

A Night of Celebration and Gratitude

The Barrington Area Community Foundation Gives Thanks

ON DECEMBER 7, AT THE BILTMORE COUNTRY Club, friends of the Barrington Area Community Foundation (BACF) gathered at the invitation of its Board of Directors for a wonderful holiday evening. BMO Harris Bank, presenting sponsor, and The Garlands of Barrington and Marquardt of Barrington Buick GMC, supported an evening of music, warm welcomes, and inspiring words about the positive impact of the Foundation. Kim Duchossois, the Foundation's president, leads its mission to meet the unmet needs of the community, with a vision of maintaining the greater Barrington area's quality of life.

Guests were treated to a musical performance by members of the Bel Canto Choir of the Barrington Children's Choir, under the direction of Peggy Crawford. The Rev. Kathryn Louise Kelly, Associate Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, gave the blessing before dinner. Foundation business and a heartfelt testimonial by a BACF grant recipient followed dinner. The keynote speaker, Martin Koldyke, is the founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL) and the Golden Apple Foundation. Koldyke's AUSL currently works with under-performing Chicago Public Schools. The focused teacher training and a complete top-to-bottom school transformation directed by AUSL helps to provide students in under-performing schools with a chance at a quality education.

For more information on BACF, visit www.barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org.



From left: Gerry Nadig, Norval Stephens, Kim Duchossois, Martin Koldyke, and Jim Lancaster gather at the Barrington Area Community Foundation Donor Appreciation Dinner on Dec. 7 at the Biltmore Country Club.



David Hirsch (third from left) works with the BACF Youth Advisory Board



Rev. Kathryn Louise Kelly



Kim Duchossois welcomes guests to the 13th annual Donor Appreciation Dinner

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