

New York Skin and Vein Center 20th Anniversary Gala Raises \$10,000 for Local Charities



Dr. Eric Dohner, celebrated “**20 Beautiful Years of New York Skin & Vein Center**” with a sold out charity ball at The Binghamton Club on Friday October 15th. The event raised funds for local charities: **RISE** (formerly the SOS Shelter) and **Family Services Association of Oneonta**.

The evening began with a delightful cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres and a meet and greet with the performers. This was followed by dinner and an award ceremony. **Ms. Mara Grace** spoke of the many great works of RISE before presenting the charity's



representatives, **Ms. Melinda Wells** and Assistant Director **Ms. Becca Staudt**, with both a delightful blue glass Community Service Award and a check for \$5,000 to assist with their endeavors. Ms. Grace (who is running for position of Broome County Family Court Judge), was resplendent in a knee length black sequin dress and accompanied to the gala by her devoted Labrador supporter, Ms. **Murphy Grace** (seen here in multicolored tulle).



Dr Dohner (seen here) presented a similar Community Service Award to Family Services Association CEO, **Ms. Patricia Leonard**, along with a check for \$5,000.



The Master of Ceremonies was Binghamton Singing Sensation and Hartwick College professor - **Mr. Steven Nanni**.



The evening was punctuated by the musical stylings of “Frank Sinatra” (performed admirably by **Mr. Frank Frizalone** of The Friars Club NYC and formerly of Caesars Palace Las Vegas) and “Dean Martin” (authentically represented by **Mr. Phil Solis**, Las Vegas singer and comedian). The duo were accompanied by world class pianist, **Mr. Michael Seaman**, who was immediately whisked away after the show to perform in Great Britain and Europe with international singing sensation, Mr. Engelbert Humperdinck.

There were hundreds of guests at Dr Dohner's, “**The Kings of Cool: A Tribute to The Rat Pack**” Charity Gala, including:



The ever dapper, Southside restaurateur, **Mr. Chris Papastrat** and his beautiful wife **Crystal**.



Vision Build CEO, local philanthropist and BU alumni, **Mr. Bob Chan** and wife **Tanja**, entertained a full

table of guests which included **Ms. Mayra Garcia**, Executive Director of The American Civic Society.



And as we know, no event is truly complete without the eternally gorgeous, **Ms. Naima Kradjian** (seen here with Broadway legend, **Mr. Keith Hurd**).



Dr Dohner's Practice Manager, **Ms. Kristy Aton**, magnificent in full length black gown and opera gloves, attended the event along with several of her family members including her husband, **Joseph** of Aton Septic and Drainage.

Although Dr Dohner and New York Skin & Vein Center sponsored the majority of the evenings frivolities, the good doctor insisted that he could not have done so without generous donations from the following people and corporations: **Teresa and Kenneth Stabler**, Southern Tier Hardwoods, and CW Construction.

It should be noted that “Dr. D” also donated a Grand Prize of \$1000 to be used at New York Skin & Vein Center (which as you may already know offers an extensive catalog of services for both face and body).



The winner of the prize was **Mr. Todd Berg** seen here with his delightful fiancé, **Ms. Mandy Starling** (Property Manager of The River House, Binghamton NY). Congratulations!

Although unable to attend at the last moment, **Paul Battisti Esq, of Battisti Law Binghamton, NY** made a very generous donation to benefit RISE. Also unable to attend was **Senator Fred Akshar** who sent both his apologies and well wishes for the evening. For more pictures and information, visit **NYSVC.com/Gala**.