

(From left) Walsh College trustee William Jones of Birmingham and wife Marion visit with Priscilla and Huel Perkins of Troy. The Joneses displayed

## Gala aids students

sonally presented their works, offered insight into their art, and shared the rare stories behind their works.

More than 200 guests gathered to celebrate the arts and support student success at Walsh College's first Gala held

Walsh Colleges tirst cana nexa at the Novi campus recently. With the help of presenting sponsots, Bob Sellers Fontiac GMC and the Walsh College Alumni Association, the event raised more than \$14,000 in support of a newly established Novi scholarship fund and art endowment.

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"The Gala was a tremendous show of true community as trustees, business leaders from the Novi arra, and friends of the College came together and shared a unique evening for the arts," said Walsh Persident Keith Petery. Their efforts will enable signals students to over-demie success and add their name to the long list of business leaders Walsh has produced over the years."

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Patrom were treated to a strelling dinner catered by Unique Resfaurant Corporation, while cheeses to accompany the wine and savory deserts were provided by Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace.

Wine enthusiasts at the event heard commentary from Market Sommelier Madeline Triffon and Sommelier Rick Rubel as they tasted such rare wines as a 1981 Opus One and a 1985 Diamond Creek from the Red Rock Ternec Vineyard, a vineyard producing only 600 cases of wine a vera, compliments of the private cellars of Bob Cummings.

Art lovers viewed the works of Alphonse Mucha from the personal collection of Walsh Trustee Pat Kurtz and husband Don, Zimbabwean Shona Sculpture from the collection of Walsh Trustee Pat Kurtz and husband Don, Zimbabwean Shona Sculpture from the collection of Walsh Trustee Pat Kurtz and husband Don, Zimbabwean Shona Sculpture from the collection of Walsh Trustee Pat Kurtz and husband Don, Zimbabwean Shona Sculpture from the collection of Walsh Trustee William Jones and wife Marterolor lithographs depiching sports heroes by Doug West from the Jack Krasula collection. Guests had the opportunity to meet two of the featured artist as West and Korab per-

## Run/Walk to benefit MDA

The Farmington Hills Police Department is hosting its 14th annual Cops For Kids 10k and 5k Run/Walk for MDA.

The event is being held at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 14, with registration starting at 8 a.m. It includes a 10k race, a non-competitive sK run/walk and a free one-mile run the kids.

Cost per entry is 200, which includes a Tablitz, food, and drinks. Registration forms may be obtained on the Veb at www.d. farmington-hills. mixus or by calling Officer Brian Bastianelli at (248) 473-9615. In the past 13 years, the

In the past 13 years, the police department has raised more than \$53,000 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy

the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
Police Chief William Dwyer said, "It is our hope that local runners will support this wor-thy cause by participating in this charitable event."



## VOLUNTEER

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communist rule.

'Jim is the kind of person
who leads by example,' the
minister said. 'He's son's-spaken, but thorough and wellorganized. He teachers a volunterr to do tasks they never
thought they could do in the
hullding trades... And Jim has
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people.

Miller's latest accomplishment is helping a small
Methodist church in Prague
organize a Christian Help
Center by gathering building
supplies as well as fixing up
the building and grounds.
The center helps displaced
people get their lives back in
order, Miller said.

In 2001, Miller and his wife,
Beverly, principal at the High
Meadow Common Campus,
visited the church in Prague.

"I got very enthusiastic about it," Miller said.
He and about 12 other church members went back to help the church remodel its Christian Help Center.
The building was used as a Methodiat Church before the Communist takeover, then served as an orphanage.
In 1999, the building, also known as the Cautle, was given back to the Methodiat Church.
"I was so impressed with the way they were forging ahead and making it work in a short time," Miller said.
He started helping others as a host for youth group trips to Appalachia.
When he retired as a teacher

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When he retired as a teacher
with Garden City Schools, he
visited a mission in Costa Rica
seven times to help build their

ministry.

The effort in the Czech
Republic is something with
which he and his wife plan to
stay involved; another visit



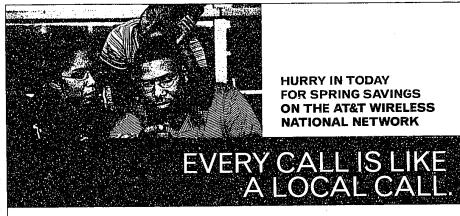
Jim Miller, center, is pictured with Mayor of Prague II, Michal Basch, and the Mayor of all of Prague, Pavel Bem.

with other Birmingham United Methodist members is planned this summer.

"I was sure when I went there that this place is impor-tant to help with in the people lives and religion," Miller said. Ritter said helping Methodist churches in the

Czech Republic is part of the Birmingham church's mission to aid the people of Eastern Europe after the fall of the communist rule. "It's a wonderful relationship we have with them," he said.

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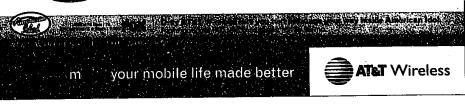


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