



## Important Dates...

### HCC Foundation sponsored events

#### Madrigal Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014  
Chestnut Mountain  
Resort, Galena

**“If you have benefited from HCC, it’s your challenge to give back to HCC, so that others have a chance.”**

**- Laurie Ludolph**



## Double Your Gift to Support Highland College

**M**any generous donors—residents of northwest Illinois, HCC alums, and businesses—have taken the 2014 Double Play Challenge to almost \$30,000 toward the \$72,000 goal. Your continued support is requested.

Donations to Double Play will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the first \$72,000 during 2014. Donors to the 2014 Matching Pool include:

- \$50,000 from an anonymous donor in Jo Daviess County
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The Double Play Challenge supports the Highland Community College Foundation’s **Major Gift Campaign, “Growing for tomorrow...Changing lives today,”** as well as other needs of HCC. The Major Gift Campaign has allowed the Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing and the Wind Turbine Technology Center to be constructed and occupied by students and faculty.

Donations and pledges to the HCC Foundation’s Major Gift Campaign now total \$3.8 million, thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses from around northwest Illinois. Approximately \$3.2 million more needs to be raised to achieve the campaign’s goal.

To participate in HCC’s Double Play appeal, please use the enclosed postage paid envelope or contact the HCC Foundation Office at 815-599-3413. Donations can be also made online at our secure site: **[highland.thankyou4caring.org](http://highland.thankyou4caring.org)**.



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## Shindig IV: Country Fair... Fun For All!

Chances are when asking guests of Shindig IV: Country Fair what was their favorite part of the evening, the responses will be varied. For some, it was the lemon shake-ups, others recall the Kaney jet buzzing the event, and still others enthusiastically describe the mouth-watering cuisine and desserts... Perhaps men will rave about the Generations Brewery beer that was showcased, and ladies will remember the caricature artist and trying to win bottles of wine for their table. Whatever

the response, one main theme was very clear... those who attended Shindig IV had an absolute ball while helping to raise funds to support Highland Community College.

Hosted by Rocky and Dawn Zuberbuhler at their country Victorian home west of Freeport, Shindig IV benefitted HCC Foundation's *Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today* campaign.

Jim Berberet, HCC Foundation's Executive Director, explained, "The Shindig is the Foundation's most

encompassing activity during the year. Proceeds support HCC in the areas of nursing, allied health, wind turbine technology, scholarships, and other technical and training programs. We really appreciate and thank the more than 335 people who attended our event for their generous support."

After leaving their cars with the valets, guests were greeted by Country Fair-attired volunteers and they proceeded to enter the Midway through the red and white curtained entrance. Once on the midway, music by

## Thank you to our Shindig IV hosts, the Rocky and Dawn Zuberbuhler family... we appreciate your generosity and kindness.

**This family shares many special connections to Highland Community College.**

In Dawn's words, "Over the years we have taken lots of classes for personal interest from art and choir for the kids, to real estate, business, and environmental stuff for Rocky and me.

"In 1998, I graduated with my ADN and am a Registered Nurse in the NICU at Rockford Memorial Hospital.

"Danielle graduated in 2007 with her AA in Graphic Design, and continued on at Columbia College in Chicago to complete her Bachelor's degree. Now she has a great job as a Designer in the golf department of Wilson Sporting Goods corporate headquarters in Chicago.

"This fall, Erik began his college studies at HCC working towards an AA with plans to transfer to Columbia for a Bachelor's degree in Audio Production."





And, this wasn't even the main event. Near the end of the silent auction, the Kaney jet gathered much attention and conversation with its flyover. It signaled time for guests to head into the live auction tent where Doug Munda, HCC Nursing Grad, was ready to kick off the spirited live auction.

Decorated in red and white, the large tent was filled with sunflowers from Deininger Floral and anxious auction bidders deciding what to bid on.

Berberet added, "We were amazed again this year at the quantity and quality of the over 200 live and silent auction items donated by people and businesses throughout the district as well as from the faculty and staff of Highland Community College. They truly outdid themselves."

Guests bid on such items as week-long stays in beautiful locations, a secret jet plane trip, major league sports tickets, cooking classes, parties and BBQs, and true one-of-a-kind experiences, plus creative and fun baskets built around the auction theme.

When planning and organizing the Shindig, the Foundation made conscious decisions to seek local vendors and

suppliers from within Highland's four-county district. Items from food/beverages to rentals to supplies were obtained from throughout the HCC District.

The first Shindig, "Shindig at the Stables," was held in August, 2011, hosted by Janey Morse and the late Don Morse at their Oak Ridge Arabian Stables. Dr. Keith and Diane Martin hosted Shindig II, "The Great Gatsby," in 2012 at their historic estate in Freeport. And, in 2013, Shindig III, "Celebrating the Oscars, A Night of Stars," was hosted by Hank and Linda Fortney at their beautiful modern home near Red Oak.

Plans are underway for next year's event. Stay tuned!



*Blue-ribbon desserts: apple pies and truffles!*



*Mark Macomber samples some mouth-watering ribs!*



*A Mojito drink tray was a specialty offering of the night.*



Mississippi Man filled the air. Attendees tried their luck at the Ring Toss for Wine game, treated themselves to a Lemon Shake Up (there was a long line, but they were worth the wait), or had their likeness drawn by Kevin Berg, caricature artist.

Caterers Troy and Donna Lessman of Lake Carroll laid out quite a spread... BBQ chicken and bacon skewers, steak and veggie kabobs, BBQ ribs, Italian sausages, chili Frito topped hotdog, pulled pork sandwiches, grilled pineapple, deep fried green beans, pickles and cheese curds and sweet corn with assorted toppings were some of the fare.

Blue-ribbon desserts, created by Lisa Hanson, included tasty treats such as apple pies in half-pint jars, strawberry short cake shooters, a variety of cake truffles, and mini cream puffs. At the close of the evening, many women sought out Lisa to obtain truffles to take home or share with friends during the checkout line.

## Making His Mark: HCC Alumnus Miles Turner's Work Featured in HCC Art Gallery This Fall

Opening with a special reception on September 18, Miles Turner's art exhibition in the HCC Art Gallery, entitled "Recent Work," included several elaborate pen-and-ink drawings of various sizes, which were fascinating to view. They needed to be savored slowly, so that one could appreciate the fine detail, ornate styling, and historical themes. Miles noted about his work, "... my mark-making records my past as well as my place in this world's timeline through dramatic depictions of bombastic opulence."

Appreciating Turner's work was easy to do; it only added to one's sense of awe to learn that the artist who created these works is a Highland alumnus!

Miles received his Associate of Arts degree from Highland in 2012, graduating magna cum laude after being named



**Miles Turner, second from right, talks with a guest at his HCC Gallery Opening Reception on September 18.**

"Artist of the Year." He then transferred to Northern Illinois University, serving there as a Community Adviser to the Fine Arts House. He graduated from NIU in 2014 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with an emphasis on drawing. His work was featured in shows at HCC and NIU during his time at each school.

Bob Apolloni, one of Miles' art instructors during his time at HCC, commented, "Each of my HCC visual arts students is of course unique, and it's very rewarding to partner with them and witness their academic and artistic development at HCC .... and beyond. We are happy to help celebrate their successes and promote exhibitions of their work."

Miles currently lives and works in northwest Illinois. His work is represented at the Skidmore Art Gallery in Galena.

*For information on how your dollars can support the Fine Arts at HCC, so that the department can continue to develop student talent like Miles', contact the Foundation at 815-599-3413. And incidentally, the HCC Art Gallery would be a wonderful "naming opportunity" for a generous aficionado of the visual arts!*

A promotional poster for the art exhibition. The background features a blue-toned illustration of a woman's face surrounded by intricate, swirling patterns. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top, it says "Highland Gallery Presents...". Below that, in large, bold letters, is "Miles Turner: Recent Work". Underneath, it says "September 18 - October 23, 2014". A white arrow points to the text "Opening Reception: Thursday, September 18, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.". At the bottom, there is a logo for "SOVA: Get Involved!" and contact information for the Highland Gallery.

# Heritage Society: A Way to Give Back - And Give Forward

**B**ack in the mid-1970s, when Keith Ludolph and Laurie Saar, then recent Freeport High School graduates and high school sweethearts, chose to begin their respective college careers close to home, Highland Community College was a perfect fit for both of them. Laurie entered the Nursing program and completed her LPN in 1977 (and later, her RN in 1981), and Keith completed his Associates degree and transferred to Northern Illinois University to major in Journalism, earning his Bachelor's degree there in 1978. [Now word has it that Keith practiced his editing skills on the love letters that Laurie would send to him in DeKalb, but that did not last too long! Hmm. And somehow, she still married him a few years later!]

Over the years since then, the Ludolphs raised three daughters: Erika, who is an officer in the U.S. Navy, and Andrea and Sarah, who are both also Highland-trained nurses currently working in the field. Laurie spent her career as a nurse, including several years as an ICU charge nurse. Keith stayed in the field of journalism, working for various publications based in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. He still works part-time as an editor for the Catholic Diocese publication for this region.

Laurie states, "HCC gave us a lot – we want to give back." She even credits the medical education she received at HCC for helping save her husband's

life during a medical crisis ten years ago; she was able to advocate for a procedure that the medical personnel had not yet tried, which turned out to be life-saving for him.

A few years ago, when the Ludolphs were working on their estate planning, it did not take long to make the decision that the HCC Foundation should be included in their plans. Laurie phoned the HCC office and spoke with Pat Dunn, who provided some guidance about language that their attorney could include in their estate plans, so that HCC would be a beneficiary. Of course, Keith and Laurie wanted to provide for their three daughters as well, but they knew they could not leave HCC Foundation out of their plans, because of all that HCC has meant to their family.

By announcing a "bequest intention" to include the HCC Foundation in their estate planning, the Ludolphs then became members of the Foundation's Heritage Society. Heritage Society members, an esteemed group of Highland supporters, are kept informed on current developments and events at the College, and are invited to programs and opportunities that are only for this special group—a small way for the Foundation to show its deep appreciation for their (future) generosity.

Both Keith and Laurie feel strongly about the value that a top-notch community college brings to its region, and the power of higher education in



general to elevate a workforce and improve local culture.

"Without arts, culture, and education," notes Laurie, "you don't have a civilized society, and if you are not contributing to that, you are part of the problem. If you have benefited from HCC, it's your challenge to give back to HCC, so that others have a chance."

They hope that HCC will continue to grow and serve the local community well, adapting to meet workforce and educational needs for many years to come. To that end, they chose to direct their bequest gifts to the "General Unrestricted Fund," so that the College can decide what's needed most at the time in the future when the bequest is received.\*

For information on how you, like the Ludolphs, can make plans to give back to HCC by "giving forward," please contact Jim, Kim, or Pat at 815-599-3413, or [foundation@highland.edu](mailto:foundation@highland.edu). One of us would be most happy to assist you.

*\*Editor's note: Donors are certainly permitted to identify a specific area or program of the College to which they wish to give – both unrestricted and restricted gifts are most appreciated!*

## Madrigal Dinner returns to Chestnut Mountain Resort on December 11



*Highland Community College students hoist the boars head during dinner at Chestnut Mountain Resort last year. Tickets for the 2014 dinner performance on Thursday, December 11 are \$75 per person and available at [highland.thankyou4caring.org](http://highland.thankyou4caring.org) or 815-599-3413. Proceeds support HCC Fine Arts Department's fund for student travel, for educational and performance purposes.*



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## **Alumni Updates**

### **Joe Ambrosia, Elizabeth**

"A retired teacher after 33 years of service, I continue teaching graduate classes and maintain my home office since 1996 as a financial adviser, assisting people with retirement planning and investments through H.D. Vest Investment Services. An Elizabeth high school 1973 graduate, I graduated HCC in 1975, transferred to SIU-C in 1978, received a B.S. in 1979 and an M.S. in 1980, all in Ag Education. I returned to Elizabeth where I farmed for 15 years while teaching school and raising a family. Two children graduated from HCC and the third completed HCC dual-credit classes. All graduated from Tri-State area colleges. HCC has been the ground force to our family's successes."



### **Caley Marten, Freeport**

"Beginning my higher education experience at HCC in 2006 presented me with many opportunities and allowed me to narrow my career path. After graduating from HCC in 2008, I went on to Northern Illinois University where I received a B.S. in Speech Pathology in 2010 and an M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling in 2012. I moved to Chicago and worked as a Vocational Counselor at a non-for-profit agency where I assisted people with disabilities build vocational skills and find jobs. I am now ADA Coordinator at Highland. I enjoy assisting students to achieve their educational goals."



### **Tiffany Nieman, Lena**

"As Executive Director of the United Way of Northwest Illinois, I wear many hats. From fundraising to outcome evaluation to recruiting volunteers, there is never a dull day in this position. Even at the age of 28, I felt equipped to take on this role due in part to the learning and experiences that were offered as part of the HCC Leadership Forum. I absolutely love my job and the impact that the United Way has in our local community and the local education and leadership opportunities provided locally through Highland Community College."



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