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“Rochester Junior Woman’s Club to host “Raise the Glass” fundraiser benefiting local charitable organizations”

Rochester, MI February 08, 2008 -- The Rochester Junior Woman’s Club presents “Raise the Glass” to benefit South Oakland Shelter, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club and other local charities.

The fundraiser, which is open to the public, takes place on Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at La Sala Banquet Center, located at 6840 N. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills.

Tickets are \$65.00 and include wine sampling, strolling buffet and silent auction with a cash bar; music and dancing after 9:00 p.m. Complimentary valet parking is included.

The Venetian Carnivale themed evening will begin with a wine sampling, presented by Papa Joe’s Gourmet Market and includes more than 30 wines.

The strolling buffet will take place through out the evening with a gourmet menu including finger eggplant rollotini - thinly shaved eggplant wrapped around angel hair pasta, pesto sauce & pine nuts, topped with tomato basil sauce, Moroccan meatballs - beef & pork blend mixed with pine nuts, golden raisins, parsley & peppers, served with house mixed curried demi glace, and Chicken Lollipops - chicken with fresh coconut on lemon grass sticks served with a spicy almond sauce

The Silent Auction will begin when the doors open at 7:00 p.m. Items to be auctioned include jewelry from Style Naturale by local jewelry designer Barbara Boz. Her pieces have been featured on the cover of Oprah’s “O Magazine” in August 2007 and again in the January 2008 “Effortlessly Chic - Accessory Essentials”. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on Lions 50 yard line tickets, Box seats to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, VIP Tour of Chateau Chantal, 1 year golf membership to The Heathers, and a “Day of Beauty” at Neiman Marcus among other unique and exciting items.

The event is chaired by RJWC club members Michelle Vitale of Shelby Township and Toni Wiley of Rochester Hills.

To reserve your spot, send your check to Rochester Junior Woman’s Club, Attn: “Raise the Glass,” P.O. Box 80743, Rochester, Michigan 48308-0743. Or, to pay by Visa, MasterCard or Discover, or if you have any questions, please call Mary Kay at 248-650-9549 or email at lachancemk@aol.com. All reservations must be made by March 1, 2008.

General Info on RJWC:

Contributing to the growth and vitality of the community is the core of the Rochester Junior Woman's Club. Founded in 1956, RJWC currently has approximately seventy-five women who are committed to serving the needs of the community. In the last 50 years, they have donated over half a million hours of community service and more than \$600,000 to community charities and organizations.

General info on Charities:

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, dedicated to preserving, maintaining and enhancing the 16 gardens and 42 urns surrounding the hall.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, interprets, preserves and collects the history of the greater Rochester area for present and future generations including the restoration of the 1927 calf barn which will be used for archival storage.

South Oakland Shelter addresses issues impacting the homeless by providing shelter, meals and case management services for individuals and families.

For more information on the Rochester Junior Woman's Club, you can also visit our website at www.rhpl.org./rjwc/