

## **Foundation's fall 2008 dinner raises \$74,000.**

The Center on Aging Foundation's 2008 Annual Dinner was a success. Income from table sales and contributions to the Foundation resulted in \$74,000 in net proceeds. The current year net is approximately \$40,000 more than 2007 and over \$30,000 more than the proceeds from 2006.

This Annual Dinner was established 22 years ago as a benefit for the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging shortly after the Center opened at UK. Proceeds help our Center on Aging continue to conduct groundbreaking research that may lead to better preventative measures and cures.

This year's speaker for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner was William Safire, nationally-known writer, speaker & Chair of the Dana Foundation. He is the winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary, New York Times political columnist and author of a number of books. His political background and experiences set the stage for very interesting commentary during the weeks leading up to our 2008 Presidential election.

Because many within our community may not fully know of the strengths of the Center on Aging, one of the objectives of the dinner is to increase visibility. SBCOA has quietly emerged as one of the premier research centers in our nation. As William Safire noted during his remarks at the dinner, it is up to us to tell about the jewel we have in our own backyard. He also encouraged us to remain active and engaged, to challenge our minds, and to create a plan for the future.

Coverage received from both print, radio & TV was very good for the Center. In addition, KET's Bill Goodman did a segment on his personal interview with William Safire that aired on KET.

Each year the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Foundation at UK presents an interesting speaker. This annual event has offered the opportunity for dinner attendees to enjoy an evening with people such as Coach Wooden, Willard Scott, Andy Rooney, John Glenn, Colin Powell, Barbara Bush, & Robert Dole.

The speaker for 2009 will be Pearse Lyons, President & CEO of Alltech, Inc and the dinner is set for October 6, 2009 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Seating for this special event is available to the public & we encourage everyone to consider supporting it. Individual tickets are \$150 – or \$1500 for a table of 10. Other Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$2,500 & include a table for 10.

For more information about the Foundation, the Annual Dinner, or giving opportunities, contact (859) 323-5374. Or, visit the Foundation's website: [www.uky.edu/coa/](http://www.uky.edu/coa/)