

Schoolcraft College Foundation Mewsletter

Lee Hershey, Continuing Education Instructor, prepares to taste wine at the Schoolcraft College Foundation 2004 Culinary Extravaganza last September.

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Fundraiser Promotes Motorcycle Safety

otorcycle safety gets a big boost each September from the Wheels of Tomorrow fundraiser, held at Schoolcraft College. The event raises money to buy training bikes for beginning-level safety classes sponsored by the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Consortium of Motorcycle Safety Education.

This year the celebration of motorcycles past and present takes place Saturday, September 17 in the north parking lot, concluding with a banquet and auction. One lucky raffle ticket holder will go home owning a limited edition Harley-Davidson motorcycle customized to match the Harley-Davidson line of Ford F150 pickup trucks. Only five of these bikes were produced as promotional pieces for the Ford truck model.

Wheels of Tomorrow has been an unqualified success since it began in 2000. The 2004 event generated \$55,000, besting the 2003 figure of \$40,000. As a result of those two events, the

fleet of training bikes has 34 motorcycles replacing older models that have passed their prime.

Schoolcraft College has taught motorcycle safety classes for more than 20 years. In 1999, the college joined with five other community colleges to form the consortium with Macomb, Monroe County, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne County community colleges.

State subsidization allows students to take motor-cycle classes for a flat \$25 fee, and pays for all salaries, repairs, gas, oil, tires, insurance and instruction books. The consortium is funded through the Department of State, with money set aside from registration and licensing fees.

However, the state does not pay for new or slightly

used motorcycles to replace the aging fleet of almost 170 bikes. Ann Prenger, coordinator of the Continuing Education Services motorcycle safety classes, said some of the bikes date back to 1975, and more than half are 12 years old or older. Although they are mechanically sound and safe, they break down frequently, require more attention than newer bikes,

and the parts are becoming difficult to get.

Because Schoolcraft is the fiscal agent for the consortium, the college houses the fleet of training motorcycles and trailers used by all six colleges, purchases replacement vehicles — most recently from a Honda training facility in Troy, Ohio that results in considerable savings — and hosts the Wheels of Tomorrow fundraiser.

The number of persons taking consortium motorcycle safety classes continues to grow each

year, rising from 2,154 to 3,387 in just five years for the basic rider course alone. Although the basic course is the most popular, there are classes for novices through experienced riders.

Wheels of Tomorrow is a family-friendly affair, with outdoor contests, trick riding, entertainment, demonstration rides, exhibits of new and antique bikes and lots of food. Vendors sell helmets, leather clothing and gear for customizing motorcycles.

Prenger said the raffle for the collector's bike is the big draw. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, and at this year's event a second-place drawing will award the lucky winner a single bike trailer from Chariot Trailer Manufacturing in Florida.

The event and all the activities during the day are free. For more information on the event or the banquet, contact Ann Prenger at 734-462-4400, ext. 5253.



Calendar of Events

VISTA GALA

Saturday, April 23, 2005 VisTaTech Center

GOLF CLASSIC FORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Monday, June 6, 2005 Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, September 25, 2005 VisTaTech Center

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2005 Physical Education Building

New Tee-time, Warm-up Round Added to Golf Classic

The Foundation's annual *Golf Classic Fore Scholarships* features a slightly different format, designed to better accommodate our guests. We have moved the shotgun start back to allow individuals to spend the morning at their offices if they desire, or to get on the greens early and play a nine-hole warm-up round.

Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon will host the Classic, which is set for June 6, 2004. The club is one of the jewels of Michigan golf, and its 27 holes will allow for one shotgun start on three courses.

This year, registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until the 1 p.m. shotgun start. Also new this year is an on-going silent auction in place of the former live auction held during the banquet. We will continue to feature the same exciting auction items, but in a new auction format.

The cost per golfer is \$250 and includes access to the driving range, putting green and locker rooms. Meals include lunch, cocktail hour following the round and a banquet dinner. Complimentary beverages will be available throughout the day. For individuals who want to participate in the morning nine-hole warm-up round, the cost is \$40.

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, registering for golf, advertising in our sponsor booklet, or donating an item for the live auction, please contact Marge Lynch at 734-462-4400 ext. 5008.

Foundation Receives Bequest

The Foundation received a bequest from the estate of the late Annetta Kelly, a long-time donor to the Foundation. Ms. Kelly's bequest will be used to support the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble, specifically to providing funding to commission new music for the group. For information on supporting programs that are important to you through a bequest, please contact the Foundation at 734-462-4463.

Jaguar of Novi to Sponsor 2005 VisTa Gala

Get out your most stylish outfit and make plans for an elegant evening. The second annual VisTa Gala, celebrating Schoolcraft College's award winning Culinary Arts program is Saturday, April 23. Guests at this

black-tie-optional fundraiser will stroll through the college's six stateof-the art culinary kitchens and dine on a wide variety of gourmet delicacies with an international flair.

This one-of-a kind dining experience will feature an assortment of hot



and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. All will be prepared by our award winning culinary students under the supervision of Executive and Certified Master Chefs. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers and cocktails. Following dinner, there will be a live auction for one special item. Patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant.

We are proud to announce that this year's event sponsor will be Jaguar of Novi.

VisTa Gala tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds will support the Culinary Arts Department and the high caliber of training Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts students receive. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Marge Lynch at 734-462-4400 ext. 5008. Seating is limited.

Foundation Cruise

Who knew supporting student scholarships could be so much fun? While most of us were braving a cold Michigan January, former Schoolcraft College President, Dr. Richard McDowell, and his wife, Ann, hosted a Schoolcraft College Foundation Caribbean cruise.

The McDowells and a dozen Foundation donors spent a week cruising the Eastern Caribbean. The Carnival Cruise Lines approached the Foundation last year with a new program designed to help raise scholarship support for students through a cruise. A portion of the cruise fare was a tax deductible donation to the Foundation, which was matched by Carnival Cruise Lines.



Sculpture Dedication

Many dedicated students, faculty, staff and board members braved a cold, blustery December day to join Foundation members in dedicating Sonata II. The sculpture, the newest work of art to grace Schoolcraft's campus, stands outside the VisTaTech Center. Sonata II is the work of noted artist and sculptor, David Barr, and was a gift from Art and Diane Rockall. Following the dedication, a reception honored the Rockalls, during which they received framed prints of David Barr's 1982 work, the Four Corners Project.





The 2005 Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza

A Food & Wine Event
Sunday, September 25, 2005
2-5 p.m., VisTaTech Center

Culinary Extravaganza, a delectable fundraiser, is the Foundation's premier event. You have the opportunity to sample the finest culinary delicacies from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan Detroit area. Proceeds from this event are dedicated exclusively to student scholarships and helping students reach their educational and career goals.

Sponsorship packages are available for this event; contact us for detailed information.

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Richard DeVries Scholarship

The Foundation has established an endowed scholarship to honor Richard DeVries, Trustee and friend of the college, who passed away in June 2004. DeVries scholarships will be awarded to second-year students at Schoolcraft College who are seeking an associate degree in a field related to education. To the extent possible, recipients shall be graduates of any Livonia High School. Recipients must have a B average at the time scholarship is awarded, and must maintain the same grade-point average for as long as they receive the scholarship funds.



Fall Craft Show 2005



November 12 & 13, 2005 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00 Physical Education Building

Featuring 150 crafters from Southeastern Michigan

Mark you calendar now and plan to begin your Christmas shopping at Schoolcraft College. You will find lots of unique and wonderful holiday gift items - Santas, angels, bears, snowmen, wreaths and floral centerpieces, children's toys, handmade scarves and hats, birdfeeders, jewelry and much more! All proceeds benefit student scholarships.

Hourly Raffles ◆ Free Parking ◆ Refreshments

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