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Society

500 support 'Dancing with Detroit Stars'

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Dr. Charlene Proctor and Professional Dancer Blake Kish perform the waltz (Ricardo Thomas/The Detroit News)

The 2011 Historical Society Ball was a smashing success with its fourth annual "Dancing with Detroit Stars" theme. More than 500 supporters attended the black-tie gala that was held this year at Eastern Market, Shed 3.

Since outgrowing its space at the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Historical Society has been hosting the annual ball at historic locations around the city since 1999. The Display Group worked its magic on Shed 3, turning the space into a winter holiday wonderland.

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The Dec. 2 event began with a cocktail reception with passed hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. A sit-down, duo-entrée dinner of grilled salmon and beef filet was prepared and served by Opus One. The dance competition began right after dinner.

The dance contest features local celebrities and prominent business people paired with professional dancers. In previous years, the winner of the competition was the dancer who raised the most money. This year the "Best Performance" prize was added for the dancers with the best moves.

"Dancing with the Stars" professional cast members Jonathan Roberts and Anna Trebunskaya, who are married to each other, appeared as judges for the "Best Performance" prize. At the conclusion of the dance competition, they wowed the crowd with their own performance.

This year's dancers were Nedda Shayota, vice president of Sigma Associates, who was the top prize-getter raising the most money; Sharon Madison, of Madison Madison International, who shimmed her way into the "Best Performance" prize; Janice Cosby Bridges, vice president of marketing at St. John Providence Health System; Dr. Judie Goodman, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland; Erin Nicole of WXYZ-TV; the Rev. Dr. Charlene Proctor, bestselling author; and Patricia Ellis Strowger, media relations director at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Tickets to the ball were \$600 for benefactors and \$300 for patrons. This year's chairs were Karla Hall of Detroit, Lauren Rakolta of Birmingham and Suzanne Germack Frederickson of Grosse Pointe Park. Proceeds from the evening will support the Historical Society's exhibitions and educational programs at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

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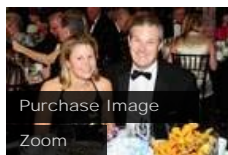
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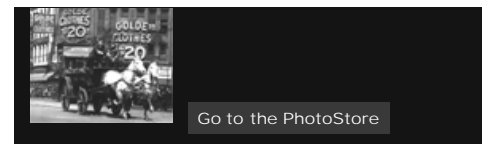
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