

# **Legacy Gala Event Script**

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**7:20 P.M. BILL TAYLOR:** Ladies and gentlemen, dinner will be served in about 10 minutes. Please make your way to your tables.

**7:25 P.M. BILL TAYLOR:** Dinner will begin in about five minutes. Please find your table. Thank you.

**7:30 P.M. BILL TAYLOR:** Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I want to welcome you to the inaugural Ivy Tech Southern Indiana Legacy Award Gala. If you have not done so, please find your seats. *(pause)*

I am Bill Taylor, Chair of the Regional Board of Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College Southern Indiana and also vice president of Regions Bank in Corydon. Welcome to A Grand Night.

## **PAUSE**

Tonight's Legacy Award Gala was created by Ivy Tech Southern Indiana to honor an individual who has made outstanding contributions to our community. This is our first Gala, and from the very beginning we knew the individual we wanted to honor was Ned Pfau. We believe he has set the standard for generosity and community commitment in Southern Indiana.

You're here tonight because you know him, and appreciate him, as Ivy Tech Southern Indiana does. We thank you for joining us for this elegant celebration. *(pause)*

It's my pleasure to introduce our master of ceremonies for the evening. Dale Orem first came to public prominence in the sporting world, leading the University of Louisville to victory in the Sun Bowl in 1958. He spent 19 years in the National Football League as a referee.

Dale and his family have operated the Locker Room Sporting Good stores in Jeffersonville for many years, and he is well known for his work in public service. He twice served as mayor of Jeffersonville, and has been involved in many civic organizations too. His service to our community continues to this day.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Dale Orem.

**BILL SITS DOWN, DALE COMES UP.**

**DALE OREM:** Thank you all for coming tonight.

**AD-LIB INFORMATION ABOUT HOW HE AND NED KNOW EACH OTHER.**

I want to take just a few moments to thank our sponsors of this event. The Paul Ogle Foundation, the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County and George Pfau's Sons Company are the event sponsors of the evening. Corporate sponsors are Lockett & Farley Architects and Engineers and Your Community Bank. Table sponsors are listed in your program.

Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the success of this important evening. *(pause)*

I want to offer a special welcome to the elected officials who are here tonight. Holding public office is most certainly an important community service, and we want to thank them for that service and for spending some time with us tonight.

We also appreciate the support and participation of the business and education leaders who are joining us for this Legacy Award Gala. Ivy Tech Southern Indiana considers each of you a vital partner in our mission to enhance the economic development of our community.

And we welcome the many Ivy Tech board members and Ivy Tech colleagues with us tonight. You are family and we are so pleased you could be here.

I want to take a moment to recognize our wonderful band. The Speakeasy Jazz Band really makes this evening reminiscent of a bygone era of great jazz and big band standards. Ladies and gentlemen, the Speakeasy Jazz Band.

## **APPLAUSE**

We have a very special dinner planned by Executive Chef Justin McMillen and Executive Sous (*sue*) chef Cory Cuff of the Windsor Restaurant, next door to us here in downtown New Albany. Our menu for tonight is printed in your program.

There is a selection of both red and white wine, which we invite you to enjoy while you are waiting to be served this evening.

You will be served your dinners at your tables. Our program will begin at about 8:15. Bon Appetit!

**AT ABOUT 8:05 p.m., ANDREW AND ROBYN WILL ASSESS HOW DINNER IS GOING AND LET DALE KNOW IF HE SHOULD MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN SOON OR WAIT. OUR GOAL IS TO BEGIN AT 8:15 BUT WE DON'T WANT TO RUSH PEOPLE. WHEN PROMPTED, DALE SHOULD GO TO THE PODIUM TO REMIND OUR GUESTS THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN 10 MINUTES.**

### **ABOUT 8:15 PROGRAM BEGINS**

**DALE OREM:** I hope you all enjoyed your meal. This is a beautiful setting for an elegant dinner, isn't it? Can we give a round of applause for the chef and for the staff of the Grand Theatre? I truly feel we've stepped back in time.

**PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE**

As you finish your desserts, we will begin our program. Please feel free to continue eating. *(pause)*

Anyone who knows Ned Pfau realizes this kind of attention makes him a bit uncomfortable. That's because he's such a humble man. So we decided to start our evening with something that might put him at ease.

Ned, most of us here are well aware of your great love for Bloomington and Indiana University. So we begin our ceremony with words close to your heart and at the core of your legacy.

**DALE LEAVES STAGE OR SITS DOWN OFF TO THE SIDE.**

**SINGER COMES OUT, SINGS, LEAVES STAGE, AS DOES THE**

**JAZZ BAND. AS JAZZ BAND BEGINS EXIT AND APPLAUSE**

**DIES DOWN, DALE COMES BACK TO PODIUM.**

Mrs. Lori Tharp and the Speakeasy Jazz Band, ladies and gentlemen.

*(leads applause).*

Ned, we were also going to have them play the Ivy Tech fight song until we realized we didn't have one...yet. *(pause)*

~~Now comes the part where Ned gets uncomfortable.~~ We are here tonight to honor one of Southern Indiana's most important leaders, Ned Pfau. If you take a look around our community, you'd see dozens of projects and organizations that have been positively impacted by Ned's donations of time, talent and treasure. What is significant about Ned's community involvement is that it often goes far beyond contributing. Time and again, he has been the person who has taken the lead and spearheaded projects. He is **THE** person everyone wants on their project because he has a way of getting things done. *(pause)*

It is my honor to introduce to you another community leader who knows how to get things done. Dr. Rita Hudson Shourds is Chancellor of Ivy Tech Southern Indiana. Dr. Shourds has relied on Ned to help the campus realize a bold new vision of what a community college can be in Southern Indiana.

Under the guidance of Dr. Shourds, the campus has attained record enrollments, increased the number of graduates to historic levels, and created an ambitious plan for the next decade.

Dr. Shourds is leading the campus through a multi-million dollar capital project that will create desperately needed classroom space, a 300-seat auditorium, and a corporate and community center. Dr. Shourds is also planning for the future with the first 20-year site plan in campus history. It includes classroom buildings, a student center, and a forest preserve.

Perhaps even more importantly, Dr. Shourds has engaged Ivy Tech Southern Indiana with its community and encouraged the community to be an active part of the College. All of the great things the campus has achieved these past few years are a result of that partnership. It is just the kind of leadership Ned Pfau can appreciate.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Chancellor Rita Hudson Shourds.

**DALE SITS DOWN.**

## **RITA COMES UP TO THE PODIUM.**

**RITA:** Thank you, Dale.

I want to take a few moments to personally tell you what Ned Pfau's work has meant to Ivy Tech Southern Indiana.

Our campus was founded in 1968. That was 40 years ago. What a long way we've come! Ivy Tech has grown from a small school offering limited vocational courses to a full-fledged community college. In fact, the Ivy Tech Community College system is now the second-largest higher education institution in Indiana.

As Ivy Tech has embraced its expanded mission as a comprehensive community college, Ned has been with us all the way.

Ned has served in official capacities, such as on our regional board of trustees, and now serves on the College's state board of trustees.

He has also been a tremendous resource for getting funding for our capital project. And he has assisted us in securing grant money for campus beautification projects. In fact, the proceeds from tonight's event will benefit projects that will enhance the look of our Sellersburg campus. We count Ned Pfau as a friend, advisor and leader for our campus and our college.

**RITA:** I now want to invite **Bob Shine or "Mr. Shine"** to come to the podium and speak about the Ned Pfau he knows. Mr. Shine has known Ned for most of Ned's career with George Pfau's Sons. Ned's father died in 1965, when Ned was only 22 years old. It was the very same year he graduated from Indiana University.

Ned came into the leadership position of the company much sooner than he anticipated. He turned to Mr. Shine for professional advice as well as friendship, creating a long-lasting relationship.

Mr. Shine himself has an impressive list of community achievements. He has served on the board of overseers of St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad Archabbey Endowment Fund and the Abbey Press.

He has been honored at the New Albany Rotary Club Community Toast and received the chancellor's medallion award from Indiana University Southeast. It's no wonder he and Ned get along so well. They are both truly community minded individuals.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Bob Shine.

**RITA SITS DOWN. BOB COMES TO THE PODIUM. BOB SPEAKS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO CREATE A LEGACY. BOB THEN INTRODUCES THE VIDEO.**

**BOB SHINE:** We've all talked a lot about Ned's contributions to Southern Indiana. There are so many other people who would love to have the opportunity to speak to you about Ned that we thought the best way to bring those thoughts to you would be with a video.

One of the best ways to tell the story of Ned's community involvement is through the power of video. We've spent some time with people who know Ned well and will help you really grasp the amount of work he's done in our community. We'll ask for the lights to be dimmed and will show this video now.

**LIGHTS DIMMED, BOB SHINE IS SEATED, VIDEO COMES UP AND PLAYS. RITA TAKES TO PODIUM AFTER VIDEO.**

**RITA:** We've heard many glowing words about Ned Pfau tonight, and they are all true and genuine. Our community is blessed to have a leader of such character and kindness. Our college is blessed to count him as a friend.

Now, it is finally time to hear from the man himself and present a much-deserved award to him. It's my great pleasure to ask Ned to come forward and receive our very first Ivy Tech Southern Indiana Legacy Award. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Ned Pfau.

**RITA GIVES NED AWARD, NED SETS IT DOWN, SPEAKS.**

**RITA RETURNS TO HER SEAT. AFTER NED IS FINISHED,**

**DALE COMES BACK TO PODIUM.**

**DALE OREM:** This has, indeed, been a Grand Night. We thank you all for joining us here this evening. One small note. The flowers on the table should go home with you or someone at your table. If you'd like to take the flowers from your table, you can simply lift them off of the top of the glass vase and take them along with you. Enjoy them in your home or take them to someone who will appreciate them. Let them remind you of this great night of celebration.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your master of ceremonies. Thank you for your kindness and attention. I would now ask Chancellor Shourds to come forward to complete our evening's festivities.

**RITA GOES TO PODIUM AS DALE RETURNS TO HIS SEAT.**

**RITA:** Thank you, Dale. You've been a wonderful host for this most special of nights.

*(pause)* This first Legacy Award Gala has been more than I ever could have imagined. Ivy Tech Southern Indiana is blessed to have so many good friends in our community, our college and our state. We are humbled by your support and goodwill. And we especially appreciate our award recipient, Ned Pfau. We leave tonight knowing the measure of what a great legacy truly is. *(pause)*

I hope each of you has enjoyed the evening. We did our best to make it a unique and fun experience for all. I thank you with all my heart and wish you the best as you continue making your own legacy in your life and in your community. Thank you and good evening!