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Willow Creek Community Church Senior Pastor Bill Hybels interviews philanthropist Melinda Gates.

The Global Leadership Summit 2016

On August 11 and 12, the Willow Creek Association presented its annual Global Leadership Summit to more than 180,000 leaders, with a large group in at the church campus in South Barrington and others across more than 125 countries via satellite. Senior Pastor Bill Hybels spoke in the first session about “The Lenses of Leadership”. Shortly after, he interviewed Melinda Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Gates shared her vision that the path out of poverty begins when the next generation can access quality healthcare and a great education. In developing countries, the Foundation focuses on improving people’s health and well-being, helping individuals lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, their work is in seeking to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—can access the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Pastor Hybels also asked about what it was like to meet and work with Bill Gates at Microsoft, and then about their family, to the delight of attendees.

ABOUT Town



The LeCompte/Kalaway Cup Polo Matches are on September 10.

The QB Calendar



Barrington's White House is a vibrant community and cultural center and event venue in the heart of downtown Barrington. Barrington's White House is also available for private events such as weddings, galas, or business meetings.

For information on public music and theater performances and other community events, see our Arts & Culture section in this issue, and visit www.barringtonwhitehouse.com.

September

BARRINGTON FARMER'S MARKET
Park Avenue and Cook Street
Thursdays, Now Through Oct. 20
2-7 p.m.

The Barrington Farmer's Market returns on Thursday beginning on June 23 and repeats each Thursday through October 20, 2016. The Farmer's Market features fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, flowers, pastries, and much more. Visit www.barringtonfarmersmarket.org.

LECOMPT/KALAWAY TRAILOWNERS CUP
Barrington Hills Polo Club

Saturday, September 10
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Don't miss the 12th annual LeCompte/Kalaway Trailowners Cup matches at the Oakwood Farm Polo Field on Bateman Road in Barrington Hills. Andrew Grams and members of the ESO will perform. Tickets for adults are \$20 at the gate. A limited number of field-side tailgate spaces are available for \$150 each. For reservations contact mwesto8@gmail.com. Visit www.barringtonhillspolo.com.

BARRINGTON STREET FEST & DANCE

**Barrington Breakfast Rotary
Cook and Stations Streets**

Saturday, September 10

Noon to 9 p.m.

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club and the Village of Barrington present the first Barrington Street Fest & Dance. Bring the whole family to enjoy children's games, a petting zoo, making balloon animals, face painting, a photo booth, and the charming Fisher Nut Truck. Check for updates at www.barringtonstreetfest.com.

THE AMERICAN STRING QUARTET: LYRIC IN A TIME OF WAR

Barrington's White House

Sunday, September 11

3 p.m.

A moving musical concert performance to commemorate the 15th anniversary of 9/11 and to honor fallen veterans and those immersed in global conflict. This performance by one of the world's most renowned quartets includes works portraying the emotions of conflict, with readings by poet Tom Sleigh, writing from his experiences as a war correspondent. General Admission: Adults \$40 / Students \$20.

WOOF, WHISKERS, & WINE

Animal House Shelter

Sunday, September 11

12 p.m. -3 p.m.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the acclaimed Acquaviva Winery in Maple Park. Tickets include wine tasting, a tour of the winery, and your choice of a delicious pasta or chicken lunch. Contact Leanne for volunteer and sponsorship opportunities: animalhousefundraising@gmail.com or 847-331-9298.

LET IT BE US GOLF OUTING/DINNER

Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Monday, September 12

10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Golf 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Noon Shotgun Start, Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Join Let It Be Us at Hawthorn Woods Country Club as we have a lot of fun together while raising money to support our mission—the adoption and education of children in Illinois foster care. The cost is \$250 for one golfer (golf, lunch, dinner, and our program with keynote speaker are included) and \$1,000 for a foursome. Guests will enjoy dinner, along with an address by

George Sheldon, Director of DCFS, and keynote by former foster child, educator, author, and speaker Rodney Walker. The cost for dinner and our program is \$100. A few tee sponsorships are available. 1 Tournament Drive North, Hawthorn Woods. Register at www.letitbeus.org.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

**Barrington Community Associates
of the Art Institute of Chicago**

Friday, September 16

11 a.m.

Dramatist Elizabeth (Ellie) Carlson portrays Anita Willets Burnham, who was married to Daniel Burnham's nephew. Burnham was an artist, author, and visionary who taught painting at the Art Institute from 1926-27. Membership renewals and social time at 11 a.m. Introduction of 2016-17 program at 11:30. Lunch at noon and program at 1:30. Make your reservation soon! Non-members are welcome (fee \$40). For more information, contact Emma Gerosa at 847-707-5158.

FARM TO TABLE DINNER

Smart Farm of Barrington

Saturday, September 17

Barns at Good Shepherd

5:30 p.m.

Join Smart Farm for an evening of great local food, drinks, and music. Cocktails and appetizers at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Visit smartfarms.org.

ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hemmens Cultural Center, Elgin

2016-17 Season Opening Weekend

September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

September 18 at 2:30 p.m.

The Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO), named 2016 Orchestra of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras, opens its 2016-17 season with works by beloved Russian composers Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich, featuring guest violinist Simone Porter. Led by Music Director Andrew Grams, the ESO presents critically-acclaimed, world-class music at a reasonable price, conveniently located close to home. For tickets, visit www.elginsymphony.org.

ALS WALK FOR LIFE

Les Turner ALS Foundation

Sunday, September 18

Soldier Field, Chicago

9:30 a.m.

Join the Les Turner ALS Foundation Walk for Life at Soldier Field. The ALS Walk for Life is one of the world's largest gatherings for the ALS community. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m., and the walk start at 10 a.m. To register, or for more info, visit www.alswalkforlife.org, or call 847-679-3311.

FUNDING A COLLEGE EDUCATION SEMINAR

Raymond James/Marsha Werner

Wednesday, September 21

**Barrington Park District, Langendorf Center
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

"Exploring the Various Methods for Funding a College Education" will be presented by Raymond James Vice President Marsha Werner CFP®. Learn how to achieve the dreams you have for your children's or your grandchildren's future education through proper financial planning at this event. The event will be held at Barrington Park District's Langendorf Center at 235 Lions Drive in Barrington, from 7-8 p.m. The seminar is open to the public and requires an RSVP to penny.tipsword@raymondjames.com.

DINNER, LAUGHTER AND MUSIC

fitMS NeuroBalance Center Gala

Saturday, September 24

Biltmore Country Club

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

fitMS offers education, research, health care, rehabilitation, counseling, fitness, and support for those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke, neuropathy, and other neuromuscular and autoimmune conditions that threaten mobility and independence. Support fitMS at its 2016 annual gala, Dinner, Laughter and Music with Vince Foglia as its honoree and keynote speaker. Tickets per person, \$125. Table of 10 is \$1,000. Email info@fitms.org or call 847-800-6162

ART IN THE BARN

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Barrington tradition that benefits our local hospital. Don't miss this year's Art In The Barn at the white barns on the Good Shepherd Hospital campus. The event showcases 175 juried artists who present their art for sale.

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GALA

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TO BE TREASURED



Food, drinks, and live entertainment will make for a fun family friendly day. Visit www.artinthebarn-barrington.com.

CHICAGO HALF MARATHON/5K

Sunday, September 25

Downtown Chicago

Start time 7 a.m.

Chicagomarathon.com

Help run domestic violence out of town! Join the "Run DV Team" for the 20th annual Chicago Half Marathon/5K. WINGS, a Barrington area nonprofit, is an approved charity partner for both races. Registers as a part of WINGS team and receive a code for a \$10 discount off the entry fee. Email marathonteam@batteredwomensnetwork.org and visit www.chicagomarathon.com.

October

BUMC ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Barrington United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 1

Friday from 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m.–Noon

Come to the 83rd annual BUMC Rummage Sale at the church, which is located at 98 Algonquin Road in Barrington. The sale fills an entire wing of the church and include furniture, sporting goods, lawn items, china, jewelry, clothing, antiques, and more. For more information, contact the church at 847-836-5540 or visit www.barringtonumc.com.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S CITY LIGHTS FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

The Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.,

Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts;

Saturday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 9 at 2:30 p.m.

The Hemmens Cultural Center

Charlie Chaplin's City Lights was an instant success when first released in 1931. It's been named one of the most influential films of all time and directors like Orson Welles and Stanley Kubrick rate City Lights as one of their favorite movies. See the silent film, with the ESO led by Stephen Squires performing live the score that Chaplin himself composed. The Hemmens Cultural Center is located at 45 Symphony Way in Elgin. The Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts is located at 201 Schaumburg Ct, Schaumburg. For tickets, visit www.ElginSymphony.Org

SILVER & GOLD FRIENDSHIP GALA

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Saturday, October 8

Arlington International Racecourse

Purchase your tickets or table for this don't-miss special event featuring the British band, Blake, and more surprises making this an evening to be treasured. For sponsorship opportunities and tickets, call 847-842-3128.

AN ENCHANTED EVENING

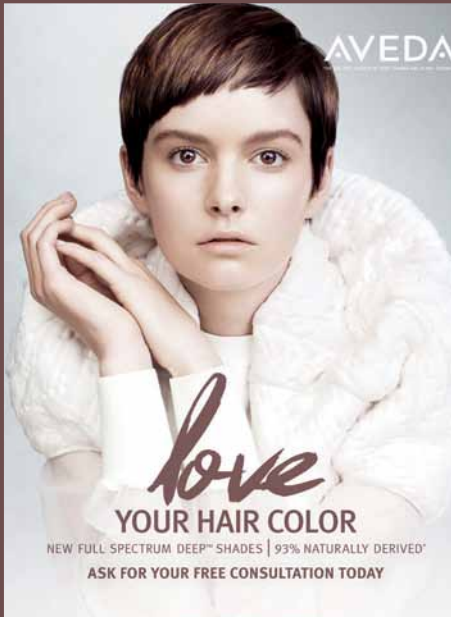
Michael Joseph Foundation

Sanfilippo Estate

Saturday, October 8

5 p.m.

Buy your tickets for Michael Joseph Foundation's 24th Annual Gala Fundraiser to be held at the Sanfilippo Estate featuring the grand Eden Palais. Enjoy a house tour, cocktails,



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**RICHARD OLLARSABA BASS-BARITONE
VOCAL RECITAL**

Barrington's White House

Sunday, October 9

3 p.m.

Praised for his poise, power and commanding, stentorian tone, Lyric Opera Ryan Center Emerging Artist Graduate bass-baritone Richard Ollarsaba will perform a full vocal recital. Ollarsaba is a graduate of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's Patrick G. and Shirley Ryan Opera Center, offering gifted performers advanced instruction, and opportunities to perform on the Lyric stage. Ollarsaba will be joined by pianist David Gimmel. General Admission: Adults \$20 / Students \$10.

PHD'S CASINO NIGHT

Friday, October 14

Medinah Country Club

6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.

Join PHD (Preservation of Human Dignity) for a Casino Night including casino games, dinner stations, raffles, and a live performance by Billy Elton. This event supports PHD, a counseling center for maternal health and well-being

located in Inverness. To RSVP or for more details, contact Charlene Okigawa at 847-359-4967 (x25) or visit www.sphd.org.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Saint Anne Catholic Community

Sunday, October 16

Registration at 12:30 p.m.

Walk begins at 1 p.m.

The Barrington Area Crop Hunger Walk is an annual community hunger education and fundraising event sponsored by Church World Service. The walk takes place throughout the Village of Barrington, beginning at Saint Anne Catholic Community, 120 Ela Street, Barrington. Join the walk or donate. Twenty-five percent of funds raised stay in our community. To learn more, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/barringtonil, visit the Facebook page, or contact Laura Cerretani at 847-842-9629 or email her at ldcerretani@email.com.

JAZZ PIZAZZ /VOCAL PERFORMANCE

SOPRANO KIMBERLY ALBRECHT

Barrington's White House

Saturday, October 22

8 p.m.

Come out and play on a Saturday night! Join jazz vocalist Kimberly Albrecht, pianist Dr. Bill Wittert and bassist Lawrence Dworsky, as they perform jazz standards, swing era favorites, and pop hits. They'll fly you to the moon and back! General Admission \$20 with a cash bar.

EVENING OF ELEGANCE 2016

The Rat Pack Returns!

Arden Shore Child & Family Services

Saturday, October 22

Sanfilippo Estate

5 p.m.

Arden Shore Child and Family Services hosts its signature fundraiser, including 250 supporters and friends from Lake County and other Chicago area communities. Arden Shore's mission of "Rebuilding Children's Lives" has remained the same for over 118 years. Join Arden Shore for this gala event that begins with cocktails and sushi buffet at 5 p.m. in the Carousel Museum followed by a gourmet dinner and entertainment by The Rat Pack. Cost of tickets (\$250 per person; \$2,000 per table of 10) includes a private estate tour, valet parking, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, elegant

dinner, entertainment, and auctions. Contact Bob Payton at bpayton@ardenshore.com or call 847-623-1730 x 127 to make reservations or to be a sponsor.

WITCHES & BROOMSTICKS

Women's Club of Inverness

Wednesday, October 26

Medinah Country Club

4:30 pm. to 9 p.m.

The Women's Club of Inverness presents "Witches and Broomsticks: A Girls Night Out". Funds raised from this event will be used for local collegiate scholarships and grants to area organizations that help women, children, families, and seniors. Visit www.womensclubofinverness.com, or contact Karen Kallman at 847-397-8955 or email karenjo6@aol.com. Tickets are \$75.

GREAT BARRINGTON AREA TASTE FEST

Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, October 26

Marriott Northwest

5–8 p.m.

Buy your tickets for this showcase of tastes from the finest purveyors of food and spirits in the Barrington area. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The Marriott Northwest is located at Rte. 59 and I-90. Visit www.barringtonchamber.com.

November

**JOHN JAMES AUDUBON: AN
INTRODUCTION TO HIS LIFE, ARTWORK,
AND COLLECTING AUDUBON PRINTS**

Lecture and Exhibit by Joel Oppenheimer

Barrington's White House

Sunday, November 6

3 p.m.

John James Audubon's rich, life-size paintings of America's birds are some of the most recognized and prized images in our history. Joel Oppenheimer, one of the country's foremost authorities on Audubon's prints, will review the life and works of this famous artist, and open you to the possibility of starting your own collection. General Admission Free (\$10 Suggested Donation)

GALA AND SILENT AUCTION

Rahab's Daughters



ON NOVEMBER 6, Joel Oppenheimer will speak about John James Audobon at Barrington's White House.

Friday, November 11
Chicago Marriott Northwest

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Human trafficking is a \$33 billion industry, and to stop it we need your help! Rahab's Daughters is founded and run by a victim of trafficking and she is fighting back by helping others. We are here for any and all women who want to be rescued from the sex industry. We are here to spread awareness and to rehabilitate those who need it. Tickets are \$40 per person; \$70 for a couple. More options are available. For details, visit rahabsdaughter.org. Call Josie at 847-668-1399 or email her at Josie@rahabsdaughters.org.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
South Barrington Garden Club
Wednesday, November 16

Cotillion Banquets, Palatine

The luncheon event includes a three-course lunch, a floral design demonstration by Anton Engelmann of Town & Gardens, Inc., and many door prizes, raffle baskets, a silent auction, and vendors of classy clothes, kitchenware, jewelry, and gift items. Funds raised are donated to local common device agencies and conservation projects that encourage growth and education. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information, call Wanda at 224-558-5368.

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE,
 THE RADIO PLAY**
Presented by TesserAct Theatre Ensemble
Barrington's White House
Sunday, November 20

3 p.m.

Enjoy an American Christmas classic! TesserAct recreates the behind-the-scenes experience of hearing an old-time radio play—complete with live actors and real sound effects. A chance to go back in time while sharing new memories with your family. General Admission: Adults \$20 / Students \$10.

December

LAKESIDE SINGERS "LET THERE BE PEACE"

Holiday Performance and Reception
Barrington's White House
Sunday, December 4

3 p.m.

A great family outing! This talented Chicago-based chorus of professionals have performed widely—on stage and in movies. This holiday concert features classical a capella choral selections from around the world, and pieces made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Evans, Stephen Sondheim and more. You're invited to join the fun-filled, sing-along finale. General Admission: Adults \$20 / Students \$10.

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGALS
Holiday Concert and Final

Performance of the Year
Barrington's White House
Sunday, December 18

3 p.m.

Celebrate the season with our own BHS Madrigals! Performing unaccompanied vocal music from the Renaissance through contemporary, the Madrigals' special holiday performance will feature carols and songs of the season. Student artists dressed in Renaissance style will transport you to this historical period. General Admission Free (\$10 Donation Suggested).

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6th Annual Art in Nature Event at Crabtree Nature Center

ON SEPTEMBER 18, Enjoy the highly popular *Art in Nature* celebration at the Crabtree Nature Center at 3 Stover Road in Barrington. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features 40 artists who will display their painting skills in a "paint out" where they paint scenes onsite during the event. Guests can watch as the artists paint and then vote for their favorite work. There will also be painting activities for all ages, live music, and crafts. For more info, visit <http://fpdcc.com/nature-centers/crabtree-nature-center/> or call 847-381-6592.

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ON OCTOBER 2, local businesses have teamed up for a one-of-a-kind event at Old Barrington Estates. Homes By Pinnacle and Old Barrington Estates are joined by @properties Realtor John Morrison of the John Morrison Home Team, and Motor Werks. The invitation-only event will be held at the Old Barrington Estates Equestrian Center with a highlight of the unveiling of 718 Cayman, which is not available until November 2016. Guests will mingle at the Equestrian Center that will have several Porsche autos on display. Wild Asparagus will serve passed tapas and a hosted bar will offer wine and beer selections. Barn tours, estate home tours, and test drives will be available to guests during the event.

Jacey Johnson Wins Illinois Crown



Jacey Johnson

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE Jacey Johnson was recently crowned the National American Miss Illinois Jr. Teen. She will continue to compete in the national pageant in California in November for the title of National American Miss Jr. Teen. Through this organization Johnson has been able to develop her platform of helping children with Down syndrome to dance and travel the country. "By having this opportunity I'm able to raise awareness for my platform, "Chance to Dance", which helps children with disabilities learn to dance," Johnson said.

Johnson says that the pageant system grows confidence, and teaches the skills that will help in her future. "Through this organization I have gained confidence, and friendships that will last forever." She has also set

her focus for the year ahead. "For my year of reign, I've decided to dedicate it to faith, service, and kindness, and am ready to influence my community and hopefully the country. I've been traveling the country and have met so many amazing and accomplished young women and can't wait to see what the future holds."



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Wendy Farley, Tom Roeser, and Karen Trzaska attend the Club 100 launch party with other guests and supporters from the greater Barrington area.

Boys & Girls Club Launches “Club 100”

CLUB 100 RECENTLY LAUNCHED a new opportunity for business and individual partners in the community, to stand up and support our youth. For \$100 a month, a donor can provide direct impact to kids in our community searching for a safe, positive environment during critical after-school hours. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township now stands as the 2nd largest Boys & Girls Clubs organization in the State of Illinois and ranks in the top 10 percent in the country with average daily attendance of Club members at over 70 percent. In 2016, the Club's goal is to serve over 3,000 at-risk youth in our community. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township is the leading youth after-school agency in our community. To learn more or to donate, visit www.bgcdt.org.



Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza stands by one of the original library card racks from when the Township Offices were the Barrington Area Library.



Meet New Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza

AMY P. NYKAZA GREW UP in Arlington Heights and moved to Barrington Hills in 1999, followed by another move to the Village of Barrington in 2009. She has a B.A. in Fine Art from NIU and loves history. Nykaza has a daughter who is currently a sophomore at Indiana University. She follows Gene Dawson who recently retired as Barrington Township Supervisor.

Prior to being appointed as Barrington Township Supervisor on June 1, 2016, Nykaza served as the Barrington Township Assessor for nine years—a liaison role between the township, taxpayers, and Cook County. The Township Supervisor serves as the CEO of the Township, handling day to day activities, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and is Supervisor of the General Assistant Program and Treasurer of Town Funds.

Established in 1850, Barrington Township represents the oldest form of government in the U.S. Townships preceded villages and remain today for services that support the community. The Township is in Cook County and includes portions of the Village of Barrington, Village of Barrington Hills, South Barrington, Hoffman Estates, and Inverness.

Nykaza says that the Township's goal is to let the public know "we are here and how we can serve the community". They have an assessor's office that can assist taxpayers with appeals, exemptions, and any other tax-related issues. This also helps citizens avoid driving to the city for tax help.

The Township maintains a food pantry, and an Angel Fund that grants qualified applicants who require emergency help with paying their rent, food, utility, and medical bills. It also helps fund agencies in the community such as Smart Farm (who helps stock the food pantry) and others.

The Township also takes care of the two historical cemeteries located in its borders.

"We are members of BACOG, and I want to continue the effort Gene Dawson has accomplished and established with great working relationships with our local Villages and Townships," Nykaza says. "We are all working toward the greater good of our community, and that's a vision I want to focus on every morning when I come to work."

To contact Amy Nykaza, call 847-381-5632 or email amykaza.bartwp@gmail.com.

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BY MELANIE KALMAR

A FEW YEARS AGO, when administrators at Harper College examined the area's demographics, they made a startling discovery; the number of schools in its district with students on the free and reduced lunch program increased five-fold within the past decade. It was a telltale sign the community college needed to accommodate the shift in demographics, said Michele' Smith, associate provost/special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion at Harper College in Palatine. According to research gathered by Harper, students with a college education face less potential for unemployment than those who only have a high school diploma. What's more, an educated workforce draws businesses to the area, creating jobs and improving the economy.

Administrators quickly got to work, meeting with higher ups at the school districts it serves—Districts 211, 214 and 220—to develop a plan to better prepare students for college. They also consulted with local business partners to determine workforce development needs and design a program to help students meet those criteria.

The result is the Harper Promise Scholarship program. Harper Promise gives all high school students who live within Harper's borders the opportunity to work toward earning a certificate or associate's degree at Harper College, free of charge, removing the biggest obstacle from the equation—money. Harper's President Kenneth Ender, Ph.D., rolled out a similar program at a community college he ran on the East Coast, with fewer resources than Harper's, and it was successful, Smith said.

It took Harper administrators about two and a half years to design the criteria for the program, working in collaboration with its school district partners and local businesses, Smith said. During the process, employers revealed the qualities they look for in an employee: someone who shows up on time, finishes what they start, completes quality work, and gives back to the community. It sounds simple yet employers complained these are the same qualities that are lacking in the present workforce. It was official, those would be the criteria for students to meet, throughout high school and their time at Harper, to qualify for free tuition, Smith said.

In an academic setting, those qualities translate to: maintaining a grade point average of "C" or higher, keeping up a good attendance record, completing the required number of credit hours each semester to graduate on time, and meeting the minimum requirement of volunteer hours in the community.

"It's about earning the opportunity to go to college for 2 years tuition free," Smith said, noting high school students sign up for the program in December of their Freshmen year. By January, she said, "the clock starts ticking." The high schools track whether students meet the criteria each school year and send the individual reports to Harper for review in August. By high school graduation, students who met the criteria all four years will earn free tuition their first



In March 2015, Harper College held a kickoff celebration featuring Promise's educational, business and family partners. Among those in attendance were Harper College President Dr. Ken Ender and his wife, Cathy, (back row, second and fourth from the left) and Motorola Solutions Chairman and CEO Greg Brown and his wife, Anna, (back row, fifth and fourth from the right) who are chairing the Promise Scholarship campaign to raise \$10 million. Also on the far left is Barrington 220 Superintendent Dr. Brian Harris.

semester at Harper. The caveat is, they have to keep meeting the criteria while enrolled at Harper to continue to earn free tuition.

"We are adamant they must continue to earn this scholarship," Smith said. "At any point, they miss the criteria, they are no longer eligible for this scholarship."

About 4,600 high school freshmen—the class of 2019—enrolled in the Harper Promise when it was launched last year, Smith said, noting that figure represents about 65 percent of all freshmen enrolled in 2015 at Harper's district high schools.

Smith has seen excitement about the program from students who thought they couldn't afford college that now see it as an opportunity to go.

"We've gotten anecdotal feedback from parents here and there, a few delightful stories," Smith said. "A kid who didn't want to wake up for school until her mother said, 'Harper Promise' and she jumped out of bed." Although area superintendents are still gathering data, Smith said they are almost certain the Harper Promise caused an increase in attendance among freshmen from the previous year.

The scholarship is funded by donations from private donors, alumni, Harper employees and business partners, Smith said, adding Harper is trying to accumulate \$10 million for an endowment fund, to sustain the program.

Kim Duchossois, chairman of the Duchossois Family Foundation, calls the Harper Promise "A powerful game-changer." A Barrington civic and philanthropic leader, Duchossois donated \$1 million to Harper, allocating \$750,000 for Promise.

"It's never been more important to earn a college credential, and the Promise program ensures that a college education is accessible to all students, regardless of financial ability," she said. "The socioeconomic benefits could improve lives and positively impact families for generations to come."

Smith said sometimes people accuse Harper of "giving away free tuition." But she is quick to point out that Harper isn't giving away anything. "If you are a Promise scholar looking for a job, the average employer will want to talk to you, because you already have a track record of being someone who is reliable, dependable, does good work, follows through and gives back to the community," she said. "To help build up that individual is powerful."



Anthony and Laura Karbowski are the proud parents of daughter Kayla, center, selected as the HOPE Giving Circle's inaugural \$10,000 scholarship recipient made possible by the Harper College Educational Foundation and its donors. Photo: Courtesy of Harper College.

Kayla Karbowski Is Awarded HOPE's Giving Circle Scholarship

HERE ARE EXCERPTS from Kayla Karbowski's HOPE's Giving Circle Scholarship acceptance speech:

I am honored to be the recipient of the inaugural HOPE Scholarship. To be selected for this scholarship is such a blessing for me and for my family. It will remove a huge financial burden and help me achieve my dream of becoming a Special Education teacher.

I graduated from Schaumburg High School in 2015, and I am entering my second year at Harper College. Growing up, I was always a kid on the move. It wasn't until my senior year of high school that I stopped participating in all sports, and I put my focus on helping others. I started a new job working for Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), which exists to provide outstanding opportunities through recreation for children and adults with disabilities. I also began volunteering at animal shelters and even found a furry friend of my own at the one I currently volunteer at. Before accepting the job at NWSRA, I knew my career aspirations were to work with children in some capacity. I originally had my mind set on becoming a Pediatrician's Assistant, until my experiences with NWSRA, which showed me the difference I can make in a person's life, and the enjoyment I had working with children and adults with special needs.

Attending Harper College also allows me to spend another year here volunteering. In this past year I was able to obtain a 4.0 GPA and become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. My goal is to graduate with my associate's degree and continue to earn my bachelor's at Illinois State University. I am aiming to double major in Elementary/Special Education at Illinois State's College of Education and earn a master's degree after I find a teaching position.

I knew when graduating from high school that Harper would be the best option in order to save money for a four-year institution. As the youngest of three children, it's tough being the last child to enter college. This scholarship will lift a big burden and help me focus more on obtaining my education rather than worrying about how I am going to pay for it.

Thank you Harper College Educational Foundation for providing me with this amazing opportunity! Thank you to everyone for believing in me and helping me reach my goal.



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What's Happening at the Chamber

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BACC's Network to Success Luncheon Sept. 21

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the BACC Network to Success Scramble Luncheon on Wed., September 21, at Pinstripes in South Barrington. This high-powered networking event helps local businesses meet new contacts and make business connections and powerful networking over lunch. Each participant is assigned to sit at three different tables for each course where they pitch their business and answer questions. Register early; this event is limited to no more than four professionals per industry and no more than two reps from each company. Tickets are \$40 per Chamber member and \$50 per guest; includes lunch.

Barrington Area Legislative Breakfast Oct. 6

LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS and the public are invited to hear first-hand updates from state legislators at the 2nd annual Barrington Area Legislative Breakfast hosted by the BACC, BACOG, and Barrington 220. The breakfast takes place on Thurs., Oct. 6 at Makray Memorial Golf Club. Speakers include, Senator Pam Althoff, Rep. Fred Crespo, Senator Dan McConchie, Rep. David McSweeney, Rep. Tom Morrison, Senator Matt Murphy, Senator Michael Noland, and Rep. Ed Sullivan, and Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor. Registration and breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., followed promptly by the program at 8 a.m., and ending at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$25, which includes breakfast.

Save the Date: BACC Holiday Bliss Luncheon Nov. 17

THE BARRINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (BACC) and Women's Biz Net (WBN) will host its annual Holiday Bliss Luncheon on Thurs., November 17th at the Marriott Northwest. The WBN Barrington Bliss Holiday Luncheon welcomes over 100 professional women in the community. Tickets to the event are \$40 per person, or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$300. Tickets are available online at www.BarringtonChamber.com. Holiday Bliss sponsorship opportunities are available. The event is from 11am-2pm.



In July, Barrington Noon Rotary hosted a farewell luncheon for Carol Beese, the first BACC president, and the second female member of the Barrington Rotary Club. Pictured here are Suzanne Corr, current BACC president, and Carol Beese, who is moving to Minnesota.

BACC Regional Magazine Now Available

THE BACC RESOURCE DIRECTORY is the region's #1 resource on local business, community groups, and important community information. Watch for your copy. It has been mailed to nearly 20,000 mailboxes in the 60010 zip code.



BACC leaders and representatives of the Village of Barrington welcomed these businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies recently.



AssureVision

AssureVision, 143 W. Main St., Barrington. AssureVision is a full-service private optometric practice. Dr. Eugenia Lomazov B.S., O.D. and her husband Larry started the practice with their first location in 1999 in Arlington Heights. The Barrington office is the third location, joining Arlington Heights and Glenview.



Trehan Dental

Trehan Dental, 435 N. Hough St., Barrington. Dr. Sangita Trehan has been practicing for over 20 years after receiving her degree from Northwestern University Dental School. She has been a dentist in Barrington for 10 years and recently moved to her new Hough St. location, which is was previously Dr. Hogan's dental office.



Jensen Jacobsen & Associates

Jensen Jacobsen & Associates, 109 Dundee Avenue, Barrington., Jensen Jacobsen & Associates specialize in many Illinois Insurance Services; Auto Insurance, Home Insurance, Boat Insurance, Life Insurance, Business Insurance, and Motorcycle Insurance, and more. Jacobsen is also chairwoman of the BACC Board of Directors.



Neoteca

Neoteca, at 130 S. Hough St., Barrington. BACC members came out to sample their menu and celebrate the new restaurant in town. Owner Guy Sorrentino brings his Neopolitan roots to the community with his authentic Italian fare. Neoteca's menu features an extensive wine list, craft beers, brick oven pizzas, a salumi bar, and fresh pasta. They also have their own wine label-importing grapes from Napa.



Kathy and John Rezny are owners of York Furrier. They are pictured in the York Furrier Elmhurst store.



The York Furrier logo proudly displays the Wagner family crest signifying the story of a distant relative saving a king during a hunt.



A colorful fur coat and accessories greet visitors to York Furrier in Elmhurst.

York Furrier Celebrates 85 Years in Business

KATHY REZNY SHARES THE SECRET TO HER FAMILY'S THREE GENERATIONS OF SUCCESS.

KATHY REZNY started with her family's business in 1988. Back then, there were about 30 fur designers in the United States whose collections were available. Some of them are names you've heard—Bob Mackie, Bill Blass, Oscar de la Renta, and Zandra Rhodes. Yes, she's met them all. Today, there are 500 designers who work with fur. Times have changed—and a commitment to keep up with nonstop fashion and changing styles is her first secret to success.

"Each year we are reinventing York Furrier, adding and subtracting from our inventories," she said. Rezny works directly with designers who make the trends—including fashion icons Zac Posen, Norman Ambrose, Michael Kors, and Monique Lhuillier. In addition to working with top designers, York Furrier creates its own signature collection by taking their own custom designs to the those who can create one-of-a-kind looks.

York Furrier is known for its luxe outerwear and accessories. "The designers are treating fur like a fabric and integrating it into ready-to-wear lines," Rezny said. "It's pure fashion."

Taking the best care of her clients is Rezny's second secret to long-term success. It's a value she learned from her family members who ran the business in generations before. She has seen the way that people buy furs change with the times, and many of her customers are multi-generational. "In the early days, a woman's husband would buy her a signature full-length fur coat that would be

worn a few times a year for special occasions," she says. "Today, we have men and women who shop for themselves either alone, or they come in as a couple," she says. Who are those customers? Women in the workforce buy functional fur coats and jackets that they wear to work, on sales calls, and for evening. Rezny says she wears her knee-length fur walking coat everywhere—for a meeting downtown, out and about, and even on the soccer field. Customers also include professional sports players and their wives, or artists performing in a music video showcasing a York Furrier fashion item.

Taking care of the customer who buys their exceptional products is the hallmark of York Furrier's success. "Anytime someone buys a fur from us, it is a special occasion," she said. "It is a highly personalized process of selection, and then we 'perfect' the garment for them by fitting the collar, closures, length, and of course, there is a monogram we create and sew into the lining." Rezny believes that working closely with her clients is very important to achieving their complete satisfaction. Her staff of talented furriers, tailors, and pattern-makers repair and repurpose fur fashions into new ideas—a vest from a coat, for example. York Furrier is full-service, and they sell, clean, repair, and store their customer's garments on-site at both the Elmhurst and Deer Park stores.

If you've ever been to a Chicagoland fashion show or gala charity fundraiser, then you have seen and heard the York Furrier name. Rezny says her company does a stunning 70 fashion shows a year for groups including Barrington Junior Women's Club, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Catholic Charities, and the USO. Rezny says they are "always out there" and that her grandfather who started the company said to always give back to the community. Rezny takes pride in running brick and mortar stores that pay taxes for schools, supporting charities, and creating jobs that help to feed families. For the three generations of York Furrier family members who have given back to the community along with their own success—that generosity is no secret at all.

To learn more about York Furrier, visit www.yorkfur.com.