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Evening Program

A Gala to Benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton

Saturday, May 9, 2015

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Program

Welcome to our 2015 Boys & Girls Club Gala,
Reach for the Stars.

We hope to *dazzle* you this evening with the
wonderful work of our Bluffton Club.

- 6:00 p.m. **Cocktails and Silent Auction**
Oaks Dining Room and Veranda;
Bo Farish on Guitar
- 7:15 p.m. **Seated Dinner**
Tent Marshside
- 7:30 p.m. **Welcome:** Doug Coupe,
Master of Ceremonies
- Entertainment:** *And Now for the Stars
of our Show*
Dancing with the Stars; Children's Chorus
led by Sylvia Rainey
Mystery Guest
- Sponsor Recognition:** Nancy Vineburgh,
Board Member and Gala Organizer
- 8:45 p.m. **Live Auction:** Sonny Huntley and
Doug Coupe, Auctioneers
- 9:15 p.m. **Fund-a-Need:** Molly Smith, Unit Director,
Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton
- 9:45 p.m. **Auction Check-Out**
Oaks Dining Room

Menu

Spring Greens, Crumbled Goat Cheese, Heirloom Tomatoes,
Carrot Curls, Parmesan Crostini, Grilled Pears, Candied
Pecans & Dried Cranberries, Sherry Vinaigrette

Roasted Beef Tenderloin with Merlot Demi Glace
Belfair Signature Crab Cake with Dijon Aioli
Seasonal Vegetable Medley
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Chocolate Mousse and Brandied Cherries
Reach for the Stars Sugar Cookies



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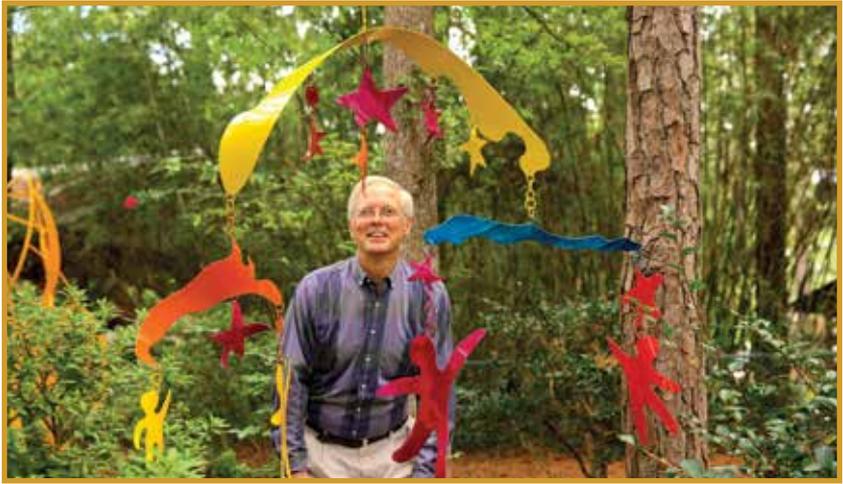
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Reach for the Stars Mobile

Renowned metal sculptor, Stephen Kishel of Bluffton, created this colorful mobile for our May 9th event. A yellow cloud over 4 feet in width supports abstract, dancing figures from the Reach for the Stars logo, metallic stars, and clouds to a depth of over 3 feet.

Kishel's work adorns such cityscapes as Greenville, South Carolina, and has been featured in *Southern Living* and *Hilton Head Monthly*.

We think this mobile would look fantastic in the lobby of the Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton — an enduring metaphor for our mission: to provide quality programs that help children, especially those who need us most, 'Reach for the Stars'.

Value: \$1,500



Reaching Back in Time

Four couples will enjoy an evening of food, wine and storytelling hosted by Joanie Heyward at the historic “Pine House” in Old Town Bluffton. Bluffton luminaries, Babbie Guscio, Society Columnist in *The Island Packet*, Emmet McCracken of Stock Farm Antiques, and event planner Geist Ussery will share stories about Bluffton’s history, its founding families and relationships that have shaped our community today. Geist & Company will present a buffet dinner of local delights and cocktails.

Value: Priceless



Boston Shopping Spree

Four women will enjoy a two-night stay in Boston at one of the city's most charming B&Bs, The Gryphon House. Neiman Marcus will host a morning of personalized shopping with champagne and a generous gift certificate for each woman. This package includes afternoon tea at the Taj, a VIP tour of the Art of the Americas Wing at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and more.

Value: \$2,000





Starburst Earrings

Barbara Smieszek and Mirek Kulesza, owners of The Bluffton Jewel Box, created these exquisite starburst earrings specifically for the Reach for the Stars gala.

Cast in 14-karat white gold, the starburst earrings feature 64 round, brilliant full-cut diamonds and have diamond embellished European leverback closures.

The Bluffton Jewel Box, established in Bluffton in 2005, has a history of community outreach donating to many civic and charitable events. Barbara and Mirek combine 67 years of expertise in the jewelry industry having worked with renowned designers and celebrities. They offer one-of-a-kind pieces and work with clients to redesign existing jewelry or to design something special and unique.

Value: \$3,000



This One's Smokin'

Bluffton Township Fire District is offering 3 separate, firefighter-catered dinners at Bluffton's Burnt Church Station, Headquarters Station near St. Gregory's Church, and Moss Creek Station. Each dinner is for up to 6 people (can include grandchildren). You will dine with the on duty firemen followed by a tour of the fire station, fire trucks, and all apparatus. Winning bidders will schedule the date, time and menu, and provide a two-week notice. *According to the Fire District, you and your guests are guaranteed a better time than dinner with the police!*

Value: Priceless



Reach for the Stars Americana Armoire

Another exclusively commissioned work for our gala, this 8-foot armoire is hand-painted by Alison Fargione, owner of Al-Harry in Old Town Bluffton. Crowned by a star-studded cornice, its four doors feature a double-roped, fretwork pattern with small stars. An Americana finish is created by an undercoat of red over blue with final touches of brass and bronze. This one-of-a-kind piece would look amazing in your lake house or Lowcountry retreat as a wardrobe or entertainment center.

Value: \$3,500



Your Yacht, Your Rum

Four couples will enjoy a glorious day on an exquisite, 68-foot yacht with an air-conditioned mezzanine and helm, and state-of-the-art fishing. Your private captain will take you to Savannah to tour the Harbor and the historic Union Bag and Paper Company.

Hop onto your private trolley for a city tour, followed by a red-carpet treatment lunch at Vic's on the River.

Your next destination is the new Daufuskie Island Rum Distillery (see next page).

Dock at Myrtle Island and join Shirley and Bud Mingledorff for dinner on their veranda. Available times are May to mid-August with no expiration date. Cancellations due to bad weather are also okay.

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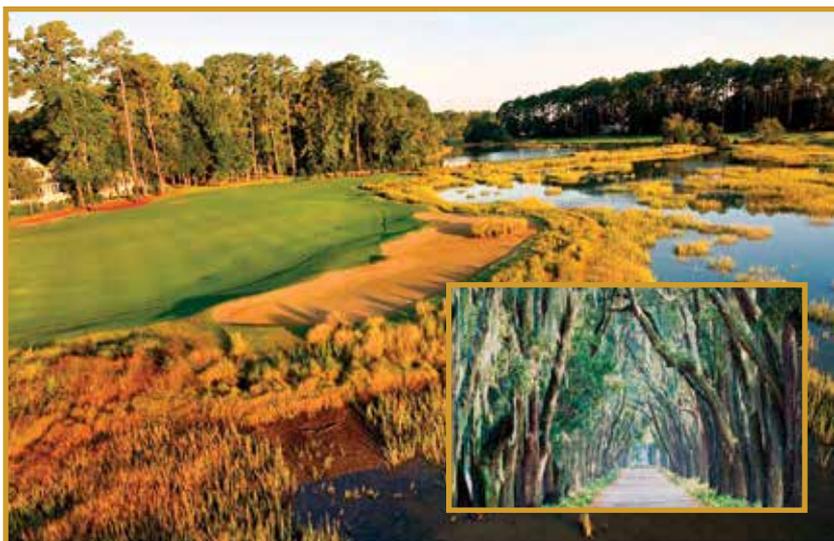


Daufuskie Island Rum Distillery

Tony Chase, founder and President of Daufuskie Island Rum Distillery, will welcome you. The master distiller will provide an exclusive tour of this made-in-America company. You will participate in the bottling and labeling processes that incorporate stills and fermenters hand-crafted in Alabama, bottles from the Waterloo bottle company in upstate New York, yeast strains developed and cultivated in California, and sugar grown in South Florida.

A cocktail hour with the distiller follows and a special bottle of rum will be given to each couple. Clearly, this will be an experience to RUMember!

Value for Yacht and Rum Tour: Priceless



Reach for the Stars *Chef Bruce Dinner for 8*

Belfair's Executive Chef, Bruce Christensen, will work with you to plan a dinner for 8 people at the venue of your choice. Chef Bruce has received numerous culinary awards and medals. This offering will include a four-course meal complete with wine provided by Belfair. Chef Bruce asks that you schedule your evening with him in advance to accommodate his busy schedule.

Value: \$2,000



Reach for the Stars in Umbria

Four couples will enjoy a week in Umbria at Palazzo Santi Terzi midway between Florence and Rome. The family home of Paolo Grandjacquet of Belfair, the Palazzo once served as the summer home of neoclassical sculptor Canova.

Paolo's brother, Michele, will greet you. The Palazzo features old-world charm, a gourmet kitchen, 3 fireplaces, a large library, a private garden, and a pool.

This package includes a welcome dinner, cooking classes and dining with well-known Chef Lorena using local wines and food products. Modern amenities include satellite TV, internet access, barbecue, and bicycles.

Value: \$10,000+

Fund-a-Need

Let's match the generous \$25,0000 contribution from Advisory Board member, Bob Burt, to strengthen and sustain our quality programs focused on helping our members Reach for the Stars. Here are two program examples.

Reading Program Highlights



The Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton provides its 6 to 10-year-old members with a dynamic reading environment combining traditional one on one mentoring and also interactive, web-based software and tools to get their reading to grade level by 4th grade.

Currently, there are 40 participants who attend this 4-day a week, after school program. Calendar year 2014 saw over 100 children in the program, 70% of whom experienced significant improvement in their test scores.

IT Environment Highlights

After a multi-year effort, the following IT resources are up and running at the Bluffton Club.



- Primary and backup servers, highspeed internet service, 50 modern workstations and laptops loaded with a standard, up to date, Windows-based image.
- High level of security includes advanced software and firewalls to protect the children from accessing inappropriate websites and safety measures to protect the new equipment.
- Wireless coverage to all Club areas and capacity to handle over 150 wireless users.
- Integrated network environment that also includes a central copier/printer, camera security system, KidTrax system, audio studio and printer system, and SMARTBoard.

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