



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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PATRONS WINE AND TAPAS TASTING A HUGE SUCCESS

PATRONS was pleased to host over 130 supporters at the Wine and Tapas Tasting that was held on Saturday, August 23rd, at Gatherings in Bellaire Banquet Center. Guests enjoyed live music while sampling delectable foods and wine from Oporto Wine and Tapas Bar. Proceeds raised from the event go toward the construction of the new Playground planned for Phase II of Bellaire Town Square.

Tom Koch was guest host of the evening and was accompanied by his lovely wife Brenda Koch. Among the attendees were also Bellaire Mayor Cindy Siegel, Bellaire City Council Member Pat McLaughlan accompanied by wife and PATRONS Board Member Diane McLaughlan, and Bellaire City Council Member Peggy Faulk. "Our gratitude goes to all of PATRONS generous supporters who joined us as well as our new friends and supporters, like Victoria Aguilar, who helped make this event come together," said Veldman.

"We had an excellent turnout and consider the event a huge success. Everyone enjoyed it so much that we're hoping to make this the first of an annual wine tasting event," said PATRONS Chair Kathy Biddle.

"We owe tremendous thanks and appreciation to The Examiner Newspapers, Lynne Skinner, Kevin and Kathy Biddle, The Bellaire Men's Club (host of Battle of the Bands), and Sion Saghian and General Manager Lee Norton of Gatherings in Bellaire Banquet Center who were generous underwriters of the event," said Veldman. The event was also supported by Oporto Wine and Tapas Bar, which prepared and served all wines and tapas.

"We are raising funds and hope to have the new playground built by this spring," said PATRONS President Sharon Veldman. Phase I of BTS was the Family Aquatics Center for which PATRONS donated \$1 million. "Patrons is now preparing to fulfill their commitment to donate \$250,000 to the City of Bellaire toward the construction of Phase II. The funds are due by September 30, 2008, so we need our supporters to make their donations now," adds Veldman.

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