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Shafer Gallery Membership

We are very excited to announce a new membership club for the Shafer Gallery. It is called The League of Aesthetic Engineers and it is not your ordinary membership club. As its fancy name implies, it is a club for special folks who want to support and explore the world of art making and creativity. The word aesthetics refers to the creation of beauty and meaning in the world. So you don't have to be an artist to join and participate. You only need to have the desire to experience or create something beautiful and meaningful in this world and to support others who do.

League members will enjoy many insider benefits including free and discounted artworks, making

workshops and enlightening programs, as well as VIP members-only receptions and discounted artworks. Members will have the opportunity to participate in yearly excursions to extraordinary art venues and the opportunity to serve the gallery and the creative community.

Join the club now and you will receive a bronze key to our members-only, wine and cheese Inaugural Gala on December 6th. Be there for the unveiling of our new educational display and be regaled by world class pianist Dr. Irena Ravitskaya. We want to give you an unforgettable and meaningful experience.



New Foundation Board of Directors

"A supervisor is only as successful as the people they choose to work with" and that would also be true with selecting a board to oversee the Barton Foundation's non-profit corporation. Each year we select new members to replace directors whose term of office have expired. This group is the infrastructure of the Foundation's activities to support all of

our friend/fundraising efforts. They join together as community business leaders to learn more about the works of our organization and for us to glean their guidance in fulfilling our mission. They are also ambassadors for all of our events and initiatives, along with building relationships between our partnerships, donors, and the students we serve. These volunteers are leaders in their respective communities and bring good business ideas and practices to our board, which enhances our opportunities with our internal and external constituents.

This year Dee Holman, Lana Dietz, and Tim Hammeke left our board, but not before learning extensive information about the college and why the Foundation plays a major role in producing great achievements which promotes and sustains our aggressive educational institution. One never realizes just how much insightful knowledge they will gain through their years of service. Even after their service on the board they will continue to support us financially, with encouragement, and sharing all of our accomplishments with others.

We are happy to announce we found excellent people to fill the shoes of those departing. We enthusiastically welcome Patrick Burnett, Teresa Malone, and Kimberly Vink to our board. They attended a board orientation and toured campus so they will quickly understand our mission and goals and have a one-on-one preview of our educational departments and campus facilities.

Patrick's voice is well recognized because he is a radio show host and has other marketing and public relations skills which enhance him being an account representative at Eagle Radio. He is very involved with the activities at the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus and has served on other boards in Larned and Great Bend. Patrick is a self-learner and

looks forward to becoming more educated about every aspect of the Foundation's friend and fundraising efforts.

Teresa Malone has improved the physical lives of many people here in Great Bend and the surrounding communities due to the fact she is President of Advanced Therapy & Sports Medicine. She is acquainted with so many local people and loves sharing good news about what's happening at Barton. She too has served on many boards for the past 25 years and will be a wonderful asset as she works with us to improve our organization and to grow our assets. Teresa is married to Dr. Mike Malone, a local veterinarian.

Kimberly (Kim) Vink is very active in selling and renting homes for Keller Real Estate. She currently serves on other boards and is involved with the Chamber and church activities. She has the opportunity to learn and share what is happening in the business world and as we know, many newcomers want to take advantage of the educational opportunities Barton has to offer. She is an alumni of Barton Community College along with her husband, Craig. Many family members including her two daughters attended Barton Community College so she likes the idea that she can now give back by serving on our board.

We say goodbye with great appreciation to Dee, Lana, and Tim but also welcome Patrick, Teresa, and Kim. Each of them have made or will make a difference in the lives of our college and students and we will forever be grateful for their volunteer service.



Back Row: Judy Fox, Kim Vink, Darnell Holopirek, Marian DeWerff, and Teresa Malone. Front Row: Rob Dove, Patrick Burnett, Dan Boone, Shawn Panzer, Robert Peter, Troy Griffith, and Sylvan Bleeker. Not Shown: Jay Holopirek, Diana Sunley, and Travis Thompson.

Foundation Chair Letter 2014-2015

I am so very proud to once again be serving as the chair of the 2014-15 Barton Community College Foundation Board of Directors. I first served as chair in 2006 completing my first six-year term; it was such a learning and rewarding experience that when I was asked to join the board again in 2010, I jumped at the chance.

I have been involved with many boards and organizations whose mission is to serve a particular community or demographic, but the Foundation board is involved in initiatives that benefit students, faculty and staff members. The Foundation's influence includes the cultivation of donors to assist them with their philanthropic desires, and in so doing, the impact on the communities the college serves is immeasurable.

I cannot say enough about the quality and dedication of the board members I have served with during my years on the board. They are involved, hard-working, and always make certain they educate themselves to make the best decisions possible for all of the Foundation activities and initiatives. Under Judy Fox's leadership we continued to reach our goals and fulfilled our mission by serving the College and community.

To say I have been impressed with the volume and magnitude of both fund raising efforts and the results of those efforts would be an understatement. As a business man I know first-hand how important teamwork, leadership and cooperation is to the success of an organization. The Foundation possesses all of these qualities and carries out its mission with both dedication and professionalism.

I have also been involved as a donor to various initiatives and have been pleased with the thoroughness and attention to detail that Darnell and her staff give to every donation no matter how big or how small. The Foundation is an excellent steward of the trust that is placed in them by their donors and they are always willing to make certain that the donor's wishes are carried out to the letter.

I look forward to my year as chair and I know we will once again accomplish great things.



Rob Dove

Letter from the Past Chair

I feel very privileged to be the Past Chairperson of the Barton Foundation Board. It was a remarkable experience, even though we had some challenges we weren't expecting, i.e. the fire at Camp Aldrich two weeks before our Clay Shoot. Through it all, the board members pulled together to help in any way possible. Darnell Holopirek and her staff always go above and beyond to assist the board, and I appreciate them. Our major fund-raiser, the Foundation Auction, was once again very successful, and we are looking forward to even better things in 2014-2015, under the skillful leadership of Rob Dove. I would like to thank the board members who served last year and wish the new board the best. I will still be around as Immediate Past Chair and look forward to working in that capacity to further the mission of the Foundation. Barton Community College is a gem, and residents can be very proud of all its accomplishments. Thank you for allowing me to serve as chair.



Judy Fox

Friends of the Foundation Chair

"BARTON DYNASTY: Hunting for Bucks" was the theme for the 36th Annual Barton Foundation Big Benefit Auction, which this year's honorary co-chairs, Toby and Kristy Hogan, found rather fitting as the owners of the hunting service Central Kansas Whitetails. The "bucks" being hunted in this case are green, have presidents' faces on them, and help local students pay tuition at Barton Community College.

The Hogan's served as honorary co-chairs and helped solicit gifts for prizes and to promote the auction, which was held on Saturday, August 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Great Bend. The generosity of the donors and the purchasers of auction items helped us reach our goal of \$40,000 and made the night a success. All the proceeds go toward scholarships and program enhancements at the college.

Kristy (Straub) Hogan said it was an honor to be selected as this year's co-chairs. "It's neat to even



Kristy and Toby Hogan

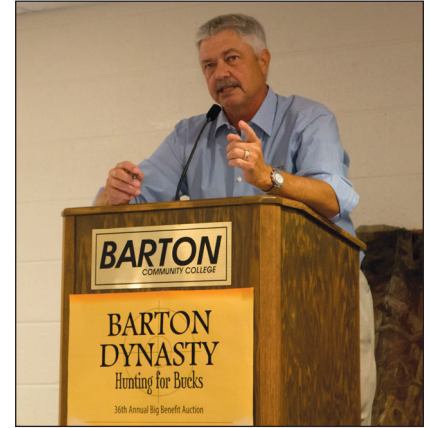
be asked," she said. "The college is something my family has supported for a long time, and this is something we are proud to be a part of. Barton benefits our entire community... our students, our employees, our leaders. It touches all of us in some way, so the Foundation's cause is one we want to support."

Kristy said her family's involvement ranges from being alumni to her grandfather's instrumental role in bringing the Case-New Holland technical training program to Barton,

which has proven to be a huge asset for the community by bringing trainees from all over the country to Great Bend. Kristy also coached the Barton golf team for three years. Toby said he's also honored to serve as a co-chair. "The scholarships the Foundation gives away afford a ton of opportunities to locals," he said. "It helps keep young people around here."



36th Annual Big Benefit Auction



Zoo Donation



Barton Foundation Director Darnell Holopirek (left), Barton Vice President Dr. Penny Quinn (right) present a \$1,000 check to Great Bend Zoo Director Scott Gregory that paid for the transportation of two new baby cougars to the zoo. The money was donated by Barton employees in the late 90's as a fund to pay for food for the zoo's old cougar "Bart." After that cougar passed away, the Barton Foundation held the funds until they were notified that there would be new cougars coming to the zoo and decided to use the remaining money to pay for their transport. The opportunity to name the new cougars was auctioned off at the Barton Foundation's Big Benefit Auction.

Holopirek Named ECF Volunteer of the Year

The Ellsworth Correctional Facility held its annual employee and volunteer recognition activities May 23. The ECF Volunteer of the Year is Darnell Holopirek.

Darnell has represented BCC as a volunteer at ECF since 2005. She has helped a team from BCC develop and grow the education program at ECF, and more recently, at Larned Correctional Facility. Since 2005, Darnell has raised funds to pay for 163 scholarships for inmates to take BCC classes while incarcerated. Her goal is to have enough scholarships so that any inmate who wants to pursue their education can take classes. She instituted the textbook loan program, which allowed many other inmates to afford BCC classes.



Darnell and her team have also brought Work Force Training to ECF and designated ECF as a Partner in Education in 2013. She was given the Distinguished Service Award by the ECF Post Rock Jaycees in 2009. Since 2012, she has served on the ECF Spiritual Life Center (SLC) Board of Directors. In that capacity, she has set up SLC speaking engagements in community churches, which have raised funds for BCC scholarships and the SLC. Darnell also serves on the expansion committee for the SLC Board of Directors.

She and the BCC team also provide items for SLC Christmas packages which are given to all ECF inmates, so they, too, can enjoy the holiday season. Darnell commented, "I was very pleased, and humbled to receive this award."

SEPTEMBER

September 1
Labor Day
(No Classes/Offices Closed)

OCTOBER

October 16
Jack Kilby Science Day

October 16 & 17
Fall Break
(No Classes/Offices Open)

NOVEMBER



November 4
Advisement Day
(No Day Classes)

November 4
Spring 2015 Registration Begins

November 26, 27, 28
Thanksgiving Break
(No Classes/Offices Closed)

DECEMBER

December 8
Summer 2015 Registration Begins

December 8-11
Final Examination Days

December 11
Close of Fall 2014 Semester

December 22 - Jan. 2
Christmas/New Year Break
(No Classes/Offices Closed)

Chamber Honorarium

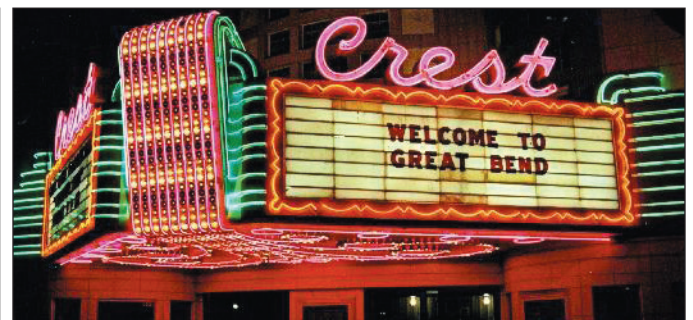
Each year prior to the annual benefit auction, the Foundation board selects a deserving, dedicated donor to be honored in a special way – one year of academic scholarships given in their name.

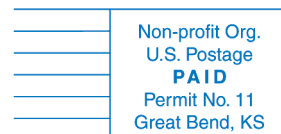
We are proud to announce the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development as the recipient of this year's honorarium award. Funds are raised by using Old Bill as the auction item to raise funds for academic scholarships for the 2015-16 school year. The night of the auction we raised \$5,200 for this award.



It is not possible for us to honor each business that so generously support our auction each year; so by honoring the chamber, which supports and promotes our entire business community,

we feel we are honoring all of them as well. In addition, the chamber is a loyal and long-time supporter of the auction. Each year the chamber honors individuals and businesses at its annual membership banquet; the Foundation is pleased to be able to reciprocate by honoring the chamber for its promotion and contributions to our community.





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MISSION STATEMENT

The Barton Community College Foundation exists to raise private sector funds by providing leadership and to prudently manage gifts to benefit educational opportunities and initiatives of the College.

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