

Thursday, January 25, 2007



4:00 JUDGING BEGINS IN THE RIVER RESTAURANT – JUDGES & PHOTOGRAPHER

PHOTOGRAPHER FROM *ROCHESTER MAGAZINE* TO SHOOT CAKES, ETC. ALSO, KAREN MILTNER FROM THE D&C MAY STOP BY.

5:00 V.I.P. RECEPTION IN THE RIVER RESTAURANT

OUR PHOTOGRAPHER BEGINS TO SHOOT; POSSIBLE TV NEWS

6:00 GENERAL COCKTAIL PARTY AND RECEPTION BEGINS

FIFE AND DRUM CORPS PLAY;
BALLROOM DOORS OPEN. GUESTS
STREAM INTO THE BALLROOM AND
FIND THEIR SEATS

7:20 pm

FIFE & DRUM CORPS HEADS CENTER
STAGE AND CONTINUES TO PLAY AS
PEOPLE FIND THEIR SEATS.

WHEN IT APPEARS THAT EVERYONE IS
SEATED, THE MUSIC STOPS.

MUSICIANS EXIT.

A VOICE-OVER ANNOUNCER MAKES
THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

ANNOUNCER (V-O)

7:40 pm

Ladies and gentlemen, please find your seats
and focus your attention on the podium. Let's
give a warm welcome to our Master of
Ceremonies....one of Rochester, New York's
most popular broadcast personalities...from
the morning show on WBEE....92.5 on the
FM dial....Steve Hausmann.

APPLAUSE (WE HOPE!)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES STEVE
HAUSMANN WALKS UP TO THE
PODIUM

STEVE

Thanks everyone, I'm Steve Hausmann of WBEE and I'd like to welcome you all to the Epilepsy Foundation's 2007 Chocolate Ball...Pirates of the Genesee.

I know some of you were hoping for a dashing swashbuckler like Errol Flynn or Douglas Fairbanks as your master of ceremonies.....or maybe Marlon Brando from *Mutiny on the Bounty*....or the elegant Cyril Ritchard as Captain Hook.....well, you're stuck with me.....good old Steve.

If I do a good job tonight, Dan Mossien tells me I won't have to walk the plank anytime soon. And my wife won't lock me in the ship's hold.

Seriously, I am honored to be here and help spread the word about the significant work the Epilepsy Foundation does in our community for people touched by epilepsy and related disorders.

I'm proud to tell you that the Epilepsy Foundation has been around for 30 years, and we'll have a special surprise about that in a few minutes.

As for the Chocolate Ball... this has been an annual event for 21 consecutive years, so we must be doing something right.

We have great items at the silent auction, a raffle for a vacation trip to Jamaica courtesy of VIP Travel. We some young volunteers walking about selling raffle tickets tonight, so don't miss your chance on this great trip.

And let's not forget the signature of the event...the chance to bid on the delicious chocolate cakes you just tasted.

And it's all to support the work the Epilepsy Foundation, so get your doubloons ready.

There's been a crew of people who have been working since August and making sure this ship is ready to sail.

Right now, I'd like to introduce you to the captains of the ship, this year's honorary co-chairs, Daniel and Carol Mossien.

DAN AND CAROL COME UP TO THE PODIUM.

DAN

Thank you Steve. And thank you for graciously serving as our Master of Ceremonies this evening.

We thought up this year's theme -- Pirates of the Genesee -- to play off the popularity of

pirates in the movies and on TV. Pirate movies make a fortune at the box office, so we hope this pirate-themed event will raise a small fortune for the Epilepsy Foundation.

We thank all of you for joining us tonight and showing your support.

We offer a special thanks to our presenting sponsors, those who really helped launch our ship tonight:

- First Niagara Corporation.
- UCB Inc.
- Morgan Stanley

Also, our underwriters:

- Rochester Gas and Electric

And also our supporting sponsors who are listed in the program and on the screens above us.

CAROL

Given our theme tonight – Pirates of the Genesee – some of you might have expected to see Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, and Kiera Knightly. I have some news for you.....they're not coming.

However, we do have a few celebrities of our own who are with us tonight.

Please join me in welcoming

- County Executive Maggie Brooks and her husband, Robert Weisner.
- Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O’Flynn and his wife, Lisa.
- Rochester Mayor Robert Duffy and his wife, Barbara.
- Rochester Police Chief David Moore and his wife, Paula.

As Dan mentioned, we’re here tonight to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation.

So, to all of you who purchased tables and seats, and donated items to our silent and live auctions and raffle.....we thank you.

I’m pleased to say that tonight’s Chocolate Ball is a sell-out, and that shows us you hold the Epilepsy Foundation in high regard, and we are grateful for that, too.

DAN

A fundraising event of this magnitude takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

We'd like to thank this year's Chocolate Ball committee that worked with us.... first mates who made sure the ship stayed ship-shape: First, my fellow board members

- Don Rhoda, Lisa Noonan and Carol Griswold

The Epilepsy Foundation Development staff

- Donna Dey
- Debbie Baker
- Sarah McLellan
- Maria Burgos
- Mattie Streeter and
- Bob Loeb

And community volunteer Renee Stern

CAROL

We have a great evening planned for you tonight. The silent auction will close at 11:00, so be sure to get your bids in on the tables outside.

Raffle tickets are still available for a fabulous trip to Jamaica, courtesy of VIP Travel.

After dinner we'll announce the winners of the

Chefs competition.

And then, the live auction of all of the cakes and more by Rochester's renowned auctioneer Austin Warner.

And if all that isn't enough, we'll dance on deck to the music of Atlas.

Thanks again to all for joining us.

STEVE

Thank you, Dan and Carol.

There's an old saying among us pirates that it's bad luck to have a woman on board a pirate ship. Not so on this ship tonight, where you're about to meet three very impressive and accomplished women.

I'm pleased to bring up a representative of the Epilepsy Foundation board of directors, Carol Silver Elliot.

CAROL

Thank you, Steve.

I join Dan and Carol Mossien in welcoming you all to our signature event.

As you strolled through the River Room,

many of you got a chance to see the new video about the Epilepsy Foundation's summer camp for children: Camp EAGR.

We want to acknowledge WROC-TV Channel 8 and station manager Mark Jaromin for their help in putting it together.

Camp EAGR is just one of the many services and programs we offer for children, adults, and families touched by epilepsy. And you'll be hearing about a few others in a moment.

As Steve mentioned, we have a surprise.

I want you all to travel back in time to 1977. Jimmy Carter was president.

Here in Rochester, Tom Ryan was the Mayor, Tom Hastings was the police chief, and William Lombard was the Monroe County Sheriff. And the concept of a county manager was an idea ahead of its time.

It was also the year when some concerned parents realized they needed to band together to advocate for their children with epilepsy.

So they formed the Epilepsy Association of Greater Rochester, which eventually became the Epilepsy Foundation we are today.

There was one woman who led the charge to create this organization. And she's here with us tonight.

She flew all way from California to join us tonight. Please join me in welcoming the founder of the Epilepsy Foundation in Rochester, Patricia Ladd Thurston.

PATRICIA COMES UP TO THE PODIUM.

CAROL

Patricia, I'm sure in 1977 you never dreamed that 30 years later we would be celebrating The Epilepsy Foundation by eating chocolate cakes on a make-believe pirate ship, but here we are.....and it's all thanks to you and your concern for people with epilepsy.

On behalf of all of us here tonight, and the many people we serve, we present you with this token of our appreciation.

PATRICIA SAYS A FEW WORDS

CAROL

There's another woman we want to recognize tonight, and I have a feeling many of you know who she is.

If Patricia was the woman who launched the ship 30 years ago, Sheila Appleby was the longtime captain who guided its course.

As you look at the slides on the screen, you'll see.....

SLIDES AND COMMENTS ABOUT SHEILA – coming soon

STEVE

Thank you, Carol. As they say on pirate ships, the galley is overflowing and ready to burst, so we'll drop anchor for a while so you all can enjoy a great dinner prepared by the Crowne Plaza. We'll be back in a little while.

8:00 DINNER IS SERVED

8:45 STEVE IS BACK

STEVE

All right, folks, it's time to set sail again as you enjoy your chocolate desserts. I'd like to call up our co-chairs, Dan and Carol Mossien.

CAROL

Thanks, Steve. The signature of tonight's event is chocolate, so we want to acknowledge the 15 superb pastry chefs with us tonight.

Chefs...please come up when your name is called and we'll give you all a big round of applause at the end of the list. Take it away, Steve.

WHILE STEVE ANNOUNCES THE CHEFS, CAROL AND DAN MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE DANCE FLOOR AND HAVE PRIZE MEDALS READY TO GIVE OUT

STEVE

Renee Daldry, *New York Wine & Culinary Center* in Canandaigua

Michelle Carlson, *The Lodge at Woodcliff* in Perinton

Jane Casey of *Grand Finales* in Fairport

Gregory Christo and his student, XXXXX, *Rochester Educational Opportunity Center*

Jon Voigtschild, *Designed Elegance* in

Spencerport

Jonathan Leach, *JonJohn's Specialty Desserts*
in Rochester

Debbie Patt, *Aramark Food Service, Roberts*
Wesleyan College

Jeffrey Scheer, *Scheer Delights* in Rochester

Tonya Foster, *Carey Lake Restaurant* in
Walworth

Evy O'Brien, *Sweet Tastes* in Greece

James Neuman, *The Genesee Valley Club* in
Rochester

Joseph Challenger, *What'cha Got Cookin'* in
Fairport

Eric Smeenk, *Oak Hill Country Club* in
Pittsford

Tina Bennett, *Vanilla Swirl Cookie Company*
in Fairport

Justin Gastel, *I Scream* in Rochester

Let's have a big round of applause for these
great pastry chefs.

Friends...the next time you host a party and
need a cake, these are the chefs you should be

calling.

We want to acknowledge Watermark Specialty Foods of East Rochester. Watermark donated all the chocolate used to make these great cakes, and the beautiful white coats worn by the chefs earlier.

Also, Watermark will award a cash prize to the winning chef.

Now, on to the awards.

There are four categories. The first two categories are for Taste and for Showpiece.

The third category is the People's Choice and the judges are all of you who voted during our cocktail reception.

The fourth category is the Grand Prize Winner.

First, let me introduce our panel of judges:

- Xxxx
- Yyyy
- zzzzzz

And now....the winners.

CAROL AND DAN GIVE THE MEDALS
TO THE WINNERS AS THEY ARE
ANNOUNCED.

First, the winners for Taste.

Coming in 3rd : _____

In 2nd place: _____

And the winner for Taste is:

Now, the winners for Showpiece.

Coming in 3rd : _____

In 2nd place: _____

And the winner for Showpiece is:

The winner of the People's Choice Award is:

And the Grand Prize winner is:

Let's have another round of applause for all our great chefs.

AUDIENCE APPLAUDS. CAROL AND DAN WALK OFF WITH THE CHEFS

STEVE

And let's thank Carol and Dan Mossien, our honorary co-chairs.

Now that we've whet your appetite with these great cakes, it's time to open up your wallets and raise some money for the Epilepsy Foundation as we auction off these delicious creations.

Please welcome one of Rochester's best known auctioneers, Austin Warner.

AUSTIN COMES UP WITH A MICROPHONE IN HAND.

THE AUCTION BEGINS.

(Steve – I will finish this up in the next few days. It's not very much more.)

And that is a week at the Villa Avey Del Parasio located in Manzanilla, Mexico.

Many of you have probably been pooling your resources tonight to bid on this as it is a great place for several couples or two small families!!! This 10,000 square foot villa has 4 bedrooms, 5 baths and sits on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean on the Mexican Gold Coast. It comes with a staff of five who pamper you morning and night.

It has a private pool, access to a private beach, a golf course 10 minutes away and is guaranteed to eliminate stress. Enjoy the sun and your new ten pounds!

Don' forget to plug digi quick – portraits in river room

STEVE to bring up Twomey and Keith for raffle

Thank you Steve. It's now time to find out who is the lucky winner of our raffle. I'd like to invite Susan Keith and Bob Twomey of VIP Travel up and also to assist them with the drawing, the Epilepsy Foundation's Winning Kid for 2006, Adam Morrison. **(Adam comes on stage) (Bob holds the bowl, kid draws, Susan announces, winner comes up to accept)**

**STEVE SAYS SILENT AUCTION LAST
CALL.**