

## HAARS NAMED HONORARY BTBJ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT CHAIRS

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A strong connection to the Methodist Church in Cascade, Montana, resulted in an enduring devotion to Rocky Mountain College, according to Jim and Janet Haar, the 2010 Honorary Chairs for RMC's Black Tie Blue Jeans scholarship benefit.

"We're very excited to have the Haars as this year's Honorary Chairs," said Vicki Davison, Rocky Mountain College director of alumni relations and special events. "It's wonderful for us that Janet was aware of the United Methodist affiliation with Rocky through her church and that developed into an affection they've shared for the College."

Black Tie Blue Jeans is the annual scholarship benefit for RMC. It will be held Friday, November 5, 2010, at Billings Hotel & Convention Center. The evening, which begins with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour, features a silent and live auction, followed by a gourmet dinner and dancing to the music of Nye Express. Tickets are available from Davison by calling (406) 657-1005 or emailing [vicki.davison@rocky.edu](mailto:vicki.davison@rocky.edu).

The Haars were born, raised, and educated in Montana.

Jim Haar, who is now High Tech Construction Chairman of the Board, began his career in construction in Billings. By 1971, he was a general contractor, rising from a position in estimating and sales to corporate vice president and general manager. In 1984, Haar, with Scott Chartier and the late Dick Popelka, founded High Tech Construction. Rather than name the company after themselves, they chose a name to represent the application of advanced technological solutions to construction; they also wanted a name that continued beyond the time of the initial owners.

Janet Haar has been involved since the beginning of High Tech as CFO. Jim was president of High Tech for 25 years before being named chairman of the board.

The Haars have been energetic supporters of many community projects. Janet serves on committees for St. Vincent's Healthcare, Billings Clinic, and Relay for Life with her son, Trevor. Janet previously spent twelve years helping with Billings Aquatics Swim Team and numerous years with the Walk To Emmaus Group at First United Methodist Church.

Jim Haar serves on the advisory and board for First Interstate Bank. He has been involved with the Billings Chamber of Commerce, served in Boy Scouts, the MSU College of Technology National Advisory Board, and is managing partner of JKS LLP which specializes in land development and leasing for JKS, HCP, Dirtbags, RMK and KWN construction in Sheridan, Wyoming.

“Both are committed to the success of their community and giving back what so graciously has been given to them,” said RMC President Michael Mace. “They typify the kind of friends of the College that enriches the lives of our students.”

The Haars have two children. Their eldest son, Trevor (Tammy) is owner of Pyramid Cabinet shop in Billings and their youngest, Ryan (Tavey), graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy and is now a navigator with the Navy. They have two granddaughters, Hannah and Marylin.

In 2008, High Tech was in charge of the impressive renovation and construction of Morledge–Kimball Hall on the RMC campus. In 2009, the firm was recognized as RMC's Corporate Philanthropist of the Year.

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