

# Excited for education

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education spring gala event took place June 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The auction was lively as people bid on items like a sunset cruise and a private tour at Ford House. At the last minute, Ford House donated an extra tour, so battling bidders each got the prize for \$4,200.

More excitement came as bids for a sunset cruise, courtesy of the Boll fam-

ily, got up to \$17,000. A Boll family member told auctioneer Lori Stefek they would donate another sunset cruise, one for each top bidder for \$16,000.

The foundation raised \$266,700 during the event, which featured J.T. Mestdagh as honorary chairman. He talked about his struggle with dyslexia and a reading program that had a tremendous impact on his learning skills.



Three generations of the Boll and Mestdagh family. Seated, from left, are John Boll, Marlene Boll, Ruthie Mestdagh and Bill Mestdagh. Standing, from left, are Jim Mestdagh, JT Mestdagh and Kris Mestdagh.



From left, Pam Montgomery, Theresa Selvaggio, GPFPE board member Kathy Fisk and Marie Boyle Reinman.

From left, Mason Elementary School Principal Roy Bishop, Latoya Bishop, Sarah Hartley and Parcels Middle School Principal Dan Hartley.



Dr. David Martin bid on a sunset cruise, donated by the Boll family. Pete Beauregard bid against him for a lively auction. Both bidders won a cruise.



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Above, JT Mestdagh was the honorary chairman of the gala and spoke about his education journey. Left, Grosse Pointe South High School counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske gave a presentation about Tuka, her newly certified therapy dog for South.