

IWA's Moonlight Masquerade fundraiser aids school programs

Incarnate Word Academy threw its annual benefit gala on March 2 at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center.

The theme for the sold out event was Moonlight Masquerade. Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, a children's art auction, si-

lent and live auctions, and a reverse raffle.

All proceeds benefited the Annual Fund, which has a direct impact on Incarnate Word Academy elementary level, middle level and high school students, faculty, and educational programs, according to a news release.



Stephanie Hannigan (left) and Robbi Atkins



IWA Benefit Gala guests



Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament were presented with a cake to celebrate the 160th anniversary of their arrival in Brownsville.

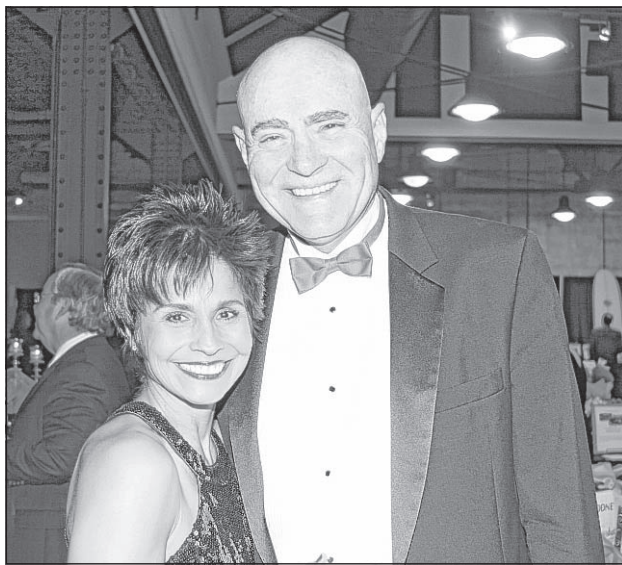


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Sister Michelle Marie Kuntscher (from left), Sister Raquel Newman, Sister Maria Elizabeth Brehony, Sister Mary Anne Pagano, and all the IWBS sisters were recognized at the IWA Benefit Gala.



Dave Thomas (from left), Colleen Thomas, Rod Martin, and Susie Martin



Bonnie Dugan (left) and Jack Dugan



IWA Benefit Gala co-chairs Shawn Bevy Groesbeck (left) and Catherine Tobin Hilliard



Bishop Michael Mulvey (right) and Auctioneer Ed Phillips



IWBS Sister Helga Leija (left) and IWA Elementary Level's Georgina Mortera



IWA President Charles D. Imbergamo (left) and IWA Benefit Gala honorary chairs Marcy Hayes (center) and Neil Hayes



James Akers (from left), Cecilia Garcia Akers, and IWA President Charles D. Imbergamo

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a wine color wheel. The event will include auction items with opportunities to win a trip to Cabo San Lucas, a Port Aransas off-shore package, pediatric cancer survivors artwork and a special Wade Bowen experience package, according to a news release. Information: 806-5503.

ROTARY CLUB PLANS AWARDS DINNER

The 17th annual Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist of the Year Award will go to renowned conservationists **Buddy and Ellen Temple**. Dr. **Fred Bryant** of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute will receive the Harvey Weil Professional Conservationist of the Year Award. The

awards will be presented during a dinner on April 6 at the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge in Sinton.

The event honors the life and achievements of Harvey Weil, a longtime South Texas sportsman, attorney, conservationist and Rotarian who dedicated his life to the preservation of nature and sportsmanship.

At the award dinner, grants will be awarded to

seven projects from the Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award fund. The Weil Grants Selection Committee will award \$7,500 to the Texas Wildlife Association's Texas Youth Hunting Program; \$7,500 to the Welder Wildlife Foundation's Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow and Conservation Across Boundaries programs; \$5,000 to the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife

Research Institute for its program to study the effects of invasive grasses on the South Texas ecosystem and \$7,000 to study South Texas natives; \$7,500 to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for Information for Conserving Essential Fish Habitat in Texas; \$5,000 to the University of Texas Marine Science Institute for its study on mechanisms of salinity tolerance; and

\$10,000 to the Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest for its Kritters 4 Kids Environmental Science program.

Cost: \$200. Information: 882-8672 or www.rotarycc.com/harvey-weil-banquet/.

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Calendar

Saturday: Chapter AV P.E.O. presents 19th Style Show and Luncheon, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi Country Club. Cost: \$40/ticket. Tables of 10 available. Event also includes a silent auction. Information: Paula McKinney, 512-644-1039 or email paulamckinney@mygrande.net

March 20: The Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's State of the County Address, 11:30 a.m., Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal will deliver the address. Cost: \$40/ member, \$45/ nonmember. Information: 887-7408.

March 20: YMCA of the Coastal Bend and Miracle League of Corpus Christi's "Celebration of Collaborations" event featuring Tim Tebow, Whataburger Field. Sponsorships available. Information: 882-1741.

March 23: Cattle Baron's Ball, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, Robstown. The late Dr. B.F. Rothschild will be honored. Proceeds benefit the American

Cancer Society and in Rothschild's memory a portion of proceeds will fund Multiple Myeloma Research. Information/tickets/sponsorships: 806-5503 or www.corpusccb.com.

March 26: The Distinguished Speaker Series presents Dr. Robert Ballard, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Ballard is an oceanographer and deep sea explorer who found the Titanic. Cost: \$40/reserved seating. Information: 825-2787 or visit tamucc.tix.com.

March 28: Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Corpus Christi's annual dinner gala and auction begins at 6 p.m. with silent and live auction followed by a 7 p.m. dinner. Music by TCF Rat Pack. Information: 361-592-1212.

April 6: The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi's Harvey Weil Award Dinner, Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge, Sinton. Information: 882-8672 or www.rotarycc.com/harvey-weil-banquet/.

April 12: Beach Ball 2013, 5:30 p.m., Texas State Aquarium. Attire is "beach chic." Event includes silent

auction followed by dinner in a Texas-sized tent, a live auction and entertainment with Broadway star Franc D'Ambrosio. The remainder of the evening will be open for dancing and mingling. Cost: \$250. Information/tickets/sponsorships: 653-2612.

April 13: BIG BLOOM! plant sale, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center fundraiser, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 8545 S. Staples St. Orchids, natives, exotics, color, specialty vendors, Nature's Boutique. Members admitted free and may begin shopping at 8 a.m. Information: 852-2100.

April 13: K Space Contemporary Gallery's annual fundraiser, Wig-Out, 8 p.m., the art gallery. Cost: \$75. Information: 887-6834.

April 16: Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend's 2nd annual Gala "Honoring Our Unsung Heroes," 6-9 p.m., Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Cost: \$60; \$450/table of 8. RSVP by April 2. Information: 696-4050 or email erin.priour@ccisd.us.

April 20: 7th annual "S.O.S." Sisters on a Saturday Business

& Professional Development Seminar/Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn-Airport. Keynote speaker is Ericka Dunlap, former Miss America 2004 and entrepreneur. Cost: \$40/ticket. Table sponsorships available. Youth sponsorship is \$40. Information: 815-3099, 877-3634 or 779-5656.

April 24: Rotary Club of Southside's 7th annual Administrative Professional's Day Fundraiser Luncheon, noon, Corpus Christi Country Club. This year's speaker is Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Director of the School of Arts, Media & Communication. Cost: \$35/ticket; \$60/for two; \$325/table of 10. Information/tickets: Matt Beavers at 993-6902.

April 26: The Instituto de Cultura Hispanica's annual International Dinner, St. Pius X Church in Corpus Christi. Cost: \$40. Information: 879-0336, 813-1645 or 233-3960.

May 2: Las Doñas de la Corte presents "The Court of Triumphant Dynasties"; 7:30 p.m., American Bank Center Selena Auditorium.

Information: americanbankcenter.com.

May 16: Bernie's Famous Crawfish Boil, 6-10 p.m., Concrete Street Pavilion. Event includes all-you-can-eat crawfish, shrimp and all the fixin's along with open bar; live music by Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Road Runners. Cost: \$150/ ticket; Sponsored tables range from \$1,500 to \$25,000. Information: 698-1031.

May 30: South Texas Substance Abuse Recovery Services Inc.'s 2013 annual fundraiser, 5:30-9 p.m., Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Event features "Brady Bunch" star Maureen McCormick. VIP time is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Event also includes a dinner, speech and silent auction. Sponsorships available. Information: 882-9979.

June 7: 9th annual American Red Cross BASH, Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Entertainment by the Spazmatics. Cost: \$100. Sponsorships available. Information: 877-1448.

Planning a society event? Email metredesk@caller.com.