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PTC Foundation honors donors

PINE CITY, Minn. – In the welcome from Lori Tapani, President of the Pine Technical College (PTC) Foundation, she stated, “It will be an enchanted evening because of the deeds of everyone here.” Through the efforts of the PTC Foundation Board, the Voyager Bottle Shop, the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce, the Pine Center for the Arts and the “Taste of Pine County” participants, there was much delight to be had.

Over 125 guests visited the North West Company Fur Post in mid-November for this enchanted gathering. While some guests arrived to congratulate donors or to be congratulated themselves, some came to sample the variety of wines presented by the Voyager, some visited to taste the sweet and savory treats of the food vendors, and others gathered to enjoy the soothing sounds of harpist Sally Ahlgren.

The evening began with a program sponsored by the PTC Foundation where President Tapani thanked everyone for gathering and reminded everyone whether they supported the foundation for years or whether their attendance at the event is their first experience – their efforts are appreciated. She also noted since its inception in 2000, the PTC Foundation awarded over 450 scholarships totaling almost \$211,000.

Student speakers shared stories and thanked the foundation donors for ‘making their dreams come true, one scholarship at a time,’ which is the driving idea behind the work of the foundation.

The program finished with an awards ceremony to recognize donors for reaching new levels of giving. President’s Circle awards were presented to US Bank and Bernick’s for reaching a \$10,000 level of giving; a Mentor award was given to the Memorial Hospital Foundation for reaching a \$5,000 level of giving; and Professor awards were presented to DAKA, Minnesota Association of Financial Assistance Supervisors and AGL Consulting for reaching a \$2,500 level of giving.

The PTC Foundation raffled a number of items to collect funds to support the scholarship programs of the foundation. Carrie Hofstad won the grand prize 32” LCD television, which was donated by the Pine City Wal-Mart.

Additionally, the event included the second annual “Taste of Pine County,” where Cabin Coffees, Nelson’s Tastefully Done, Red Dog Billy’s and Sprouts Hometown Market competed for the people’s

choice award. After sampling apple crisp, tangy meats and cheeses, spicy chili and sandwiches, the guests selected Sprouts as the first place winner and Red Dog Billy's as second place.

Robert Musgrove, President of Pine Technical College, concluded the evening by saying, "Because of support from community members, business leaders, partners, and friends we are able to provide so many students with that little extra to help them on their way. Thank you for that."

If you are interested in donating to the Pine Technical College Foundation, contact the Foundation at 320-629-5140.

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