



TWO RIVER PEOPLE

By Lynne Ward

MONMOUTH CONSERVATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WAS HELD AT FAIRWAY FARM: LAND PRESERVATION A TOP PRIORITY



The Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF) recently hosted its 37th Annual Dinner Dance Gala at Fairway Farm in Red Bank. MCF celebrated the Year of the Horse with honorees **Nona Balaban** and **Dennis Drazin** (couple in center), counsel and president of the of the NJ Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association respectively. Honorary chairs, Monica and John Ryan celebrated with MCF trustees, supporters and friends for a great evening of dancing and fundraising to preserve and protect the open spaces, natural habitat and land preservation throughout Monmouth County. Pictured with honorees Nona and Dennis Drazin are Senators **Joe Kyrillos** and **Jennifer Beck**.

Courtney Trent, Taylor Brown and Amanda McKean.



Carrie and Ron Drazin.

Kelly Mooij (left) with Erin and Tom Gilbert from Keep it Green.

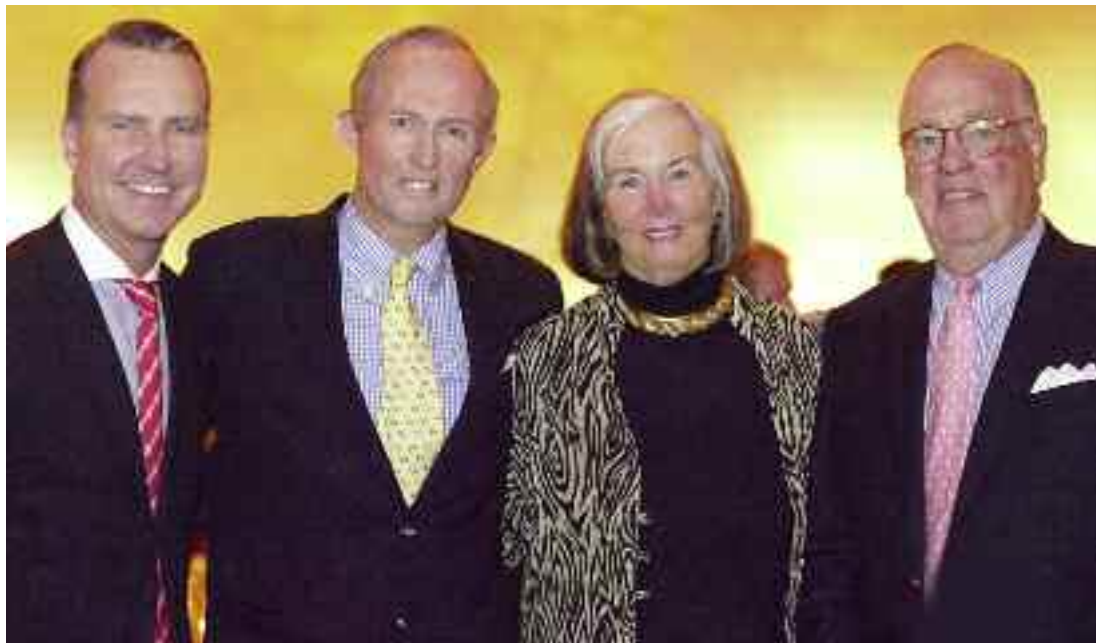


Adele Keller (former MCF executive director) with Lisa McKean (MCF director of marketing).



Ann and Sheldon Vogel have been MCF supporters for many years.

From left: Doug Steinbrech, Mark Gilbertson, Susie Gibertson and Skip Brannin.



Chris Brighton with his beautiful daughter Tilden. The Brightons are past MCF Dinner Dance Gala hosts.



Paul Brown (president of Monmouth University) with Trudy and Charlie Parton.



Lucy and Mazin Kalian, both looking dapper as usual!

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BEER AND CHILI BALL RAISED FUNDS FOR MONMOUTH MUSEUM



The Monmouth Museum (located in Lincroft on the campus of Brookdale Community College) recently hosted a Beer and Chili Ball fundraiser featuring several types of delicious chili and beer from Shore Point Distributors, and silent and chance auctions. Committee members came together for a group photo and included (front row): Ben Fleishner, Holly Lyttle, Pat Guadagno, Gail VanWinkle; (middle row): Stan Cain, Avis Anderson (executive director), Sue Juncosa and Kathy Mohlmann as well as (back row): Kathy Pojawa, Craig Gunter and Joe McArdle.



From left: Joe and Sarah Lepis, Krissy Callari, Stan Cain and Valerie Schiafone.



Taphy and Gene Harscar.



David and Sandy Taylor (art education director for Monmouth Arts) with event sponsor Laura Brunetti (center) of the Brunetti Foundation.

Monmouth Museum board members present at the event included (from left): Robin Fitzmaurice, Doug Yorke, Jeanne Wurmser, Ben Fleischer, Kathy Pojawa, Michael Rubin, Faye Zealand, Linda Martin, Avis Anderson, Carol Stout and Jeff Wrightson.



Rich Oddo, Mike Heady, Pat Guadagno and Phil Rizzo provided some great tunes for attendees to kick up their heels and dance.

JON BON JOVI SOUL KITCHEN HOSTED EVENT FOR AMANDA'S EASEL



180 Turning Lives Around and Amanda's Easel Creative Arts Therapy Program recently partnered with the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Kitchen in Red Bank for their second annual client art exhibit. The arts therapy program uses the arts in many different forms to help develop coping skills for clients post trauma. The exhibit was named "Turning Over a New Leaf" and aimed to encourage community members of Monmouth County to be catalysts of change against domestic violence. Pictured are Cindi Westendorf, program coordinator for Amanda's Easel, Dorothea Bon Jovi of JBJSK and Ron and Karen Wengert, longtime Amanda's Easel supporters.



Monmouth University students came out to support the event.

180 & JBJ Soul kitchen staff members came together at the recent event and smiled for the camera!

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BECKY WEINBERG & FAMILY AND COUNT BASIE THEATRE HONORED AT MONMOUTH ARTS' CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS EVENT



The mission of Monmouth Arts is to enrich Monmouth County by inspiring and fostering the arts. "Inspire, Create, Celebrate" was recently held at Mc Loone's Pier House to recognize the power of a strong arts community, and honored Becky Weinberg and the Weinberg family for their support of artists and the arts and The Count Basie Theatre for their contributions to Red Bank and the region as a community arts leader. From left are **Ainsley Hilfiker**, **Becky** and **Max Weinberg** (with a fabulous public display of affection), **Sharon Day** and **Christopher Friedel**.



The event committee included (from above left): **Cheryl Cummings**, **Judy Mumford-Guerry**, **Jan Kent**, **Kathy Donnelly** and **Pam Marvin** (Gala co-chairs), **Barbara Reid**, **Gail Van Winkle** and **Kim Honecker**.



Bob and **Mary Eileen Fouratt** (Monmouth Arts executive director) with **Lillian Burry** and **Kim** and **Bob Honecker**. Kim Honecker is the chair of the board of trustees and served as the event co-chair.



Patti and **Tom Gilmour** (director of economic development, City of Asbury Park).



The dream team from the Count Basie (event honoree) with community leaders: **Don Burry**, **Yvonne Scudiery** (director of education), **Shannon Eadon** (director of development), **Jon Vena** (director of marketing), **Ann Ciabtoni** (director of membership), **Adam Philipson** (president and CEO), **Izzy Sackowitz** (director of operations), **Lillian Burry** (Freeholder director) and **Brian** and **Joanna Leddin**.



Jim Hickey (board member, Monmouth Arts) with his dazzling wife **Marcia Sue Clever**.



Lovely ladies (from left): **Jackie Chesley**, **Joyce Urbanski**, **Eileen Kennedy**, **Jill Kerwick** (event sponsor, of the Jill Kerwick and Arthur Kontos Foundation), **Elizabeth Urbanski** and **Katie Stone**.



Familiar and friendly faces (from left): **Maggie Riker**, **Thom White** (of the Thom White Band, event entertainers), **Lynne Mangini**, **Dave Taylor** and **Robin** and **Jim Fitzmaurice**.



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HISTORIC ALLEN HOUSE HOSTED TAVERNREST FOR MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Something was definitely brewing at the historic Allen House in Shrewsbury ... Tavernfest! Unlimited brew (by Carton Brewing), unlimited tavern spirits (by Rumson Wine and Spirits) and a bottomless barbeque buffet (by Local Smoke) made it a well-attended, memorable evening to raise funds for the Monmouth County Historical Association. In colonial days (c.1710) the Allen House served as the town court, town hall, post office, dance hall, tavern and general gathering place. The property is now operated by the MCHA and has been meticulously restored. Historical Association board member **Jennifer Mullins** (left) is joined here by **Nicholas McCabe**, **Sandy Muheren** (board member and event co-chair) and director **Evelyn Murphy**.



From left: committee member **Jamie Wark**, board member **Sarah Bradley**, **Augie Carton** and board member **Ann Reiss**.

Angie Sinicki (left) is the assistant director of development for the Historical Association and is pictured here with Tavernfest co-chair **Linda Bricker** and **Laurie Bratone**.



MCHA board member **Norm Hungerford** with **Kay Smith** and **Laurie Bratone**.



Charlie and Kara Short (board member) with **Patty Szakats** (board member).



Committee members **Jim and Amy Almasy** and **Christianna Harvey** (center).



From left: board member **Nelson Kuperberg**, event co-chair **Linda Bricker** and **Rick Willgerodt** and **Karen Farrell** (from the Joe Romanowski Culinary Education Foundation).



Augie Carton (of Carton Brewing), **Adam and Liz Rechnitz** and **Quinn and Lisa McKean** (of Monmouth Conservation Foundation).



Liza Risin, **Michaela** and **Jamie Wark** and **Shawn McDermott**.



A fun foursome! **Bob Sickles**, **Laurie Bratone** (director of development), **Lynne Ward** (yours truly) and **Doug Douy**.
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