

Corporate Secretaries, IROs And Their Key Service Providers Celebrate The End Of Another Grueling But Basically Successful Annual Meeting Season... To Benefit A Worthy Cause

How many nights can you go out for an evening of genuine Belizean food, and made-to-order Sushi, we'd like to know? Not to mention cocktails, music, beautiful flowers, beautiful art, and beautiful people, everywhere you look?

And how many nights will you discover that the huge crowd of people soaking up the fun is made up of a lot of people you've known and worked with over many years...often under the most unforgettable circumstances... since the Annual Meeting, and maybe a contest or a close vote was somehow involved...and where, for sure, an end-of-season Celebration is always in order? And how many nights will you make a lot of new friends too...and meet a lot of people you've dealt with on the phone - face to face for the first time?

And what if we told you that another, very important purpose of the evening-out was to generate support for a wonderful non-profit organization; one that, for 60 years, has had truly amazing success in improving the lives of individuals living with mental illnesses?

Well, dear readers, we're here to tell you that the Fourth "End of Annual Meeting Celebration" ...to benefit Fountain House - and Fountain Gallery - a member-run "clubhouse" and the artists' cooperative it runs for members who are struggling with mental illnesses, many of whom are highly skilled and highly schooled artists...was the biggest success ever. And the 2009 Benefit will be even bigger; and better yet, we promise.



Benefit guests swarm the sushi bar



Art buyers swarm one of the exhibit areas



Beth Cullum, a guest of sponsor PSEG, wins an artwork of her choice, donated by Ellen Philip and Cal Donly



Benefit co-chair Cal Donly and guests check out another section of the art exhibit



A productive annual meeting season is a science. Celebrating its completion is an art.



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Over \$62,000 was raised, thanks to the generosity of the Corporate Sponsors and their many guests, and 17 art works by member artists were sold during the evening.

On a very serious note, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as the member-spokesperson for the evening, Fountain House member and artist Mercedes Kelly explained the many ways that Fountain House and Fountain Gallery have helped her to achieve a useful and fulfilling life. "I promised myself that I would never find myself wandering down a hall in paper slippers...ever again".



Fountain Gallery artist, and member-spokesperson for the evening Mercedes Kelly, with some of her art work.

Special thanks are due, we should note, to all of our sponsors, who added even more to their generosity, and to the fun of the evening, by bringing out lots of their customers, co-workers and other guests.



Artist Michelle Cohen with some of her work

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This year, figuring that it would add to the fun – and generate some additional art sales – we drew tickets for "Monopoly money" that could be used toward the purchase of any of the artworks on sale.

Toward the end of the evening, an attractive young couple approached one of the benefit chairmen and asked if he'd give their \$200 of Monopoly money away to someone who'd be interested in buying, since the one work they'd fallen in love with was 'a bit beyond our budget right now.' "I'll take it!" one of the bystanders piped up, and she promptly rushed off to conclude her purchase.

An hour later, the young couple sheepishly approached the co-chairman again. "There's an artwork here that we really, really love...but we're remodeling our apartment and money is very tight right now. Do you think - that if the work doesn't sell tonight - the artist might be willing to take a little less?" "Why wait? And maybe lose your chance. Let me ask him right now. What would you like to offer?" "If he'd take \$200 off, we'd buy it in a heartbeat." So off he went to find the artist. "We have a young couple here who love your little watercolor, but they're on a tight budget. Do you think you might take something off the asking price?" "Sure; How about \$200?" The co-chair was stunned by the exactly-matching offers. The buyers beamed from ear to ear too...And the artist was even more thrilled to make such a nice personal connection with his buyers.

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Your editor and Ellen Philip draw names for Monopoly-money that could be used to buy any of the artworks on display. Jason Bowman, the Director of Fountain Gallery is in the background



Lauren Fedders and Robyn Marks, of Fountain House welcome the corporate sponsors, their guests and other attendees at the door



Ellen Philip and Fountain Gallery artist Leonard Aschenbrand, M.D.

For more information about Fountain House, go to www.fountainhouse.org
 For information about the Gallery, and to browse the art;
www.fountaingallerynyc.com

For more info about the Benefit, and about Fountain House's amazing Transitional Employment Program, go to www.optimizeronline.com and click on "Doing Well By Doing Good"

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