IT'S TIME FOR THE
ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
2010 SPRING FUNDRAISER GALA

Dance to the Big Band
sounds of the 1940's

Hollywood Canteen

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH, 2010
6:00PM BARRETT HALL
Hello SJF Families! It’s that time of year again!
Plans for our annual Spring Fundraiser are in full swing!

A night at the “Hollywood Canteen” promises to be an exciting event you won’t want to miss. Featuring the Big Band sounds of the Richard Allen Orchestra paying tribute to the musical greats of the 1940’s, surprise guest entertainers, nostalgic food, drinks and treats...all of which will transport you back to a bygone era!

The annual Spring Fundraiser Gala is our school’s largest fundraising event and a major production to mount. The success of this event relies heavily on the generous help from our family volunteers and donors!

Attached you will find information on donating items to our Live and Silent Auction with suggestions from our “Wish List”; Underwriting opportunities; and a list of areas in which we will need your help!

Come help us make this fundraiser our most successful event yet!

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Spring Fundraiser Underwriting

Your tax deductible contribution is needed for our upcoming 2010 annual fundraiser. Underwriting allows us to offset the cost of this thrilling event by allowing us to allocate most of the money raised right back to St. John Fisher School and our children! To keep tuition low and standards high we need your help. The following underwriting opportunities are available. Please complete the form below and submit it as soon as you can to the office. Checks should be made out to SJF with “underwriting” in the memo spot. Thank you for your generosity and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Aimee Gesseck
Underwriting Chair

Family Name_____________________________________

Sponsor a Hollywood Canteen Orchestra Member - $300 per member*
Musical Director/ Piano
Bass
Drums
Guitar
Lead Trumpet
2nd Trumpet
Trombone
Tenor Sax
Alto Sax
Baritone Sax
*donors name and photo will appear on band front

Additional Underwriting Opportunities

Decorations ~ $150 ______
Invitations ~ $125 ______
Rick’s “Here’s looking at you kid” Bar ~ $225 ______
“The Nostalgia Café” Cuisine ~ $300 ______

Sponsorship Levels:
MGM ~ $1,000 ______
Paramount ~ $500 ______
Warner Brothers ~ $750 ______
RKO ~ $250 ______
“WISH LIST” FOR AUCTION ITEMS

Please consider suggestions from this wish list as items to donate to our fundraiser. Team up with other families to create a unique ‘theme basket’ or special event such as an outing or private party. You may also approach your place of business for possible tickets to a sporting, music, or theatrical event. The sky’s the limit so put on your creative thinking caps!

Deadline for turning in your auction items is Friday February 12th.

Frequent Flyer Miles to….anywhere!
Vacation Homes, Time Shares
Tickets/Box Seats to a Sporting Event, Concert or Theatrical
Meet a celebrity…sports, music, television or film. This always excites bidders!
Hollywood: Tickets to a sit-com taping, Visit to a set, Walk-on roles in a TV show!
Autographed memorabilia
Golf package: tee times, lessons, equipment
Ski package: lift tickets, equipment…maybe even a hotel room or lodge?
Theme parties…host an Oscar party, Beach BBQ, Wine & Cheese, or Children’s Party!
Private club entrance: lunch, cocktails
Parents Night Out: Babysitting, Limo, Movie passes, Dinner
Kid’s Day Out: Host one or two kids at Disneyland, Movie day, Mulligans etc.
Professional Services: tutoring, taxes, maid service, painting etc.
Mother’s Pamper Package: Massage, Facial, Mani-pedi, lunch
Donation of fine wines or tour a California Winery…last year’s bus tour was a hit!
Classes: cooking, art, dance,
Sponsor a child for two weeks of summer camp, musical theatre camp at the Norris “Sweets-A-Month” for a year! Freshly baked homemade goodies hand delivered!
Reading Basket: Books, Book club membership
Dental package: Check-up, teeth whitening, supplies etc.
Wii, Xbox, Nintendo…all electronic games are popular!
Donate your time to tutor, childcare,
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Everyone has a talent they can share! Perhaps your strength is in public relations and you’d like to make follow up calls to potential donors? If you’re more artistic we need a lot of creative help converting Barrett Hall into WWII’s Hollywood Canteen! Each family is required to perform three service hours toward the Spring Fundraiser. This event truly is a “team effort” and everyone’s talent is needed and deeply appreciated. Take a look at the list below to see where your talents may best be used. Look for future announcements on SchoolSpeak for specific days and time slots. Thank you to all the volunteers who have already donated more than their share of hours!

- Decorations/Ambiance: Help Design/Create ideas, Transforming Barrett Hall into WWII “Hollywood Canteen” nightclub
- Centerpieces: Tables will be named after 40’s era Movie Studios and/or films…or WWII Military references: General, Colonel etc.
- Scheduling Volunteer Hours/Shifts
- Set-up (one or two days before and day of)

AUCTION HELP:
- Follow Up Calls
- Gopher (to go for auction items that need picking up)
- Auction Baskets (Need creative team good at organizing and wrapping baskets)
- Auction Display (Help to set up our “Theme” rooms w/creative ambiance)
- Catalog Description Writer
- Classroom Projects (Led by Room Moms)

NIGHT OF EVENT:
- Check-In (One Hour Shifts. 4 people @ 7pm & 2 @ 8pm)
- Bar Chair & Staff ASSIGNED: Helene Manestar
- Drink Tickets Sales ASSIGNED: Lauren Haponski
- Roaming “Silent Auction Supervisors”
- Bid From the Heart Runners (Collect Heart Bids)
- Check Out Team ASSIGNED: Abbey Wagner
- Break down/Clean up Crew

POST EVENT
- Post-Fundraiser Check Out/Auction Item Distribution Center
- Thank You notes
Fundraiser FAQ

What is the Spring Fundraiser?
The annual Spring Fundraiser is St. John Fisher School’s largest fundraising event of the year. Always a fantastic evening to look forward to, our gala usually features cocktails, dinner, entertainment as well as our silent and live auctions. All proceeds from this event provide much needed funds for our school which directly benefits and enriches our children’s experience as students at SJF.

When and where is the fundraiser being held?
The date of our gala event, “Hollywood Canteen”, is Saturday March 13th at 6pm in Barrett Hall.

How many service hours am I required to perform for the Spring Fundraiser?
Three! It’s been raised by one hour this year. A beautiful event such as this takes a ‘team’ of people to produce. There are many areas where your talents can best be utilized!

I work full time, when will I be able to find the time to perform my service hours?
We can work with any schedule. There are so many areas we need help in that we will be able to assign jobs that can be performed in the comfort of your own home, or on the weekends!

If both spouses (Husband and Wife) perform hours for the fundraiser will they each receive credit for those hours?
YES!!

What kind of job can I volunteer for?
Everyone has a talent they can share! Perhaps your strength is in public relations. You can make follow up calls to our potential business donors. If you’re more artistic, we need a lot of assistance converting Barrett Hall into a WWII nightclub! Whatever your strengths are, we will find a job that is perfect for you! Please take a look at today’s hand out and in the future School Speak!

What are we required to donate to the fundraiser?
As per the SJF Parent Handbook…each family is required to buy two tickets to the event, regardless of whether you plan to attend or not. Each family is also required to purchase, or sell, $100 worth of Hawaiian Opportunity Drawing raffle tickets. Each family is required to donate or solicit/obtain an item for the Silent or Live Auction.
Is there a minimum amount I must spend on my auction item donation?
There is NO minimum amount required. In fact, your donated item does not even have to cost you a cent! If you have a business you frequent and you solicit and obtain an auction item from that business…that counts as your item donated to the auction! So put your thinking caps on…maybe a friend or family member own a business that would like to donate an item? Maybe your hairdresser or your favorite restaurant would donate? Does the company you work for have season tickets to a sporting event? Perhaps they’d like to donate one night! Anything goes!

When is the deadline for my auction item to be submitted?
All auction items must be submitted by Friday January 29th.

What happens if I don’t donate an item to the auction?
If you do not donate or obtain an item for the auction then you will be required to purchase an ad in the “Magical Memory Book” which is distributed at the end of the school year.

How else can I help?
Producing an event such as this is never an inexpensive endeavor which is why we are always looking for Sponsors and Underwriters! Please check SchoolSpeak to download the latest flyer that itemizes Underwriting opportunities. Again, turn to your resources: friends, family, your place of business, businesses you frequent. You can sponsor an “Orchestra member”, or a food station. Secure your seat for the evening and sponsor a table at the event! Underwriting opportunities are priced so that there is something affordable for any level of sponsorship!

If I can never attend a meeting, how can I keep informed of what is going on?
Schoolspeak will always have the latest updates. Additionally, we will continue to communicate with our school families via emails, flyers, and phone announcements! You will not be kept out of the loop! If you have any questions, at any time, please feel free to contact either Marlise Boland or Lisa Traynor.

How did Marlise Boland convince Lisa Traynor to take on the job of “Auction Chair”
…ancient Chinese secret!

THANKS!
Marlise Boland and Lisa Traynor