

Brazosport College Foundation Scholarship Soirée



Brazosport College Foundation hosted the largest fundraiser in its history on May 20, 2011 at the Dow Academic Center. The Scholarship Soirée was the grand opening of the newly constructed Dow Academic Center. It was a huge success with 420 guests in attendance and over \$450,000 in donations being raised to help many students continue their education.

George Rau, Vice President of the Foundation Board, suggested combining the grand opening with an event to raise money for student scholarships. The theme decided on, "A Soirée in the French Quarter", was an evening of fun, with great food, music and dancing!



Gary and Ruth Hockstra were honorary chairs for the evening with Dow Chemical Texas Operations and Dow Mitsui as

the major sponsors. Other sponsors that contributed to the success of the Soirée were our Bourbon Street, St. Charles Street, and Canal Street sponsors, as well as many other contributions for the auctions and raffle.



The Soirée was co-chaired by **Scott and Kristen Schwertner** (pictured above), who led the steering committee. Through their leadership, Scott and Kristen were able to help fulfill the goal of raising funds for scholarships. Among the many generous donations received that evening, a \$250,000 contribution from BASF was announced for scholarships. *Sponsor a Scholar*, recently established as the newest Brazosport College scholarship program, was also announced at the Soirée. This new program allows donors the opportunity to support a

student through a named scholarship. By pledging a four-year gift of \$1000 or more annually, they can connect themselves or someone they wish to honor, with a student recipient.

Many of our students entertained guests while dressed as mimes, palm readers, stilt walkers, and jugglers. Musical entertainment was provided by Jazz singer, Yvonne Washington, who captured the audience with her rich vocals, accompanied by the Brazosport Jazz Orchestra. Together they played songs from artists such as Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder while guests danced the night away!

Thank you to everyone who came and to the many others who contributed to the Scholarship Soirée. Brazosport College sincerely appreciates this community for their continued generosity and support. It was a truly magical evening and will be remembered by all for many years to come!

For more photos, visit www.brazosport.edu/foundation.



Gary and Ruth Hockstra
Honorary Chairs



Tom and Dawn Rich
Sponsors of Yvonne Washington and BJO



Yvonne Washington



BC Board President, Jerry Hinojosa and his wife Anna, along with BC President, Millicent Valek and her husband, John May

Women's Lecture Luncheon Series

The Women's Lecture Luncheon Series is designed to promote cultural enrichment for all women in the community. The 2011-2012 Series begins **November 17, 2011** with **Catherine Musco Garcia-Prats**, co-author of *Good Families Don't Just Happen* and *Good Marriages Don't*

Just Happen. **Jonathan Turley**, a nationally recognized legal scholar, who has written extensively in areas ranging from constitutional law to legal theory to tort law, will speak on "Unpacking the Court: The Reform and Expansion of the Supreme Court" on **February 16, 2012**.

Dr. Jill Carroll will speak on "Religious Tolerance" on **May 10, 2012**.

There were 146 memberships this season and enrollment is currently open for new members through August 31, 2011. For the cost of \$150, you can enjoy hearing these three lectures with a delicious lunch included.

For more information regarding membership, call 979-230-3234 or visit www.brazosport.edu/foundation.



Pictured, left to right:
Catherine Musco Garcia-Prats
Jonathan Turley
Dr. Jill Carroll

The Clarion—2011-2012 Guest Artist Series—Sponsorships Now Available

The 2011-2012 Guest Artist Series at The Clarion has been scheduled and season tickets are available now! This is the sixth performance season for Brazosport College, which will once again feature world renowned stars of popular music. **Restless Heart** will kick off this year's season on **September 30, 2011**, sponsored by STP Nuclear Operating Company.

Other season sponsors include BASF, Freeport LNG, Gulf Chemical & Metallurgical, ConocoPhillips, TDECU Investments and Gordon and Nancy Wollam. Sponsorships include a private reception in the Mezzanine as well as concert tickets for your guests. These performances provide a great opportunity to entertain employees, clients or friends.

Be a part of the leadership of community partners that pave the way in bringing the performing arts to the community!

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Denise Holtzclaw at 979-230-3496.

For more information regarding the performance season go to www.brazosport.edu.

13th Annual Foundation Challenge Golf Tournament Raises \$34,000 for General Scholarships

The 13th Annual Foundation Challenge Golf Tournament was held on April 29, 2011 at The Wilderness Golf Course. There were 36 teams with 144 total players. The tournament is held annually to raise money for the General Scholarship program at Brazosport College. More than \$350,000 has been raised, and most importantly, over 500 students have been able to attend Brazosport College through these scholarships.

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Chem, Texas Book Company, Victory Insurance

Golf Tournament Winners:

First Place Team: Victory Insurance

Dave Hartsook, Roger Montemayor, Jim Mounts, Bryan Putnam

Second Place Team: Wholesale Electric

Joe Greer, Chris Cloniger, Perry Higgins, Grady McKey

Third Place Team: Brazoswood Golf Team –

Sponsored by South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company

Nick Roots, Chris Gabba, Phillip Stewart, Michael Barre

Fourth Place Team: The Dow Chemical Company

Eric Robinson, Dave Lezak, Daryll Tumlinson, Mark Comneck

Lowest Gross Score: Brazoria Telephone

John Greenberg, Gary Foose, Jonathan Champagne, Frank Gracely

Closest to the Hole: David Dalton

Longest Drive (Women): Heather Heathcott

Longest Drive (Men): James Brown

Golf Tournament Sponsors



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STP Nuclear Operating Co.**



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