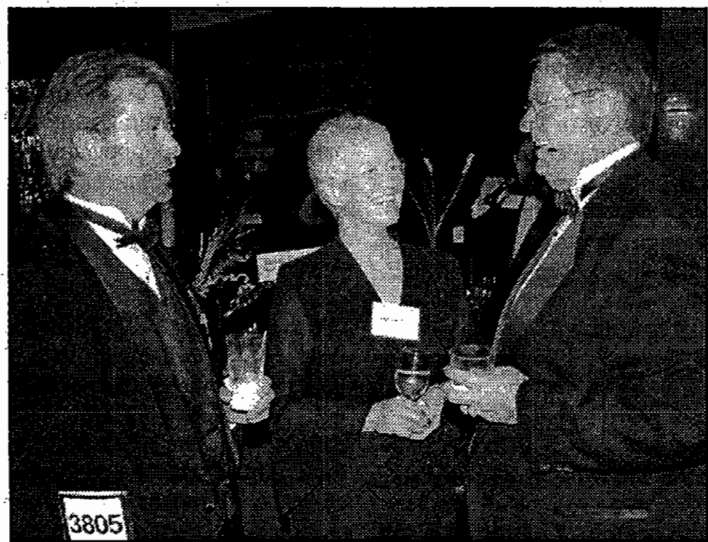


Legal/Bar Report

Second Annual Barristers' Ball Deemed 'Unforgettable'



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Dubbed tongue-in-cheek by one attorney the "Lawyers Prom," the second annual Barristers' Ball, held last Saturday night at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha, was just as fun and glitzy as that high school tradition.

Not only did attendees get to dance the night away to the sounds of Galaxy, they also enjoyed a really nice dinner, complete with a "chocolate saxophone surprise" dessert, and both silent and live auctions. The clever trumpet centerpieces underscored the theme, and the jazz trio in the lobby set the mood.

All proceeds from the evening go to Charitable Funds, Inc. This year's chosen recipient is the Nebraska Minority and Justice Implementation Committee. MJIC, a joint committee of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Association, was established to examine and address issues and perceptions of racial and ethnic bias in the jus-

tice system and the legal profession.

Bill Mueller & Kim Robak served as this year's Barristers' Ball chairs. Once again, Dave Webber, Channel 6 sports director, served as emcee, and Scott Moore, vice president of CB Richard Ellis/MEGA, was the very effective and entertaining live auction auctioneer.

The realization of the theme, "Unforgettable," was the recreation of a jazz club, recognizing the work of the men and women who have "trumpeted" diversity. Those honored were the Pre-Law Institute, UNL; the Bilingual Bail Bond Rights Advisement Project; Daniel Harris Jr. and Harold Rock, the original chairs of the Minority and Justice Task Force; The American Indian Outreach Initiative; Hon. Edna Atkins; Brenda Council, Felicia Flowers-Smith; Jarve Garrett and Clifton Jessup, the original founders of the Midlands Bar Association; and the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee from 2003 to 2005: Senators Ray Aguilar, Patrick Bourne,

Kermit Brashear, Ernie Chambers, Jeanne Combs, Mike Flood, Mike Foley, Mike Friend, Mick Mines, Ray Mossey, Dwite Pedersen, Mark Quandahl, and Gene Tyson. The awards were presented by Charitable Funds Inc. Board President Linda Crump.

Those present and accepting

the honors from Linda Crump at the 2006 Barristers' Ball (and pictured on this page) were: Glenda Pierce and Anna Williams Shavers, Pre-Law Institute; Carlos Monzon and Hon. Ken Vampola, Bilingual Bail Bond Rights Advisement Project; Harold Rock and Daniel Harris Jr., Minority and Justice

Task Force; Charles E. Wright American Indian Outreach Initiative; Clifton Jessup, Jarve Garrett, Brenda Council and Hon. Edna Atkins, Midlands Bar Association; and Senator Kermit Brashear and other members of the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee, 2003-2005.

Next year's Barristers' Ball is April 27 in Omaha.