

# Harvard Education Foundation News

## *Expanding Excellence in Education*

January 2009

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Black & Gold Ball a Success**

The 2008 Black & Gold Ball was one for the record books. We set a record with 307 attendees. We raised \$61,000 towards our goal of a \$1 million endowment fund, eclipsing last year's record of \$58,000 raised! Most importantly, we had a lot of fun while supporting education in Harvard!

"Given the state of the economy, the generosity of our supporters and the Harvard community is astounding," said outgoing Foundation President, Becky Frost.

In addition to more than 300 silent auction items, this 12<sup>th</sup> annual Ball featured raffles, a live auction with more than a dozen items, and a Dutch Auction which raised more than \$5,500 to be targeted to mini-grants involving field trips. The Ball was at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort in Rockford for the fourth year.

"We are very pleased with the support and enthusiasm people showed for what we are doing in the Foundation," said Ball Co-Chair Dr. Jacklyn Crosby. "It is nice to see the hard work of dozens of people pay off with such positive results." Jacklyn Crosby and Brenda Gratz have co-chaired the Black & Gold Ball for the past two years.

Ball Co-Chair Brenda Gratz also credited the many volunteers who help to make the Ball a reality. "This is truly the effort of many, many people. From the Board who started working on

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Corporate Table Sponsor Gary Pack (Twin Garden Farms), Gloria Samuelson, Foundation President Elect Linnea Kooistra, and Master of Ceremonies Orion Samuelson enjoy some conversation before dinner.



Community members and leaders enjoy the revelry of the Ball.

**Front row:** Barb Rowe, Harvard Chamber Executive Director Crystal Musgrove, Bonnie Moller, Reggie Logan.

**Back row:** Father Paul White from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Foundation Board Member Sandy Nolan, Mayor Jay Nolan, Alderman Deb Szczap, Alderman Scott Logan

### **Thank You!**

The Harvard Community Education Foundation Board would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the companies and individuals who supported this year's Black & Gold Ball. Special thanks go to our **Gold** and **Silver** sponsors of the 2008 Ball (listed in the article on Page 3). We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for your support and dedication to education in Harvard!

The Foundation would also like to thank all its volunteers for all their hard work. Special thanks go out to Orion Samuelson who served as Master of Ceremonies, Dave Koning, our auctioneer, and Dr. Richard Crosby, who gave the invocation!

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## 2008 Black & Gold Ball Donors

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Dick & Lynda Stoxen	Illinois Railway Museum	Paisano's - Italian Bistro	

this Ball almost immediately after last year's Ball, to the donors and volunteers who helped us secure donations, to the more than 300 people who bought a ticket and came to our party!" said Gratz.

Incoming Foundation President, Linnea Kooistra, also extended her appreciation for the hundreds of donors and guests. "We couldn't do this without the hundreds of people and businesses who believe in the students of Harvard enough to make a donation or to bid on items in our auctions. We couldn't do this without people deciding to spend their money for this important cause. I know all the volunteers who worked so hard on this event join me in thanking them."

Gold and Silver sponsors also were essential to the success of this event. The Foundation Board would like to thank those companies that were so very generous with their support.

**Gold Sponsors:** The Harvard State Bank, Castle Bank, Mercy Harvard Hospital, Roofing Systems, Inc., Zeman Homes & Neighborhoods, Dean Foods, Harvard Savings Bank, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, LTD, and Fox River Financial.

**Silver Sponsors:** Centegra Health System, Harvard Auto Group, and Twin Garden Farms.

Plans are already underway for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Black & Gold Ball. We will be back at Cliffbreakers for the 2009 Ball on Saturday, November 14th. We expect to welcome Orion Samuelson back as our Master of Ceremonies. Other details had not yet been finalized as this newsletter went to press, but rest assured we will make sure that you will have a great time at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Black & Gold Ball!

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## ***D50 Passes Referendum***

The Harvard Community Education Foundation (HCEF) is pleased to announce that Harvard District 50 passed its building referendum on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The passage of the referendum allows the district to build a new elementary school that will house kindergarten thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Having the new building will allow the district to keep students in the earliest grades in one building for four years. Another benefit in having the new building is it will allow the district to shift grades from school to school, freeing up valuable space throughout buildings in the entire district.

Again, we are astounded by the community's generosity and their support of our children's education. Without all of you, we couldn't have realized such an important goal. Thank you!



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**New Elementary School (artist's rendering)**

*We're already planning, so save the date for the...*

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and Gold Ball

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort, Rockford, IL.**

*Come join us for an evening of food, fun, fundraising, and entertainment!*

### **Harvard Community Education Foundation**

## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to encourage the Harvard community to support quality education of its children by enriching and expanding learning opportunities.*

### **Foundation's support of schools grows through the generosity of the Harvard community**

The people of Harvard have shown that they are willing to put their money where their hearts are. By investing back into our community, we can have the life that we want for ourselves and for our children.

***Thank you for all you have done!***

If you are interested in supporting the foundation and would like to receive more information on our financial policies and planning, please feel free to contact Becky Frost at 815-943-6438. Your pledge today will support the Foundation's "Gold Campaign" to raise one million dollars by 2010 and continue its mission of "Expanding Excellence in Education."

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