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MARIO'S EVENT RAISES NEARLY \$6,700 FOR PARTNERSHIP, SCHOOLS



FORMER PARTNERSHIP PRESIDENT KEN JOLLEY has added a new assignment to his list of duties as President of Associated Contracting Services, Inc: he's a partner in the newly-renovated Mario's Classic Italiano restaurant on Airline Boulevard. Eager to show off the eatery's new menu and décor to the members of the Partnership, the energetic, ever-creative entrepreneur approached Betty Jo Gwaltney and Don Comer with a three-part plan: host a pizza party for the friends and members of the Partnership; provide music, and sell admission tickets to the event; divide 100% of the evening's ticket proceeds between the Partnership and another worthy Portsmouth non-profit. Money would be raised, mission would be served, and a good time would be had by all.

PLANS CAME TOGETHER QUICKLY. Rock band More Cowbell was available on August 2, Mario's volunteered to donate all of the evening's food, and the **Portsmouth Schools Foundation** was chosen as the event's co-beneficiary. Tickets were printed and distributed to Partnership and Schools Foundation board members, plus Mario's personnel. Two raffle packages were assembled: the first featured dinner for 4 at Mario's, tickets for 4 to an **nTelos Pavilion** concert and limo service for the evening by **Dreams in Motion**; the second featured a set of 4 tickets to an nTelos Pavilion concert. All raffle items were donated.



Maureen Mizelle and Gary Leggett, Portsmouth Schools Foundation; Phil Rudisill, Ken Jolley, Don Comer

WITH SUPPORT FROM OVER 200 PEOPLE, the event was a smashing success. Eighty pizzas were served to guests who mixed and mingled in the restaurant's three dining areas, and raffle tickets sold briskly throughout the evening. And the final take? A total of \$6,693, or \$3,346 for each organization. Maureen Mizelle, Executive Director of the Portsmouth Schools Foundation, is delighted. The PSF's share, she says, will be directed to the schools' "Innovator Grants" program, enabling teachers to purchase classroom materials and supplies for those creative instructional efforts that would otherwise fall just short of inclusion in an overstretched budget.

THE PARTNERSHIP THANKS all of the folks at Mario's, nTelos Pavilion and Dreams in Motion – plus all of our friends who came out to support such a worthwhile event.

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PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT **SEPTEMBER 28 at BIDE A WEE**

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Partnership President Phil Rudisill and Senator Quayle

PARTNERSHIP THANKS SENATOR FRED QUAYLE FOR SERVICE, DEDICATION

VIRGINIA SENATOR FRED QUAYLE's many contributions to the Hampton Roads region – and, specifically, Portsmouth – were recognized by the Portsmouth Partnership at the organization's July meeting, held at the extensively expanded Children's Museum of Virginia. Portsmouth Museums Director Nancy Perry was pleased to host an event which honored an elected official who had provided so much support for the Children's Museum's efforts.

PARTNERSHIP PRESIDENT PHIL RUDISILL presented the Senator with a resolution citing, among other items, budget amendments totaling nearly \$15 million which provided support for the Children's Museum, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, TCC's new campus, Portsmouth Public Libraries, and the Pythian Castle. Other efforts provided funding for Elizabeth River cleanup, sales tax incentives for the Renaissance Hotel, and the donation of 142 acres of land for the creation of the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve.

SENATOR QUAYLE has been honored as State Legislator of the Year by no less than six statewide organizations, and National Legislator of the Year by the National Child Support Enforcement Administration. At his retirement, he leaves a legacy of honesty, integrity and true statesmanship.



Portsmouth Museums Director Nancy Perry

PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES BRIA MATCHETT TO STAFF

THE PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP is pleased to announce that **Bria Matchett** has joined as Administrative Assistant to Executive Director Betty Jo Gwaltney. She will assist in the running of the Partnership and its many affiliates, including the Lefcoe Leadership Foundation, PortsEvents, the Partnership Development Foundation and the Portsmouth Partnership Foundation.

BRIA, who grew up in Chesapeake's Western Branch area, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Human Development. The Partnership is glad to welcome someone with Bria's formidable talents and skills. "I am excited to start a new adventure here at the Portsmouth Partnership, and I look forward to working with all of you," she says. Welcome aboard, Bria!



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