

Garden Party 2000

St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center benefit raises \$282,000

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Road construction that hampered access to the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center didn't dampen spirits of the 1,100 party-goers attending the annual Garden Party fund-raiser June 4.

The 13th annual gala on center grounds at Twelve Mile and Inkster roads in Farmington Hills raised \$282,000 for the center's programs for infants, children and families in crisis in southeast Michigan.

It was sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

Three massive blue-and-white striped tents were filled with restaurateurs from 50 of the

metro Detroit areas finest eating establishments. They offered tantalizing appetizers, entrees and desserts to guests, who moved progressively through the tents and later sat at tables nearby to listen to the music of jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic and his band.

In the dessert tent, guests could bid on items in a silent auction, which featured tickets to Tiger's baseball and Viper's hockey games as well as a week's stay in a Vail, Colo. condominium, a spa package, food baskets and more.

The highest silent bid of the afternoon was \$1,500 for a ticket block donated by WJR radio.

It included four tickets to a Tiger's game, four tickets to a University of Michigan football

game, four Red Wings game tickets and two tickets to a Lions football game.

Wine auction popular

The afternoon was capped by a live auction of fine and rare wines conducted by celebrity auctioneers Huel Perkins of WJBK FOX2 and Dick Purtan of Oldies 104.3 WOMC.

The highest bid in the live auction was \$4,500 for 12 bottles of wine donated by Ren and Elaine Weiser. It included a 1945 Chateau Lynch Bages Grand Cru Classe Pauillac and a 1983 Chateau Beychevelle, St. Julien.

Last year the center marked completion of its first ever capital campaign which raised \$4 million to renovate six residen-

tial cottages housing the 60 children in the residential treatment program.

The original facility had been built in 1929.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committees to help secure sponsorship and advertising, manage public relations activities, and work at the Garden Party and ArtShare, an annual November fund-raiser for the center.

Garden Party committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in January.

ArtShare committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Call Dorothy Dugan at 828-7627, ext. 3115 for more information.



Beverly Liss

Beverly Liss has assumed the presidency of Adat Shalom Synagogue. She was installed on Friday, June 2.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, Liss received a degree in social work from the University of Texas. When she married Arthur Liss 25 years ago, she married into a family whose roots go back to the founding days of Adat Shalom. Both Beverly and Arthur have been long-time committed members of the congregation, and Beverly has held numerous offices and chairmanships.

Beverly Liss has had extensive leadership experience in the Detroit Jewish community, serving as president of the Women's Department of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit since 1988. She was campaign chairman from 1996-98 and was the first chairwoman and helped to create the federation's Women's Choices program.

Outstanding service

She has sat on the Fisher Foundation Board and the executive committee of the federation's board of governors. For her outstanding service to the federation, she was recognized in 1987 with the Sylvia Simon Greenberg Young Leadership award. She has also been active

Adat Shalom gets new president

on the boards of Hillel Day School, the Jewish Community Center, the Agency for Jewish Education, Bar Ilan and many other organizations.

The Lisses have three children. Jeremy, an attorney in Chicago, is engaged to Stephanie Pinsky. They will be married in December. Their daughter, Lindsey Liss, also works and lives in Chicago. Their son, Zachary, attends the University of Michigan.

"I am excited about the next two years at Adat Shalom," said Liss. "We have great people and active leaders on our board, and I'm looking forward to two challenging, productive years."

The following were also elected at Adat Shalom's annual meeting last month to serve the synagogue for the coming year: first vice president Larry Wolfe and Tobi Fox; vice president Paul Magy; recording secretary David Schostak; treasurer Allan Nachman; and executive committee members at large Michael Gellis and Barbara Kappy.

Newly-elected members of the board of trustees are Larry Rockind, Jeff Supowit and Gary Shiffman.

Mel Foster, Paul Goldsmith, Richard Ketchel and Ralph Woronoff were elected to serve on the Memorial Park Board.

Radio host's Greek pizza helps Rainbow Connection

As part of Buddy's Pizza ongoing "Got Pizza? Give Dough!" campaign, flutist and smooth jazz 98.7 morning show host Alexander Zonjic is helping to raise funds for Rainbow Connection, a children's charity.

When you order the Greek pizza at Buddy's, 31846 North-western Highway in Farmington Hills, a portion of the proceeds

will be donated to Rainbow Connection.

The Greek pizza includes feta and Wisconsin brick cheese, spinach, roasted garlic, red onion, diced tomato and dill, and served with a homemade Greek dressing.

The campaign is modeled on well-known the Got Milk? campaign.

Broe choir ready to perform

During the summer months, the Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir will be available to perform in area nursing homes, churches, hospitals and community events.

The Broe Choir is a unique, traveling, a cappella choir composed of individuals recovering from traumatic brain injuries at the Broe Rehabilitation Services, on Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Performances are free of

charge.

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