

A Successful Night at the Museum with WJ Gala and Silent Auction

The Walter Johnson High School Education Foundation, Booster Club, and PTSA Silent Auction and Gala held on December 5th was a huge success despite a snowy day. We had a terrific turn-out, many donations from WJ clubs, parents and the community, fabulous music by the WJ Jazz Ensemble, and guests ate, danced, and bid on the wide variety of items. We took in over \$15,000 to be split between the groups after expenses. Many thanks to the Gala Committee: Anat Schwartz, chair, Sue Cook Christakos, Ann Gradowski, Lin Lin Mao, Debbie Teicher, Melitta Carter, and Jo Brecher; to Tom and Suzanne Murphy, Michael Peck, Howard Schwartz, Jill Berkowitz, Rachel Berkowitz and the 2005 graduate bartenders, student leadership helpers, Balducci's Catering, Chris Garran, Chris Merrill, and the many volunteers; and to the following clubs, teams and commissioners, businesses, and individuals for their contributions (our apologies to anyone we've missed):

Abelman family
Suji Ali
WJ Baseball and Sue Christakos
Best Buddies Club and Crystal Dovman
Helen Beven
Sarah Bourgeois and the Class of 2013
Peggy Bresler
WJ Cheerleaders and Barbara Ferry
Barbara Cloherty
WJ Crew Team and Ann Gradowski
Nina Cofrancesco-Goldstein
WJ Cross Country team and Melitta Carter
Everything Entertainment
Jennie Fascenda
Nancy Feldman
WJ Varsity Field Hockey Team and Erika Murray
WJ JV Field Hockey, Eliot Edgar and the Quincy Hotel,
The River Inn, and the Circle One Hotel
WJ Forensics Team and Rusty McGrady
Greg Friedman
Carolina Freitas and the Spanish Honor Society
The Gerber family
The Glogau Studio
Bill, Ty, Cal Glover/WJ Drumline
Steve Goldberg
WJ Golf Team and Pam Marquez
The Gradowski family
Jane Grissmer
WJ Hockey Team and Susan Verner
I Drive Smart
Marney Jacobs

Steve Kraft
Tim Kurkjian
Greg Hourigan and Hard Times Café
Chris Kosmaceski
Caryn Krasner
WJ Madrigals and Isabel Hernandez-Cata
Colleen McAdory and WJ Stage
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Katryn Norman and *Bethesda Magazine*
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Rhonda Oh
Kacy Paide and Get Your Office Organized
Cailin Papszycki and Kaplan
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The Reiss Family
Laura Roberts and Provisions
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JV Boys Soccer and Terry Forline
Robert Stone
Valereye Stochak
Susan Verner
Washington Adventist Hospital
Wildwood Pool
Ely Yuspa

We appreciate all of the donations, especially the creativity by the WJ Clubs and Teams, to make this a success. We look forward to future events being even more successful.