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ROCMAURA FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER | AUCTION | DANCE

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Saint John Trade & Convention Centre Tickets \$125 with \$65 tax receipt or Table of 10 for \$1250

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SATURDAY≌ OCTOBER 15 ™



a community of caring people Rocmaura Foundation - Helping to make life better for Residents in their "home away from home

FEATURING: "THE POWER OF GIVING"

Rock the night away to Donnie and the Monarchs in support of "the Roc"!

Rocmaura Foundation's major annual fundraising dinner, dance and auction is just around the corner! It will be a fun filled evening as CTV's Cindy Day will host our 18th annual event on Saturday October 15, 2016 at the Saint John Trade & Convention Centre, along with auctioneer Tim Maloney.

New this year, Rosita Hall will take us on a thought provoking high energy journey on "The Power of Giving". Described as the motivational sensation with the big heart, the best-selling author of "I found the Answer" delivers joy and laughter with her encouraging and inspiring outlook.

ROSITA HALL

Well-known local Artist Lana Langille-Doucette will also be creating a painting for our live auction throughout the night. Don't miss seeing her creativity at work!

If you have auction items to donate, please drop them off at the Foundation Office now at 10 Parks Street. Antiques and other collectables will be appraised by Tim Isaac and you will get a tax receipt for the full value.

Donor Wall Holds Special Memories

In a touching tribute, long time Rocmaura staff member Bonnie Hourihan left a lasting legacy in memory of her son who was just 17 when he passed away.

"AJ committed suicide in 2005. In his short life he was a strong leader. He participated in hockey, football and was full of life. He made a difference in many people's lives and his memory lives on through us."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF





AJ HOURIHAN Feb 6 1988 ~ Oct 19 2005

Bonnie dedicated a squirrel in memory of her son who was nicknamed Squirrel.



Bonnie says her strong faith, support from family, friends and co-workers has helped her cope through this tragedy. She established a scholarship in her son's memory to honour his short life. "I believe we need to plan for the future, remember the past, but always live for today." That's why she felt it was important to be part of Rocmaura's new donor wall. "This is just another way to give back to the living while remembering my son." If you would like to leave a lasting tribute on our tree of life, you can donate a leaf for \$100, a bird for \$250 or a butterfly for a \$500 donation.

You don't have to be a Resident to be recognized on our wall, and you can leave a legacy in honour of someone special in your life past or present.

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Three generations of the Flood family donated a butterfly in honour of their Mother and Grandmother, Eileen , who is presently a Resident of Rocmaura.

Some other donors pictured below include the Sisters of Charity, and artist Octavio Ribeiro. Executive Director of Rocmaura, Sheana Mohra also placed a bird in honour of all staff members who have passed.







Merlot 2 Masterpiece

Get your paint brushes ready for another "Paint and Sip Party" at Rocmaura. This time we'll be creating a winter scene with artist Sheila Howell. Tickets are \$50 and include a glass of wine to get your creative juices flowing. Create your masterpiece with us in the Club room on **Thurs Nov. 17, 2016.** Tickets will go on sale after Rocktober.



Online Art Auction

Congratulations to Gerald O'Brien who won this gorgeous Gerard Collins 24"x36" oil on canvas painting! "St. Patrick Street Spring Bouquets" was appraised at \$3000 and went to the highest bidder for \$675. Stay tuned for more online art auctions on Rocmaura's Facebook Page.



Hand Portraits by the Artsy Lady

There's still time to order a hand portrait from Jillian Breen! This is a great way to share a keepsake memory with all the generations of your family. Contact Jillian Breen Email: <u>j.d.b.2590@gmail.com</u> or Cell text 506 333-5835



Hats Off to Irene Bardsley - A Resident's Story

Garden Court Resident Irene Bardsley celebrated her 96th birthday on April 16th with over 30 family and friends! Grandson Alex Bardsley organized the event with daughter-in-law Kim Hunter Bardsley, which was held at The Function Junction.

Apart from the guest of honor, the highlight of the event was a custom made cake in the shape of a top hat with the inscription – "Bardsley Hats".



In the late 1800's Bardsley Hats were shipped from Saint John all over the world.

Irene's husband Bob, and his brother Jack, were hatters, having inherited the family business rich in history.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Bardsley Hats made top hats from beaver skins which were shipped from the Port of Saint John, all over the world. Kings & presidents were among their many high profile customers. In later years, as fashions changed, Bardsley Hats moved its product line to feature stylish men's felt hats. To this day, a Bardsley Hat is a treasured possession. Irene had a wonderful birthday. Grandson Alex asked everyone to bring family photos with names on them, which she enjoyed immensely. It was indeed a memorable day for all involved.





If you have a story you would like to share with us, please contact Sally Cummings in the Foundation Office at <u>foundation@rocmaura.com</u> 506 643-7090