



CEDAR LAKE

First Light 2011

Cedar's Cup: Sequins & Silks

This year's Gala was really a fun event, playing off the Breeders' Cup, we held the "Cedar's Cup". Over 400 people came to the Galt House in Sequins & Silks, enjoying a Silent Auction with the Blue Zen Grass band playing. Other highlights included a Maker's Mark caricature artist who sketched guests on a special label bottle of Maker's Mark 46, and guests bid avidly on more than 200 auction items.

Afterwards, guests moved into the Grand Ballroom for a sumptuous dual-entrée dinner, a live auction, the smooth sounds of the Pete Willinger Orchestra, and were spellbound by Master Storyteller and Sand Artist Joe Castillo. Emcee Dawne Gee and newly installed Cedar Lake CEO Chris Stevenson led the program for the evening. The 2011 Derby Queen, Trisha Maclin addressed the crowd, referencing her role as Derby Queen as well as her cousin, who resides with Cedar Lake. Ann Wells, CEO of Commonwealth Bank & Trust, also addressed the crowd on behalf of Commonwealth, the presenting corporate sponsor of the event.

The event raised \$147,000, all of which went toward Cedar Lake's Indigent Care Program, providing homes and support services to people with intellectual disabilities who have inadequate funds and no family to pay for their much-needed services.

The Gala was a huge success. We anxiously await next year's event, in hopes that it will exceed all expectations.

