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# 2013 GALA

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The 15th Annual Gala on Saturday, February 2 was enjoyed by more than 400 attendees in an Irish-themed setting of a "Journey to the Emerald Isle" at River Oaks Country Club. St. Anne parents, parishioners and their guests generously participated and helped raise more than \$550,000 through Silent, Live and Almost Live Auctions, as well as other fundraising venues such as the Wine Pull, Opportunity Bag, and the Irish Pub.

Proceeds from the Gala help the St. Anne School Foundation grow its endowment for the long-term benefit of St. Anne Catholic School as well as help fund the Foundation's \$250,000 Annual Grant to the School, which is included in the School's annual operating budget and supports needs-based tuition assistance, faculty continuing education, fine arts programs, classroom enhancements and technology needs.

Additionally, \$17,970 was raised at the Gala to support the Father John Robbins Bourse Scholarship, which was graciously matched by an anonymous donor. The Bourse supports the enriching diversity of St. Anne Catholic School by providing scholarships to families in financial need.

Over the last two years, the Foundation has provided more than \$1,000,000 in support to St. Anne Catholic School through merit and needs-based scholarships, including Bourse scholarships, as well as annual and special grants, including the completion of the Ideal Classroom project.

Thank you St. Anne Catholic Community for your support of the work and mission of the St. Anne School Foundation!

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# 2013 GALA

Celebrating the rich and spirited Irish heritage within the St. Anne Catholic Community along with the Irish traditions of faith and joy that we all share in our hearts.

The fundraising success of the 2013 Gala was one of the best in the St. Anne School Foundation's history – many thanks to the kind contributions of donors throughout the St. Anne Community, the enthusiastic bidding of attendees, and the generous support of sponsors.

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In-Kind Sponsors: AJ's Urban Petals for above-and-beyond decoration services; Brennan's Houston for underwriting the Gala Committee's thank you lunch; EarthColor for excellence in printing services; and Michael Martinez Photography for assistance with Tribute Messages and event photography.



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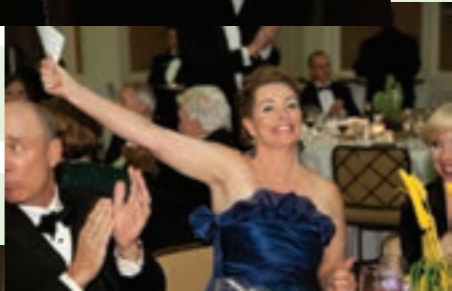
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Auctioneer for the evening was St. Anne's own John Bolubasz – parishioner for more than 30 years and parent of two St. Anne Catholic School alumni.

In addition to a gourmet dinner highlighted by a Tenderloin of Beef Oscar entrée and a trio of decadent desserts, Gala attendees enjoyed many unique experiences during the evening:

- exotic cars on display from Platinum Motor Cars
- Irish bagpiper Chris Creevan who greeted guests on the steps of River Oaks Country Club as well as led the Irish Parade along with the St. Anne Catholic School ambassadors
- an opportunity to add a leaf of Irish heritage to the St. Anne Irish Heritage Tree
- an Emerald Isle Passport to have stamped at various stations throughout the Gala for a chance to win an iPad mini – the lucky winner was Jessica Colon!
- an Irish Pub with its own Silent Auction, pub games, flights of Jameson Irish Whiskey, and St. Anne's Matt McCue providing Irish tunes on the piano.

The evening concluded with late-night dancing to the music of Opposite Attractions and a buffet of sweet and savory Irish scones.



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