Sen. Birch Bayh will chair cancer benefit

SEN. BIRCH BAYH

Senator Birch Bayh, D-Ind., has been named honorary chairman of the 1979 Celebrity Showcase Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event will take place on Oct. 11. Theme of the fourth annual auction will be "Masterpiece '79." Showcase watchers at Guzman's Gallery of Furniture in Southfield will be designed to reflect the life styles and personal tastes of this year's special celebrities.

Mayor Coleman Young, Gov. Donald Riegle, Sen. Carl Levin, Lynda Johnson Robb and Sen. Edward Kennedy are among those political figures invited to attend the gala event.

The showcase room settings will be executed the morning of Oct. 11 along with a variety of unusual auction items donated by local businessmen and some public figures.

Included among the auction items promised so far are a Bill Blass original donated by the designer and a commemorative medallion presented to members of his cabinet by the late President John F. Kennedy.

The auction will be conducted by J.B. Charles of the Parisian gallery of that name.

Bayh will present the proceeds of the event to the society in honor of his late wife.

In 1975, Senator and Mrs. Bayh led the American Cancer Society's effort to enroll and fund raising crews for its Reach to Recovery program.

Mrs. Marvella Bayh was the National Chairwoman of the crusade in 1974 and continued to act as a spokeswoman for the society until her death last spring.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Bayh has been an influential force in directing funds to the National Cancer Institute, the federal cancer control agency.

Most recently he supported legislation to include the Pap test in the Medicare program.

Members of the committee for the Celebrity Showcase Auction include Rosette Aljuni, Beverly Lopatin, Harriet Shear, Joan Rodecker and Lynne Deutch.

Co-chairwomen for the event are Marge Manoogian and Dolly Schiciano.

Admission tickets are $15.50 and include hors d'oeuvres and an auction catalog. For information, call the American Cancer Society, 29500 Southfield Road, at 557-5353.

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