



RMA NITE XI

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The eleventh RMA fundraiser was held on November 7th at the picturesque Santa Monica Mountain setting of Calamigos Ranch in Malibu. It seems hard to believe that so many successful RMA NITES have come and gone, and that this, the latest one, is already history.

A welcoming path through illuminated trees, streams and waterfalls heralded the entrance leading to the evening event. Calamigos Ranch offers many facilities. Our event took place in the spacious main facility, consisting of several enormous open and interconnected rustic rooms. Almost 600 tickets were purchased to this annual party, proving once again that our members are our biggest supporters. RMA NITE XI, in colors of the fall, was hugely successful and all the rooms were packed to capacity.



Committee itself (Matt Funes, Endre Granat, Jennie Hansen, Dennis Karmazyn, Mario de Leon, Liane Mautner, Brian O'Connor), an army of ticket sellers, auction contributors and other volunteers made everything possible.

As always, a special debt of thanks is due to all of these wonderful people.

The Silent Auction was headed by Mario de Leon. He was ably assisted by Liane and Caitlin Mautner, Richard Altenbach, Lisa Sutton and

Alana Raiser, and their resulting presentation and organization were outstanding. It is hard to overestimate the challenge of bringing about a successful auction. Special mention and thanks are also due to Matt Funes and Larry Reitzer,



There are many individuals to thank. Aside from the dedication of the Fundraiser

who were instrumental in gathering so many of the most spectacular and valuable donated items for the auction, as well as designing the accompanying booklet. Their role was highly



significant in the success of the auction.

The ticket sellers represented a cross section of RMALA membership. They become highly visible promoters of the event and the value



of supporting the organization. Dennis Karmazyn once again organized ticket sales and recognition and gratitude is due to all of his team. There was friendly competition amongst the



sellers to see who would sell the most tickets to benefit RMALA. To these great advocates, an extra special

debt of thanks is due. Our ticket sellers this year were: Geri Rotella, Chris Ermacoff, Cecilia Tsan, Simon Oswell, Bruce Dukov, Steve Erdody, Jim Thatcher, Endre Granat, Alan Estes, Rene Mandel, Nico Abondolo, Russ Bartmus, Clayton Haslop, and Sid Page. Without their considerable efforts there could be no RMA NITE.

their help in selecting the menu, and also to Jennie Hansen for coordinating the design of tickets and flyer, as well as production with RMA graphics artist Dennis Carmichael. Additional



thanks are also due to Caroline Cooke, Ximena Marin and Christine Ermacoff for their selfless service as the welcoming committee, stationed at the door throughout the evening.

A final word of thanks is in order to our hosts at Calamigos Ranch for all of their professional assistance that enabled us to put on such a memorable event. Bravo also to Willard Flowers for the beautiful floral table decorations. Thanks to Lisa Haley and the Zydacats who provided the great music during the evening. Most importantly, great thanks are due to all of our members who once again showed their support by turning out in such numbers, and contributing so generously to our mutual cause.



Additionally, special thanks are in order to Julie Gigante, Peter Rotter, and Irina Voloshina for

Note: In our November 15, 2004 RMALA Newsletter we inadvertently misspelled the name of a long time Local 47 member. Norman Panto (misidentified as Norm Pento) was awarded a 50 Year Pin at the October 25, 2004 meeting. Congratulations (and our apologies.)