although nominees who have taken some classes at HCC or participated in the Leadership Forum or Leadership Institute will also be considered.

Since the award's inception in 1995, the HCC Foundation and Highland Community College have recognized 118 individuals as Distinguished Alumni.

Deadline for submission of nomination forms is September 15, 2017. Contact Pat Dunn at the HCC Foundation office at 815.599.3413 or foundation@highland.edu. The nomination form is located at highland.edu/alumni

Major Gift Campaign

Supports HCC Nursing

Raised: \$4,599,420
Goal: \$6,000,000

Double Play Challenge 2017

Supports HCC Greatest Needs & Nursing

Raised: \$19,310
Goal: \$50,000
(by Dec. 31)

Million Dollar Matching Scholarship

Supports scholarships for students

Gifts & pledges: \$322,414
Goal: \$1,000,000
(by Dec. 31)



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Highland's Royal Scots Wow'em at Eagle Ridge

On May 4, at the Eagle Ballroom at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa in Galena, Highland's Royal Scots entertained area residents at a special fundraising event, "Jazz Cabaret."

Under the direction of HCC music instructor Allen Redford, the Scots performed a dinner show consisting of 18 songs, including several jazz numbers and some famous showtunes. Several songs featured solos by Royal Scots, or by guest soloist Elvert Williams, an alumnus of HCC and of the Royal Scots. Instrumental accompaniment was provided by "Cannova's House Band" of Freeport, which included Pianist Patrick Beckman, guitarist John Hartman, bassist Rick Andrews, and Jon Watson on drums.

The eight Highland students comprising the Royal Scots were Addison Cross, Maddie Donaldson, Chandler Lindsey, Katy Massey, Josh Naujokas, Bryant Smargiassi, Cody Sturtevant, and Kelsey Wichman.

The goal of "Jazz Cabaret" was to begin raising funds for the College's next choral music and educational tour, which is planned for 2018 or 2019.



Several generous donors helped support the May 4 event. Hors d'oeuvres sponsors were Dr. Michael & Sheila Wells, and Jim & Kathy Berberet. Other underwriters included: Apple River State Bank/First Community Bank of Galena, John & Margarete Cooke, Galena Gazette, Jo-Carroll Energy, and Woodbine Bend Golf Course & Restaurant.

"An event such as Jazz Cabaret in a setting like Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa provides our students with a wonderful opportunity to perform like professionals," notes Allen Redford. "We are delighted to partner with the HCC Foundation and begin working on our next fundraising goal, in support of our next enriching travel opportunity!"

For information on donating to support Highland's next choral music tour, contact Kim Rampenthal at HCC Foundation, 815-599-3724 or kim.rampenthal@highland.edu.