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Over \$50,000 Raised for Arnold Community Foundation Fund Philanthropist of the Year Awards Presented at Annual ACFF Dinner/Auction

One-hundred-eighty-seven ticket holders were at the Arnold Community Center on Saturday night for the annual Arnold Community Foundation Fund Dinner and Auction. Ninety-seven items donated by area businesses and individuals were auctioned off to the highest bidder, with a total of \$55,000.00 raised.

Before the auction started, the annual "Philanthropist of the Year" awards were presented. The first award is presented annually to honor an individual who exemplifies the power of giving their time, talent and treasure to benefit the Arnold area during their life-time. Darlene Rimpley received this honor.

Holly Hornung-Remund, who introduced the winner, mentioned Darlene's many years of involvement with the Arnold Alumni Association.

"She could tell you what year you graduated, what year your parents graduated, and even what year your grandparents graduated," said Remund.

"She has also been the caretaker for years of the oldest building in Arnold," said Remund, referring to Darlene's long history as Director of Finch Memorial Library.

Remund said Darlene has contributed to the thespian side of the community, by assisting in high school drama productions and writing plays for community productions.

Also mentioned were Darlene's involvement with the Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations throughout her life-time.

Who receives the award is kept a secret until the night of the presentations. While listening to the introduction, Darlene said she was thinking of other people in the audience who might fit that description.

"I was thinking Holly was talking about someone else. I have never been so shocked in my life!" said Darlene.



ACF Board President Shane Cool listens, as Bruce Younglove, one of the recipients of the Philanthropist of the Year awards, speaks to the crowd at Saturday evening's Annual ACFF Dinner and Auction. Younglove, who with other Arnold supporters, plans the annual SORC Winter Party that gives generously to the town, said "We love Arnold and we aren't finished giving. We've got big plans." (Lana Cool photo)

The second category recognizes an organization, group or business that epitomizes the philanthropic spirit of the Arnold community. The SORC Winter Party received this year's award. The three gentlemen present, who thought they were in town for a SORC Advisory board meeting, were also surprised and humbled by the award. Following is ACFF Board President Shane Cool's intro-

duction to the award:

"The reason we are all here tonight is to celebrate our little town," said Cool. "We have a love and a commitment to Arnold and the surrounding area. Our next Philanthropy award is honoring an organization that has an amazing commitment and appreciation for our community both monetarily and personally. The amazing part is that the individuals

receiving this award tonight do not even live here. The recipients of the 2014 Philanthropy Award are the Four Board of Directors for the Annual SORC Winter Party: Bruce Younglove, John Schmidt, Ted Hughes and Gary Kuck.

"I met these guys 15 years ago. None of them probably knew where Arnold was located at the time. Bruce Younglove from Lincoln had received a phone call from Joe Shown with a crazy idea to host an open road race in Arnold. They met for the first time on the front step of the Custer County Courthouse as Bruce joined Joe asking the Commissioners for approval. Bruce has been our cheerleader, our supporter. He is one of the guys that made this event happen. He is truly one of the founding fathers of the SORC. He has been vitally important to Arnold for the past 16 years. Few people realize the contribution that he has had to our community.

"Fast forward a couple years... I think the SORC Winter Party was born to have an official reason for these guys to get through the winter non-racing months. An excuse to get together, drink beer and talk about how fast their cars are. As Bruce would say, 'Like the SORC, who would have thought this would become so big.' The winter party is now as popular as the actual race - sold out months in advance like the race, and it has become more than just a party; it has become a hugely successful philanthropy event - a way for the racers to celebrate Arnold and to give back to the community that hosts them each August."

"The winter party organization consists of Four Board of Directors. Bruce Younglove is one, John Schmidt is the second. He is a retired fireman, giving most of his life to service on the Fire Department in Lin-

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One-Act Plays Set to Perform Friday Night

Soup/Pie Supper to Benefit After Prom will Start Off Night

Arnold and Callaway students will perform their One-Act plays at Community Night, Friday, November 14, in the Arnold High School auditorium. A soup and pie supper benefitting post prom will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. Callaway will be the first to perform at 7:00 p.m., and Arnold will follow.

Arnold's play, "Stopping at Ellis Island" by Thomas Hischak, explores the fears, hopes and determination of immigrants as they face another challenge on their long journey. In a room on Ellis Island in 1906, seven newly-arrived immigrants have been singled out by the authorities and told to wait. These detainees from Germany, Italy, Ireland, Norway and Russia are fearful of being rejected and sent back to Europe.

As the immigrants nervously wait for medical releases to allow them to enter America, audience members uncover the hardships endured as they follow their dreams. As the immigration officer (Trevor Halstead) tries to effectively organize the medical processing, an Italian family reflects on whether or not the sacrifices made on the long trip to America was worth the hope. Nonnia Maria (Morgan Eggleston) and Pina (Racheal Smith) bond over hopes of Pina's first child being born in America while Cecilia longs for the security of the known their Italian home provided.

Some of the characters depict the bond of family as they followed their dreams to America. Beata (Jasmine Nelson) relies on her older children, Kirsten (Bobbi Barnes) and Aleksander (Brenden Rivers), to pacify their infant brother as they come closer to joining their father in Minnesota. Antonia (Claire Beshler) and her grandfather (Ashton Weinman) have survived political turmoil and the loss of much of their family on their hazardous journey. Sisters Katie (Grace Magill) and Rosaleen (Olivia Furne) show spunk as they leave the Irish famine behind and follow their dreams.

Unfortunately, some of the immigrants succumb to the hardships. Helga (Sadie Christensen) illustrates the reality of the sicknesses that immigrants faced as she weakens with consumption.

As they wait, the immigrants begin to build a kinship with each other. Most in the group are declared healthy enough to enter America, but some are in for bittersweet surprises. The bonds formed by the detainees will forever strengthen the new Americans regardless of their ultimate destination.

Both schools will perform their plays again for the public on Monday, November 17, starting at 7:00 p.m., at Callaway school.

Conference competition will be held November 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Callaway. Arnold will perform at 2:00 p.m.

District competition will be on December 3 at North Platte High School. Arnold will perform at 3:00 p.m.

The One-Act State Championships will be held in Norfolk on December 10. One team from each District qualifies.

Weather Summary

KENDRA VEIRS, OBSERVER
WEATHER STATION
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP,
ACROSS FROM

ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
8	72	56	0
9	64	53	0
10	72	51	0

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Housing Tour One For the Record Books



Women tour the newly built home of Dan and Katie Blowers, Saturday during the Chamber-sponsored Housing Tour. (Sentinel photo)