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MARKET OUTLOOK TOPIC OF INSTITUTE

Seven local and regional experts were featured at the 3rd Annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute at MCC on Nov. 13, where they provided valuable continuing education for the numerous attorneys, CPAs, trust officers, insurance professionals and financial planners who attended. Speakers covered topics including investment forecasting, charitable giving, family limited partnerships, sales tax issues and courtroom expert witness tips.

This is the third year the event has been hosted by the MCC Foundation, which encourages local training and networking opportunities for area professionals.

In his keynote address at the institute, internationally recognized, San Francisco-based economist Gary Schlossberg discussed the country's economic and financial market outlook through 2008. Schlossberg, vice president and senior economist for Wells Capital Management in California, is widely quoted in the industry and in media in the San Francisco Bay area, Japan and the United Kingdom.

The institute is presented through the coordinated efforts of The Central Texas Chapter of CPAs, The Heart of Texas Estate Planning Council, The Waco-McLennan County Bar Association, The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Waco and the McLennan Community College Foundation.



Top:
Speaker Trey Cousins
Middle:
Foundation Staff Member Rose DeLeon
Bottom:
Speaker Michael Bourland

*Remember the MCC Foundation
in your annual giving
and estate planning.*

Alumni Spotlight

*Trout Fishing's Ezra Idlet
Remembers MCC Days
With Fondness*



Houston native Chris Idlet, (above, left), better known as Ezra Idlet from the popular folk duo *Trout Fishing in America*, was a student at MCC in 1972-1973, when he played basketball for the Highlanders.

HQ: How did you come to attend MCC?

Idlet: *I was recruited to play basketball for quite a few schools in Texas. When I got to MCC I was knocked*

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JUNIOR LEAGUE GRANT = A PLAYFUL GIFT



Elysa (in pink) and Joseph

The process of updating equipment on the MCC Child Development Center preschool playground got a big boost recently through a \$2,500 grant to the MCC Foundation from the Junior League of Waco. Pam Briggs, Child Development Center Director, said the new molded plastic playground equipment is safer and more durable than the old wooden equipment it replaced.



Aidan, Joseph and Kaitlin conquer the step climber

Aliyah, Nicholas and Peter on the new mushroom climber



Trout, continued

out by the campus. At that time, the basketball players were living in the apartment complex just across the street.

HQ: Did you study music?

Idlet: I didn't study music at MCC. I did, however, do quite a bit of performing at Pappa Rollo's Pizza. It was a great place to work out new tunes and get a feel for what it was like to work an audience.

HQ: How was your experience here?

Idlet: I really loved my time at MCC. Our basketball team was undefeated at home. I made lifelong friends there. It was my transition from life at home to life on my own. After my first year at MCC, I was fortunate enough to find a job as a musician. I've never had to work in any other field and I've loved the life I've lived.

One of the highlights of my music career was coming back to MCC to do a workshop on musical survival. I think you've got a great music program going. If it had been there when I was attending, I would have been all over it.

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FOUNDATION SEEKS SPONSORS FOR 2008 EVENTS

With 2007 rapidly drawing to a close, plans are underway for the Foundation's two major fundraising events of 2008: the Theatre Gala and the Golf Tournament.

THEATRE GALA

The 2008 Foundation Theatre Gala sets sail on **Saturday, March 1, 2008**, featuring a dinner reception at the beautiful Ridgewood residence of Rony and Jackie Gray, followed by the MCC Theatre musical production of the Cole Porter classic "Anything Goes." Sponsorships, which range from the \$500 "Chef's Galley" level to the \$3,000 "Captain's Bridge" level, offer supporters a variety of guest and recognition benefits, as well as a delightful evening of food, music and fun.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 MCC Foundation Golf Tournament on **Friday, Oct. 3, 2008** at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. There are a limited number of \$10,000 Diamond



and \$5,000 Platinum sponsorships available, as well as other levels ranging from \$200 to \$2,500. The Foundation is always seeking quality items for

participant gifts, silent auction items, and raffle prizes.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities at the Foundation, contact Rose DeLeon at 299-8604 or rdeleon@mclennan.edu.

FOUNDATION BOARD HOLDS FALL RETREAT

Encouraging more students to apply for scholarships, developing an infrastructure for alumni outreach, and hosting potential donors for dinners at the new Northwood House were some of the many ideas that came out of an Oct. 13 Foundation board retreat at the Highlander Ranch.

Along with looking ahead, the board also reviewed the Foundation's past performance. Net assets for the Foundation have grown from \$56,000 in 1990 to more than \$7 million this year. Annual Golf Tournament proceeds have grown from just more than \$8,000 in 1996 to \$39,000 this year. And, annual proceeds from Scholarship Night/Theatre Gala events have increased from about \$10,000 in 1997 to a high of \$27,097 in 2006.

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A Glimpse of the Northwood House

In early December, the Foundation organized several gatherings for friends of MCC at the newly remodeled Northwood House. The luncheons and dinner were hosted by Jim and Nell Hawkins, Harry Harelik and Dr. Michaelis.

Since acquiring the historic property earlier this year, the college has done extensive renovations to restore it to its former splendor. Located adjacent to the MCC campus, Northwood House will be available to the community and MCC family for events and retreats.



From left: Heyward and Brooke Taylor, Becky and Claude Lindsey



From left: Mary Aileen and Don Edwards, Cynthia Perry, Carey Hobbs, Nell Hawkins, Ray Perry and Jim Hawkins.



From left: Don Edwards, Lorraine Hoppenstein, Becky Lindsey, David Hoppenstein, Jim and Nell Hawkins

FIRST GENERATION PROGRAM FEATURED IN TG ANNUAL REPORT



The MCC First Generation College Student Initiative will be featured in the 2007 annual report of TG Benefits, the Round Rock-based corporation that has awarded two grants to the program.

TG photographer Heather Vaughan was in Waco on Dec. 7 to meet and photograph about 15 of the students, parents and staff members involved in this unique program.

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