

Carol Saunders: The thrill was back for the 47th Annual Beaux Arts Ball, "One Magical Evening"

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The Lighthouse ArtCenter really delivered an elegant, unforgettable evening with their 47th Annual Beaux Arts Ball, "One Magical Evening, The Thrill is Back" March 5 at Frenchman's Reserve Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens.

It was a dreamy, sparkling evening, complete with golden linens, golden balloons and twinkle lights which grossed \$70,000 for the Lighthouse ArtCenter. .

The black-tie-optional ball, that paid homage to the glamour days of the 1940s, offered a terrific silent auction with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres fine dining and dancing provided by the famous Bob Hoose Orchestra.

Entertainment was offered by vocalist/bandleader Hoose, one of the top 'Sinatra-Style' vocalists in the country today and by John and Olga Elsbury of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Palm Beach Gardens.

Frenchman's Reserve chefs lived up to their usual excellence in dining with a Winter Salad of baby greens with buffalo mozzarella and roasted beets, a dual entrée of prime Angus Filet Mignon and Herb Crusted Filet of Sea Bass, finished with his and hers desserts of Chocolate Marquise and Adelia Raspberry Mascarpone.

Emcee and auctioneer Reed Hartman conducted the live auction that included dinner for 10 at the Lighthouse ArtCenter, donated by Peacock and Lewis Architects and Planners; a trip to Sedona, Arizona; a portrait by Katie Deits, master photographer; a trip to Sonoma Wine Country; a day cruise and lunch on a 116 foot yacht, "Le Bon JouJou, owned by JoAnne Berkow of Rosetta Stone Fine Art; a custom painted portrait by artist Norma Conway; and a 5-day-4-night South African Safari for two people.

Executive director Katie Deits presented the annual Shine Award, to Susan Bardin, member of the Board of Directors.

This award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the Lighthouse ArtCenter who shows exceptional dedication to helping the museum and School of Art fulfill its goals in serving the local arts community.

She followed with a special presentation of a new award, The Wally Bates Award, to Bates for the first year, for valuable volunteer service behind the scenes, to the Lighthouse ArtCenter.

Co-Chairs Dr. Richard and GG Dube, lead the outstanding Event Committee which included Carolyn Austin, Susan Bardin, Evelyne Bates, Julie Silk Beaumont, Andrea Cleveland, Cathy Helowicz, Mary Imle, Denise LeClair-Robbins, Kathleen O'Shaughnessy-Hearn, Rosalie Roush and Kathryn Wong.

Close to 150 guests not only enjoyed silent auction offering the opportunity to bid on a variety of hot-ticket items, including luxurious vacations, golf excursions, and dining experiences, but there were Glam Girls selling hand-painted wine glasses and champagne that entitled a lucky winner to take home a beautiful \$2,500 diamond bracelet donated by Denise LeClair-Robbins in the drawing held at the end of the evening.

Braman MotorCars BMW Jupiter were dinner sponsors and major sponsors were DEX Imaging, Elliot Paul & Company, Northern Trust, Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc. and WJTW 100.3 FM.

Beaux Arts Ball donors were Evelyne and Wally Bates, Rea Elias, Ernie Els, John and Mary Harper, The Rev. Mary P. Howard, Drs. Burt and Melanie Huron, The Charles Kirschs, Elizabeth Neuhoff, Northern Trust, Drs. Vincent and Anne Palumbo, Ruth Petzold and Gil and Mason Walsh.

Julie Silk Beaumont sponsored and created the centerpieces and painted wine glasses and Tracey Roedl, LAC jewelry instructor, sponsored and created the 2011 Shine Award jewelry.

Proceeds of the Beaux Arts Ball will help support the Lighthouse ArtCenter's extensive programming at the Museum and School of Art, which provide enrichment in the arts to the local community and its visitors through museum exhibitions, art classes, and events.

For more information on the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum, School of Art, and its exhibitions, programs and events, visit www.LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101.

JMC celebrates the Kristin Hoke Breast Health Program

The Jupiter Medical Center hosted a reception to announce the hospital's new Kristin Hoke Breast Health Program, at a reception Feb. 16 at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa in Jupiter.

Hospital dignitaries, relatives of Hoke, local physicians, supporters and JMC Board members attended the cocktail celebration that featured the presentation about the new program that honors the late news anchor whose courageous public battle with cancer continues to inspire countless women.

The program is the first and only one of its kind in Palm Beach County to achieve full accreditation by the American College of Surgeons' National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC).

Kristin Hoke, WPBF-TV Channel 25's award –winning anchorwoman and breast cancer patient, passed away June 9, 2010 after a five-year battle with the disease. Hoke took her fight public in a series of video journals that documented every step of her treatment. The journals, narrated by close friend and colleague Tiffany Kenney, also a WPBF-TV anchorwoman, who was there with other fellow workers and friends of Hoke's.

Board chairman Joseph Taddeo, President/CEO John Couris and John A.P. Rimmer, M.D., medical director of the Kristin Hoke Breast Health Program hosted the reception that included cocktails and hand-passed hors d'oeuvres.

When speaking the crowd assembled, Rimmer said, "It is only fitting that this new program be named after Kristin Hoke. Kristin was an amazing woman whose indomitable spirit of hope and enduring "joie de Vivre" touched all of us who has the privilege to treat or know her."

Of receiving the official approval of the NAPBC, Rimmer said, "Accreditation is rigorous and recognizes only institutions that meet or exceed its standards of excellence. I am proud to say that Jupiter Medical Center is the first and only center to do so in Palm Beach County."

The Kristin Hoke Breast Health Program addresses every aspect of breast health, bringing together expertise and advanced technology in a convenient, closely coordinated and compassionate setting, " said Dr. Rimmer.

For more information about the program, visit www.jupitermedical.com/breasthealth or call Gail Cooper-Parks at 561- 427-0128.