

BUSINESS ALBUM



Doug Hentz, brand development operations manager at Spartan Surfaces, and Sarah Klein, community relations and front-end operations director at Klein's ShopRite of Maryland and a board member of the Harford County Public Library Foundation, enjoy Harford County Public Library's 20th Annual Gala at the Abingdon Library. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)



Jazz Tucker and Kassandra Tucker, owners of Island Spice Grille and Lounge, enjoy Harford County Public Library's 20th Annual Gala, "Cirque de Magie." (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)



Bobby Windsor and Angel Windsor, owners of Nature's Care and Wellness, attend Harford County Public Library's 20th Annual Gala at the Abingdon Library. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 20TH ANNUAL GALA RAISES \$80K

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Harford County Public Library's 20th annual gala, "Cirque de Magie," raised \$80,000 net on the evening of Oct. 26 at the Abingdon Library. The gala is the Library's largest fundraiser and is crucial to its mission of providing essential resources, services and programs to Harford County residents, from early literacy programs

and STEM resources to internet access and more.

The gala's theme, Cirque de Magie, transported guests to the elegant, provocative setting of Erin Morgenstern's Victorian masterpiece, "The Night Circus." Guests enjoyed a night where magic knew no bounds, and every corner held a new and wondrous sur-

prise including magicians and fortune tellers, live and silent auctions, food by Evolved Catering and Events, music by The Klassix, a jewelry raffle courtesy of Saxon's Diamond Centers and more.

The live auction, led by WMAR-TV's Kristy Breslin and Harford County's Register of Wills Derek Hopkins, featured getaways to New York City, North My-

rtle Beach, South Carolina and Ocean City along with a Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen dinner for six with Master Chef John Shields, a three-stop local brewery tour for 22 guests, club-level tickets to a Baltimore Ravens game and a street naming in the Town of Bel Air.

Jamila Mettee, left, a Realtor and sales associate at Integrity Real Estate Inc., and accounting/payroll/HR at Fredrick Ward Associates, and John Mettee Sr., vice president and director of surveying, PLS, at Fredrick Ward Associates and owner of Tattoo-Icons Art Gallery, were among the guests at Harford County Public Library's 20th Annual Gala. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)



From left, Brian Lipford, founder of Key Technologies; Sharon Lipford, president of the Harford County Public Library Foundation; Erin Young, CEO of La Belle Vie; Joe Tunney, owner/CEO of American Design and Build and American Sentry Solar; and Sandi Tunney, owner and vice president of American Design and Build and American Sentry Solar, enjoy Harford County Public Library's 20th annual gala. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)

From left, Durbin Vido, a private client relationship adviser with Brown Advisory; Jennifer Vido, executive director of the Harford County Bar Foundation; Greg McLaughlin, account manager with Capital Electric Supply; and Jackie McLaughlin, a middle school teacher at Immaculate Conception School, take in the scene at the 20th Harford County Public Library Gala. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)



Enjoying Harford County Public Library's 20th Gala at the Abingdon Library were, from left, Amber Shrodes, director of philanthropy and community engagement with the Harford County Public Library; Mary Hattler, CEO of the Harford County Public Library; and Suzanne Fischer-Huettnier, managing director of BridgeTower Media. (Photo by Malgorzata Baker Photography)