



GALA UPDATE

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HAPPY FORTIETH SIR JAMES !!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are really grateful for those who have already come forward with some marvelous contributions (see below and next page). We still need your support to make our Gala Event a success. Remember the evening is a fundraiser so your support will benefit the School and help ensure the School's tradition of excellence continues.

You can help by donating items for the auction or raffle, by donating goods and services needed for the evening, advertising in the catalogue or even just helping spread the word among friends, former students, parents and staff.

We are happy to receive all kinds of items for the auction and raffle - a class in a special skill, vacation homes, sports or concert tickets, professional services, artwork, fine wines or liquors, gift certificates from your favourite restaurant, spa, or shop.

If you want to participate but are stuck on ideas, please contact Anne Marie Berger, the Chair, or any other committee member (see next page).

From the Gala Committee:

First of all we'd like to welcome you back from the Summer holidays and hope everyone had a relaxing Summer. The School is planning a series of events throughout the year to celebrate excellence in all areas of education and life at Sir James. One major event planned for this year is the Gala Dinner on Friday 20th November.

All members of the SJHS community past and present are invited to what we are hoping will be a fun and exciting event. It is the first time the School has organised a Gala dinner of this kind, so we do hope that, with your support, it will be an unforgettable evening and will truly commemorate this important year.

The purpose of the Gala Update is to keep you posted on news and developments about the event. Of course you can always check out our page on the website www.sjhschool.com/gala.asp

Hope to see you at the Gala!

GRAND PRIZE FOR RAFFLE

Thanks to Chantal Romano, former parent and teacher and current grandparent at the Sir James, we have a **fabulous** Grand Prize for the raffle: 2 **Business Class** tickets to **Mauritius** together with 6 nights in a junior suite at **Le Touessrok** (value €12,000)

Raffle tickets will go on sale a few weeks before the Gala.


AIR MAURITIUS


Le Touessrok Mauritius



AUCTION AND RAFFLE PREVIEW OF PRIZES

In addition to our grand prize, we have received some other wonderful prizes so far for our raffle and auction. Here are just a few....

Marni handbag

Versace Gown

6 nights at Kitchanga Resort in Zanzibar

Weekend at Cardinale Mazzarino, Dimora Storico

Cherasco, CN

Jewellery by Art Oro srl

Private sessions provided by Computer Tutors

8 Sessions with Personal Trainer at Tonic Gym

Entire Collection of Disney Animated Classics

Nespresso coffee machine

Usbourne books

Blu Ray Disc Player

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GALA

Many generous companies are donating their goods and services for the Gala Dinner.

Contributors so far include
Nestle Italiana SpA
Ferrari- Trento metodo classico
Riso Gallo
Flowers by Colombo e F.III
Nava Publishers

We are awaiting confirmation from other major sponsors and they will be announced in the next update.

Another generous contribution will be provided by former SJHS student, Pierpaolo Tiano, an acclaimed musician and composer of film scores and soundtracks for TV series and commercials, who will be providing music for part of the evening.

Gala Committee: Anne-Marie Berger (Chair), Heidi Baravalle, Laura Crippa, Cara Ferrari, Sabrina Firman Piantanide, Margot Jacini, Diana Long Zammarchi, Tiziana Namor, Caleb Negrón, Alicia Romano, Barbara Tabarelli

You can contact any of us for questions, ideas, etc or else send us an email at 40years@sjhschool.com

GALA TICKETS

Gala Ticket prices are 100 Euros or 75 Euros for staff and 50 for alumni from 2004 to 2009

Gala Tickets will go on sale

Monday 5^o October, 2009

(details to follow)

Note: If you are coming from out of town to attend the event and want to pre-book, please contact the committee at

40years@sjhschool.com

ATTENTION ALUMNI AND FORMER STAFF!

Please help us spread the word among former students, teachers and staff!! We really want you to be a part of the celebrations and make this a truly representative event!

Contact the Gala Committee at 40years@sjhschool.com or Mr. Wright at gregory.wright@sjhschool.com

The school also has an alumni directory where you can add your details for our mailing list www.sjhschool.com/community_alumni_directory.asp

ABOUT THE WHEN AND WHERE

The date chosen for the Gala, **20th November**, is the Universal Day of the Child, a date established by the United Nations to raise awareness of the rights of women and children and the efforts of local, national and international organizations on behalf of children.

Also, the 40th Anniversary of the school coincides with the 90th Anniversary of the foundation of Save the Children in the UK and the 10th anniversary of their foundation in Italy.

We have therefore chosen to tie the event with **Save the Children** and to help support their Rewrite the Future campaign which is their global campaign to provide education to children caught up in areas of armed conflict. Given the worthiness of this campaign and in recognition of the greater needs and difficulties of children in these situations around the world, our Principal, Mr. Dillow and the Gala committee were happy to embrace this cause and provide support on the evening.

We chose **Spazio Pomodoro Gallery** as the venue because, apart from being a stunning space, we felt it was an ideal location to highlight the value of art and culture in education. The Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro shares these values and is active in promoting art programmes in schools and runs its own educational and training programmes for schools. Please visit their website to find out more and to view the space: www.fondazionearnaldopomodoro.it