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## Donations reach a total of \$1.3 million for Best Buddies International

Celebrate the good ole U.S.A! What a phenom ideal! And why not do it with more than 1,000 fab supporters? Best Buddies Miami hosted its 13th annual gala with a patriotic theme: to commemorate this great country.

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As always, the event was a complete hit. It was co-chaired by Best Buddies founder **Anthony Shriver** and wife **Alina, Richard Booth, Adrienne Arsh, Romero Britto, May Liang** and **James Lintott, Jeannie Means, Belkys L. Pérez, Gayle Hawkins, Randy and Saily Perkins, Johan De Nysschen, Alain Pérez** and **George Zoley**.

Speaking of notables, luminaries and celebs flew in from around the country including **Vivica A. Fox, Jason Binn, Brett Ratner, Lisa Rinna, Mattie Herrera Bower, Verne Troyer, James Caan, Miss Florida Megan Clementi, Mel Dick, Ron Book, Miss Teen USA Stormi Bree Henley, Evander Holyfield, Chris Korge, Philip Levine, Carl Lewis, Maureen McCormick, Jan Miller, and Tracy and Alonzo**

**Mourning** The star-studded affair took place on several party tents on Watson Island, where guests bid eagerly on a slew of silent auction items including tickets for the season finale of "American Idol" and a European luxury package featuring tickets to Wimbledon.

But that was not all... The evening promised more and delivered with a new highlight of the night where celeb chefs **Tim Andriola, Michelle Bernstein, Sean Brasel, Ron Duprat, Howie Kleinman, Mark Militello** and **Sean O'Connell** created culinary delights with Best Buddies participants as part of a new chef challenge.

After the feast, partygoers were entertained by a live concert by **Chris Brown**, who performed a tribute to **Michael Jackson**. The gala raised \$1.3 million in total donations for Best Buddies International.

### A MAGICAL EVENING

The view, the ambiance and the audience together made the 53rd annual Vizcayan Ball a night to remember. More than 350 movers and shakers from across South Florida flocked to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. The breathtaking land-



Bernie Yuman, Anthony Shriver, Lisa Rinna and Jason Binn at Best Buddies gala.

mark played host as patrons sauntered through its lush landscapes and main house to party the night away while raising funds for the museum.

Ball co-chairs **Donald Kress**, Senior VP, Northern Trust Bank, and **William Jones**, Senior VP, SunTrust Bank, and their event committee recognized the evening's honoree, **Cindy Carr**, for her many years of service on The Vizcayans' board, her generous personal support of the Vizcayan Ball and the generous support of Republic National Distributing Company.

Guests indulged in a seafood buffet as well as an elegant four-course dinner on the East Terrace overlooking the bay, where all were thrilled to witness a vibrant fireworks display.

Auction co-chairs **Stella M. Holmes**, President, Overseas Partners Realty, and



Honoree Cindy Carr flanked by event co-chairs William Jones, Senior VP, SunTrust Bank, and Donald Kress, Senior VP, Northern Trust.

**Norma Quintero**, Immediate Past President of The Vizcayans, worked tirelessly to secure terrific items including trips to Egypt and Buenos Aires and a Ballon Bleu de Cartier watch. The presenting sponsor of the evening was **Hugo Boss**, represented by **Nick**

**Disanzo and César Fonseca**, South East regional managers, hosted by The Vizcayans VP, **Leslie Bowe**. So who turned out for the exclusive bash? Loyal supporters of The Vizcayans including **Betty Brandt, Swanee and Paul Di Mare, Victoria**

**Cummock, Barbara Guilford, John Hinson, Jeffrey Rynor, Ana Varela, Sheila Kuhl, William Meyersohn, Bennett Hansen, Sonia Gibson, Christopher Fulton, James Murphy, Gene Kubicki, Valerie Scanavino, John Squitiero and Hunt Deutch** as well as City of Miami Mayor **Tomas Regalado** and daughter **Raquel**, Miami City Commission Chair **Marc Sarnoff** and wife **Teresa**, Miami-Dade County Commissioner **Bruno Barreiro** and wife **Zoraida**, Senator **Gwen Margolis** and City of Sunny Isles Mayor **Norman Edelcup**.

### WINTER WONDERFUL!

Mark your calendars for this musical affair! You won't want to miss the University of Miami Frost School of Music's Winter Wonderful! Holiday Dinner event on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Fontainebleau on Miami Beach.

The holiday gala, chaired by **Patti and Allan Herbert**, is a benefit for undergraduate music scholarships. The evening will honor two special individuals: Singer extraordinaire **Jon Secada** will receive the Frost Achievement Award and **Marta Weeks** will receive the Frost Legacy Award. For more information, please call 305-284-2875.

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## Celebrations

### BIRTHDAY NAGYMIHALY



90 years ago, on Dec. 3, 1919, in Kiskindorozsma, Hungary, you came into this world and you are still going strong, full of vim, vigor and vitality. You are a remarkable and outstanding woman. We are astounded by your endurance, your energy, your mental resolve.

We are inspired by your courage, your strength, your abiding faith and gentle humility. Your kindness toward and unconditional acceptance of individuals is a gift to family, friends and community. You have experienced much, seen many changes, traveled far and touched many lives. You delight us with your wit, your charm and childlike joy. We marvel as you entertain us with poetic verse memorized in grade school and remembered still. We love your smile. We love you! Happy 90th Birthday. God has blessed us, Your loving family.

### WEDDING

#### CABRERA - BENTANCOURT

Stefanie and Bryan were married yesterday, November 28, 2009 at Church of the Epiphany and enjoyed a reception at The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Australia and Fiji. Stefanie, a teacher acquiring her master's degree, and Bryan, a restaurant general manager, presently work in the family business. Stefanie's parents are Emilio Cabrera and Hilda



Alvarez Cabrera of Coral Gables and local business owners. Bryan's parents are Alberto Bentancourt and Graciela Garammon Bentancourt.

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### STEPH SEZ SCOOP:



**Laura Buccellati and Ana Cristina Defortuna** at Laura Buccellati Handbag Luncheon at Jade Ocean Sunny Isles.



**Ron Book, Dr. Larry Feldman, Lauren Book Lim, Alberto Carvalho and Kris Lim** pose together after Lauren received a proclamation from the Miami-Dade School Board for her work in providing educational programs through her foundation, Lauren's Kids.



Culinary personality **Donatella Arpaia** joined business partner chef **Michael Psilakis** at their restaurant **Eos for a Friends of the Food Network South Beach Wine and Food Festival soiree**.



**Bal Harbour Mayor Jean Rosenfield, Brenda Nestor Castellano and Neiman Marcus Vice President and General Manager Hess Roufaza** at Neiman Marcus Bal Harbour.



**Inés Rivero and Herran Arrihea** at the grand opening of **Miu Mu Bal Harbour**, where a percentage of sales from the event benefited the Miami Children's Museum.



**Paula Levine, Jules Trump, Stephanie Trump, Seth Werner and Annette Franqui** at the I Have a Dream Foundation gala.



**Dan Baron and Douglas Rodriguez** at the grand opening of **Astor**.