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A Tradition Worth Celebrating Continues

By Richard Weinstein, President & COO Ocean Reef Community Foundation

Having just finished the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's All Charities Weekend, the number one question we are asked is, "How did you do"? While we cannot yet answer that question in terms of the total funds that we raised, we do already know that the fun traditions and excitement for Members bidding on unique offerings from the Club was apparent. That included 78 bids on a private in-home sushi lesson from ORC Executive Sushi Chef Eric Andreu, 42 bids on the Raw Bar's Billy Ronk Chicken Wings and 37 bids to be King and Queen of Reef Treats.

To return the honor and in celebration of the Club's 75th Anniversary, **Michael Berman**, Vice Chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, opened Saturday's evening gala with a special presentation. Berman opened saying, "With a nod to this year's theme '**Honoring the past and building for the future**' to the first gala in 1994, when Herb Matthews sold a bottle of Ripple for \$10,000, we would like to present the Club with this custom-designed 12-liter wine bottle. It is a true work of art created and donated by **Linda** and



Town Hall was filled with energy, and bidding.



2023 Gala Chairs Anne Marie Peretz, Kelly Hertzman, Barbara Olcott



Madeleine and Brad Williams



Bonny and Rob Gothier

Steve Sherwin of Sherwin Family Vineyards." The bottle is decorated with hand-placed crystals and painted with the Club's 75th anniversary logo. He noted special thanks to Alex Tonarelli, **Ray Larkin**, **Charlie Johnston** and the Club's entire Board of Directors for their unprecedented support of our efforts.

Berman then thanked our Preferred Partners. "These businesses help underwrite the event and provide auction items that guarantees our success. NetJets, Northern Trust, Marsh McLennan, Baptist Health, Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty, Mary Lee & John Lee's Fine Wine Society, Wheels

Up, Somerset Charters, Haute Explore, Seaborne Cruise Lines, Lexus of Kendall and Lexus of West Kendall, Barton and Gray Mariners Club, and Baer's Furniture and Interior Design, and, of course, Lester Lampert Jewellers."

Event co-chairs **Barbara Olcott**, **Kelly Hertzman** and **Anne Marie Peretz**, stepped on stage to briefly share their thoughts and thanks. Barbara reminded everyone that Ocean Reef Club is all about each of the Members in the room and bidding online - that "we are what makes this special place a Club".

Kelly stepped to the microphone next and thanked

AROUND THE REEF

10th Anniversary Art & Fashion Walk Saturday, February 18

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fishing Village

Sip champagne and enjoy local artists, live music, r.f. Orchids flower demonstrations at noon and 12 p.m., and the Fashion Show beginning at 1 p.m. Plus, special store giveaways.

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the Silent Auction chairs **Susie Misini Hassett** and **Cathy Totonis** for their hard work and the stunning look of the Silent Auction room. She added thanks for the Foundation staff and the talented culinary and catering team from the Club including Erwin Pals, Philippe Reynaud, Christian Sarquis and Sean Carroll. Anne Marie then kicked us off by demonstrating how to make the evening successful as she raised her bid paddle (a converted Pickleball paddle with her bid number on it) and the auction was underway.



Steve Sherwin, of Sherwin Family Vineyards, and Michael Berman, Vice Chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, present the custom-designed 12-liter wine bottle donated to the Club by Linda and Steve Sherwin.

So, the question on everyone's mind remains, "How did you do?" We are finalizing the numbers but we already know we will once

again make a difference in the lives of those that rely on us outside the gates, as well as those who enjoy all of the Ocean Reef non-profits



2023 Silent Auction Chairs Susie Misini Hassett and Cathy Totonis will serve as the 2024 Gala Chairs.

that provide this unique way of life. After all, a successful All Charities is our biggest tradition.

And the Winners Are...



by Sean Carroll,
Director of Beverage

Of the many wonderful events that take place during All Charities Weekend, one of the Members' favorites is voting on what new wines will be featured property-wide on all Club wine lists. As in year's past, there were 10 white wines and 10 red wines to choose from. It was a wonderful turnout last Friday, keeping up with Ocean Reef traditions. So here are your 2023 All Charities wines:

2022 Long Meadow Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, Rutherford, California

In the late 1800s, the majestic Long Meadow Ranch property thrived with vineyards, apple orchards, olive groves, hay and a goat milk dairy until farming fell dormant during Prohibition. Over the following years, the property became swallowed by the encroaching forest until the Halls bought the property in 1989. The Hall family carefully breathed life back into the land, nurturing it back to its glory, and then some, by cutting back the abandoned olive trees and replanting the vineyards and apple orchards as you see them growing today. Home to the Mayacamas Estate, the rugged 650-acre landscape nestled in the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains also gave way to a long, sweeping meadow, thus the name Long

Meadow Ranch was born. An excellent Rutherford growing season produced lovely uniform Sauvignon Blanc fruit that resulted in an outstanding wine full of concentration and complexity. A mouthwatering acidity adds energy to elegant aromas of lemongrass, grapefruit, Bearss lime, honeydew melon, and kiwi that were retained in the precision of a slow cold fermentation.

2021 Orin Swift "Abstract" Red Blend, California

One of many definitions of the word abstract, is a summary of something larger, encompassing the crucial elements, making it easy to comprehend on the fly. Abstract, in its own way, is an abstract of Orin Swifts winemaking mission. It will always have his signature drinkability, comprised of fruit from quality vineyards across California and creates

conversations—be it about the wine or the label. For those new to Orin Swift, Abstract is a beloved starting point. An opaque purple core with a glowing mauve rim, the 2021 Abstract brings forth opening aromas of muddled blue and blackberries with a frame of dark chocolate brownie and seasoned leather. The wine enters with class, being soft and lush, with notes of ripe plum, boysenberry and Santa Maria tri-tip. Grippy, chewy tannins, the wine closes with pleasing sarsaparilla and blackcurrant. It is a blend of Grenache, Petite Sirah and Syrah.

These wines will be making their debut in all outlets starting next week as we get new wine lists printed throughout property. As always, they will be in Port O' Call as well.

"Love the wine you're with."
Cheers!



ALL CHARITIES

The Heart of Ocean Reef

February 10-12 2023

HONORING THE PAST AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE WAS THE ALL CHARITIES THEME FOR 2023. IN THAT SPIRIT, OPPORTUNITIES TO DO GOOD WHILE HAVING FUN WERE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, CULMINATING WITH THE GALA AND LIVE AUCTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN TOWN HALL.



Dominic Di Napoli



Shirley and Si Johnson



Sally Davidson, Tony Domingues, Jennifer Davidson



Diane and Mike Jones with daughter Kelly



Iggy and Laura Sanchez with Andrew and Florie Perellis



Barbara Hajim



Alvaro and Lily Demoya, Jim and Susie Hassett, Art Berry and Staci Barkalow



Chuck and Sheila Wagner



Katie Rossborough and Bill Rowley with Craig and Frances Lindner



Paul and Barbara Ferri with Marilyn Clark and John Karlovec