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Fund Raisers

The 10th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine gala event raised about \$25,000 for the Rochester Public Library Foundation



Wit Wisdom & Wine, 2011



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The Rochester Public Library Foundation held its 10th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine gala fundraising event on Saturday, January 15, 2011. This unique event, which raised about \$25,000 had a record number of 250 attendees. Throughout the evening, each attendee had a chance to listen to their choice of two speakers, socialize over wine and light refreshments, and outwit/outbid each other in the silent auction.

This year's speakers had topics for everyone ranging from Economics, Politics, Pirates, Art, Music, and of course, Wine. The silent auction offered great items that were all donated by local library enthusiasts. There were piles of books, lots of wine, art prints, airplane rides, tickets to Minnesota Wild, and even a wing-backed chair up for bid. Gift certificates for CounterPoint, Great Harvest, zPizza, and even a psychic reading were also on the auction.

The raffle winner of a piece of jewelry donated by Hight & Randall, Ltd. was Bruce Snyder. His wife, Vicki, chose the ring as her prize. Congratulations to both of you!

If you missed it this year, mark your calendar now for the 11th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine event which will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

This event wouldn't be as successful as it is without the volunteers who help the night of the event, the donors who supply us with silent auction and raffle items, the attendees who come to the event and those who bid on the silent auction items and purchase raffle tickets, and of course our sponsors:

BridgeStreet World Wide and Think Mutual Bank were the main co-sponsors of the event.

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