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ASHLEY LAUREN FOUNDATION'S INAUGURAL BUTTERFLY BALL



The Ashley Lauren Foundation (ALF) recently held their Inaugural Butterfly Ball at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch with approximately 275 people in attendance. The mission of this non-profit organization is to provide hope and help for New Jersey children and their families when facing pediatric cancer. This organization has been in existence since 2005, working to alleviate financial burdens so that parents can put all of their concentration on their child as they face their daily battle with cancer. The event honored local business leader **Jim Spinella**, founder and CEO of Hdlogix, Inc. and his wife **Linda** of Colts Neck (couple on left), who are the owners of Yellow Brook Farm. The farm has been the perfect place for events with some of the children diagnosed with cancer since the kids can interact with the two Clydesdales that call the farm their home. The Spinellas are pictured with **Monica Vermeulen**, founder and executive director of the ALF.

From above left: **David DeDominicis**, **Cynthia Soto** and **Victoria Ali** (board members) with **Linda and Jim Spinella** and **Diane Lehman** and **Kevin Burton** (board member). Diane is the president of the ALF board of trustees while Victoria Ali served as the Butterfly Ball chair and is the vice president of the board of trustees.



The Vermeulen family: **Ashley Lauren**, **John**, **Monica** and **Eric**. Ashley was diagnosed with stage 3 kidney cancer when she was three years old and has been the inspiration behind the founding of the ALF by her mother.

From left: **Howard Levine** and **Lou Russo** (both ALF board members) with honorees **Linda and Jim Spinella**, **Monica Vermeulen** and **Carolyn Walker** (also a board member).



Mary Ann Larkin, **Harry Sassaman** and **Carol Stillwell** enjoyed the cocktail hour. Mary Ann and Carol were committee members and the donors of the wine favors and the beautiful table centerpieces (along with Jack Privetera).

Pictured are entertainment sponsors **Laura and David McCaleb** (of W. B. Wood) with ALF board member **Lori Klein** (immediate past board president).



From left: **Jim and Linda Spinella**, **Lourdes** and **Zak Chivi** and **Linda** (committee member) and **Dr. Edward Allegra**. Lourdes Chivi represented Leonardo Jewelers of Red Bank, the generous donors of a beautiful Rolex watch, which was a live auction item.

The Butterfly Ball committee and event honorees assembled on the stairs at the Ocean Place for a group photo.



From left: **John and Dawn Reinhardt**, **Ann Nahum**, **Carol Stillwell**, **Dr. Kenneth Nahum** and **Mary Ann Larkin**.

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COUNT BASIE THEATRE FOUNDATION KICKS OFF GALA 2012



The Annual Gala to benefit the Count Basie Theatre Foundation will be held on June 29 and will feature a concert by legendary artists Crosby, Stills and Nash. A kick-off reception recently took place in the Theatre's Carlton Lounge to announce the good news to supporters, committee members and friends of the Basie. More good news is that the 2012 Gala will honor **Maggie Riker** (who is a member of the CBT Foundation board) and co-chairs will be **Alison Friedel** (left) and **Kristina Lucas** (right). Maggie has been a generous supporter of the Basie through the years in many ways.



Joining in with the festivities at the Carlton Lounge immediately following a theater board meeting were (from above left): **John Ekdahl** (board member and Mayor of Rumson), **Marshall Knopf** (board member), **Mark Hodges** (CEO of the CBT Foundation) and **Steve Cutler** (vice chair for CBT Foundation board of directors).



From above left: **Beth Gianotto**, **Ed Zipprich** (theatre board members) and **Joanna Leddin**.



From left: **Russ Lucas** (chairman of CBT Foundation board), **Quinn McKean**, **Carrie Keating**, **Joanne Clark** and **Avery Brighton** (committee members).



Maria Schultz, **Elise Pritchard**, **Chip Schultz** (board member) and **Chris Hetzler** got together for a photo during the kick-off reception (all committee members).



Numa Saisselin (right) is the CEO of the Count Basie Theatre (now in his 10th year) and is joined by (from left): **Peter Seligman**, **Al Weiss**, **Ray Moser** and **Michael Parent** (all theatre board members). Ray Moser is the chairman of the theatre board of trustees.



Peter Reinhart and **Nancy Byrne Reinhart** (couple on left) are joined by **Karen** and **Tom Hyland** (committee members).



From left: **Phyllis Lampell**, **Rachel Warnick** (director of special events for the CBT Foundation), **Patrice Keesser** and **Susan Madden**.



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RBR PTO'S LADIES LUNCHEON "BUBBLES, BAGS AND BLING!"



The ladies of the RBR PTO recently held their fundraising luncheon themed "Bubbles, Bags and Bling" at the Oyster Point Hotel. The luncheon was a sold out event and featured many fabulous gift baskets which attendees were very excited to win. The RBR PTO would like to thank the many families and merchants who made the chance auction a great success. The RBR PTO is a welcoming and dedicated community of parents who supply much support to the students and staff of the school, both financially and physically. **Ilene Reynolds** (left) is the co-president of the RBR PTO and is joined by committee members **Karen Lloyd**, **Mary Beth Campanella**, **Gail Van Winkle** and **Maggie Simon**, the other co-president of the RBR PTO.



Committee members include (from left): **Debbie Von Schondorf**, **Carol Karalewich**, **Meg Gerth**, **Lucy Bogdon** (in back), **Ida Keiper**, **Carmelina MacPherson** and **Cindy Foster**.

From left: **Theresa Manning**, **Deena Reilly**, **Kim McAdam**, **Mary Lou Mannino** and **Beth Lloyd** (all committee members).

A TASTE OF TWO RIVERS WILL BENEFIT COMMUNITY YMCA



Debbie Orrigo, **Brianna Orrigo** and **Heather Bunge** enjoyed the sunny afternoon at the Oyster Point.



RBR Principal **Risa Clay** (second from right) is joined by a great group of RBR PTO supporters which include **Jan Ketner** (left), **Jhanna Even**, **Eileen Caruso** and **Judy Bonanno** (right).



Meg Gerth and **Karen Lloyd** finally got a moment to sit down and enjoy their lunch!



RBR teachers and administrators came out to support the sold out event. Back row (from left): **Claudia O'Connor**, **Karen Laffey**, **Mandy Galante**, **Tracey Klatt** and **Kathryn Hawley**. Seated (from left) are **Nancy Pellezza**, **Maggie Kirk**, **Sue Zielinski** and **Maureen Kovach**.



Save the date for Monday, March 5th for the Fourth Annual "Taste of Two Rivers" event to benefit the Community YMCA, Red Bank. This exciting fundraiser will be held at the Molly Pitcher Inn at 6 p.m. and will feature 15-20 restaurants and food shops from the Greater Red Bank area. The evening will include delicious food, decadent desserts and wine and spirits all to benefit the Y's Strong Kids Campaign to support local children and families in need of Y programs and services. **Steve Bidgood** (left, regional partner of the Salt Creek Grille) and **Bob Sickles** (owner of Sickles Market) will serve as the event co-chairs. Steve is a member of the Y's Board of Directors. For more information, call (732) 671-5505 ext. 20 or visit TheCommunityYMCA.org.

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SALT CREEK GRILLE WILL HOST 2012 ANNIVERSARY WINE AND MARTINI TASTING FUNDRAISER



On Thursday, Mar. 29 at 7 p.m. the Salt Creek Grille will host the 2012 Anniversary Wine and Martini Tasting Fundraiser to benefit the Count Basie Theatre Performing Arts Academy (CBT-PAA), allowing more of our community's children to experience the performing arts. Since 2005, the PAA has provided a vital and ever-growing outreach program into the Red Bank Borough schools whose arts programs were diminished due to budget cuts. Live auction items will be auctioned off by Big Joe Henry of NJ 101.5 FM. Fabulous food and libations will delight attendees at this 9th Annual Salt Creek fundraising event which benefits a different charity each year, each one serving local children. **Mark Shopene** (left, general manager of the Salt Creek) is joined by **Yvonne Scudieri** (director CBT-PAA), **Rachel Warnick** (director of special events for the CBT Foundation) and **Justin Careatti** (senior manager of the Salt Creek). For tickets and information, call the CBT at (732) 224-8778 ext. 118.

RCDS WILL HOST "HOOPS FOR HORIZONS" ON MARCH 9 AND 10



The Hoops for Horizons committee is kicking off plans for the big event to be held on March 9 and 10 at the Rumson Country Day School. This event is a 3-on-3 charity basketball tournament for kids in grades five and up and adults of all ages with proceeds to benefit the Horizons Student Enrichment Program. Horizons is an award-winning academic and recreational summer enrichment program whose mission is to promote the potential of children primarily from Red Bank, who are living in low income circumstances. For more information on Horizons or the upcoming hoops event, contact Jennifer Wall at (732) 842-0527 ext. 5438. Committee members include (back row, from left): **Margot Goldberg**, **Lisa Waters**, **Donna Gibson**, **Laurie Smith**, **Liz Devlin**, **Jeanne Kelly**, **Kathy Foos** and **Kim Tsimbinos**. Seated in front are (from left): **Laura Whisnand**, **Nance Freeman**, **Lore MacDonald**, **Maggie Riker** (event co-chair and meeting hostess), **Hillary DiPiero**, and **Danielle Sherwood** (event co-chair).

PAINT THE TOWN PINK IS COMING TO RUMSON



Rumson will be the newest town to join the pink family of towns for "Paint the Town Pink" which will take place from May 4-12. Rumson will be joining Pink Bank, Pink Beach, Pink Del and Pink Haven in this initiative to raise funds and awareness to fight breast cancer. Pictured are **Lora Campbell** (left, event chair), **Janet Rotchford** (business chair) and **Ellen Miles** (community chair) who met at Lora's beautiful home to discuss plans for the upcoming pink activities. Pink events will be taking place throughout the week with details to be announced. Interested businesses and individuals who would like to volunteer to help with this initiative may contact Lora Campbell at lora715@verizon.net.

RFH ROWING TRAINS AT UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY



RFH Rowing recently traveled to West Point, N.Y., home of Army Crew for an opportunity to tune up their technical skills before the spring scholastic season in Army's indoor rowing tanks. All of the athletes were RFHRHS students (pictured) and were accompanied by their coaching staff and rowing parents, who also made the exciting trip. Rumson and Fair Haven families have hosted about 100 college rowers including the Army cadets during "The Rumson Boat Race" held in Rumson each fall. The Third Annual Regatta next fall will be contested from the newly organized RFH Rowing property adjacent to Victory Park. For more information on RFH Rowing, contact Dan Edwards at (732) 275-4465.

SHOOT FOR A CURE PINK OUT GAME WAS HELD AT RFHRHS



The RFHRHS lady Bulldog basketball team recently played a "Pink Out Game" against the RBRHS lady Bucs to benefit the Jacqueline M. Wilentz Comprehensive Breast Center at Monmouth Medical Center. Funds are being raised to purchase a new Tomosynthesis machine at the Breast Center, which is part of the Barnabas Health System. The teams from both schools are pictured here in the RFH gym with their coaches.



Representatives from the Jacqueline M. Wilentz Comprehensive Breast Center include **Shirley Lew** (left, outreach coordinator for cancer services at Monmouth Medical Center) and **Margie McDonald** (clinical director of the Wilentz Breast Centers of Long Branch, Colts Neck and Howell).



The coaching staff from both schools assembled for a photo and include (from left): **Joe Lanza** (RFH), **Chris Desiere** (RBC), **George Sourlis** (head coach of the RFH team, now in his 26th year), **Tracey Sabino** (RFH), **Mary Karlo** (athletic trainer for both teams), **James Young** (head coach of the RBR team), **Nick Tucker** (RBR) and **Rich Burd** (RBR).



Event coordinators include (from left): **Leslie Curran**, **Tracy Turi**, **Alice Swikart** and **Mariann Miller**. Many delicious pink treats were for sale in the RFH "pink" lobby.