

34th Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala Set for Saturday, April 26 at Stockton Seaview

Celebrating Seaview's 100th and Saatkamps' Contributions to Education

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Galloway Township, NJ - The 34th Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala on **Saturday, April 26** will be an exceptional evening celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, honoring President and Mrs. Saatkamp for their lifelong commitment to education, and celebrating the joy of the Saatkamps' 50th wedding anniversary.

The Gala benefits student scholarships and has raised over \$5 million over the past 10 years. The Stockton College Foundation, which sponsors the Gala, has awarded just over \$500,000 for scholarships for the 2014 fiscal year.

The Gala's three themes illustrate the college's distinctive ideals and ties to the community.

Steeped in history, Stockton Seaview has hosted presidents (Warren G. Harding), movie stars (Grace Kelly and Bing Crosby), the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and world-class golfers from Ben Hogan to today's LPGA stars.

In its centennial year, Seaview is hosting the ShopRite LPGA Classic on May 26-June 1, continuing its traditional role as a favorite place for vacations and special occasions, and offering Stockton students a place to live and learn as part of the college's Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies program.

President Saatkamp is in his 45th year in higher education, while Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Saatkamp taught in various settings for 39 years. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. -more-

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The Stockton Board of Trustees is serving as the host for this special event, which begins at 6 p.m. and features a cocktail reception, a silent auction and dinner, followed by entertainment and dancing until 11 p.m.

The Stockton Chamber Players will perform early in the evening, while the dance band, Don't Call Me Francis, will provide entertainment after dinner.

Among the unusual items to be auctioned will be dinner, wine and service for eight in your home, prepared by Chef Warner Christy of Steve and Cookie's By the Bay in Margate and donated by owner and Stockton alumna Cookie Till. The auction is chaired for the fourth year by Lisa Johnson, president of Lisa Johnson Communications.

Among the top sponsors are: the Chairs' Circle - Avalon Flooring; Dolce Hotels & Resorts; IBEW Local 351; Summa Cum Laude - The Azeez Foundation; the Cooper Levenson law firm; Dr. Howard and Gayle Gross and Horizon Eye Care; Magna Cum Laude - AtlantiCare; the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa; Chartwells; Follett Higher Education Group; Kramer Beverage Company & and the Kramer Family Foundation; Marathon Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. and Dr. Jo Frances Stow.

Sponsorships and tickets are available. Tickets are \$225 per person and may be obtained at www.stockton.edu/gala or by calling Dawn Hans at 609-652-4830.

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