

RIC ASSOCIATE BOARD UPDATE

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

It's an amazing time to be part of the RIC family! **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 BEARCAT BALL COMMITTEE** on a wildly successful event that netted more than \$103,000. One of our most profitable to date! Planning is underway for the 10th Annual Bearcat Ball — what is sure to be the event of the year. **CO-CHAIRS JOSIE CROLL, INGA STENTA, AND MARGIE STINEMAN** will host a kick-off meeting on March 25. Now is the time to decide how you can best contribute to the AB this year.



JENNIFER LANE LANDOLT

Our volunteer program was in high gear with a wonderful AB turn out at the **MARDI GRAS PARTY**. Many prospective members interacted with RIC patients and families for the first time. Thank you to **JULIE BONIECKI, VOLUNTEER CHAIR**, for leading the charge.

“As a result of your hard work, I presented a check to RIC for \$100,000 raised by the Associate Board for the Pediatric Charity Care program.”

Next, **ARTFUTURA 2008:DISCOVERY** is just around the corner **ON APRIL 3**. **CO-CHAIRS SARAH CRANE, DAVID MORDINI AND BRIAN STANG** are leading the committee with innovative ideas and a creative spirit that

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ARTFUTURA 2008: DISCOVERY ▶ 4.3.08

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for **ARTFUTURA 2008: DISCOVERY!** The **CLOSING NIGHT AWARD PARTY WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD FROM 5:30 - 9 P.M. AT THE CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER**. The evening features light hors d'oeuvres from **HEARTY BOYS CATERING, GREY GOOSE COCKTAILS, MUSIC BY DJ SHELDON KNIGHT** and art on display available for purchase. Awards will also be presented to the top three artists as selected by the juror, **MR. JAMES RONDEAU, CURATOR OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART AT THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**.

ArtFutura 2008 features **AROUND 70 WORKS**

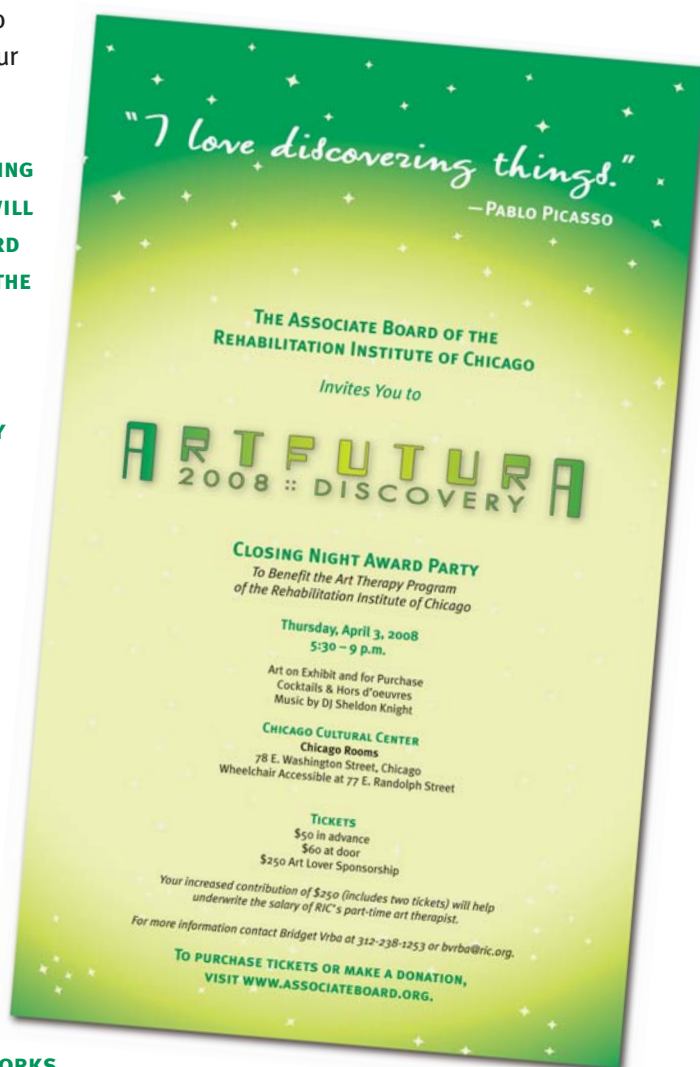
chosen by Mr. Rondeau. We received a record 550 entries from 180 artists from around the country making this year's competition even tougher. The exhibit will run from March 25 - April 3 and also features a special display of RIC patient art work.

Purchase your tickets today and encourage your friends and colleagues to do the same. We need everyone's help to reach the **ASSOCIATE BOARD'S GOAL OF FUNDING RIC'S PART-TIME ART THERAPIST**, a position supported entirely through philanthropy.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and available online at www.associateboard.org or by calling 312-238-1253. Art Lover tickets are \$250 and include an increased donation to RIC. If space is still available, tickets can be purchased at the door for an increased price of \$60.

See you all on April 3!

ARTFUTURA 2008 CO-CHAIRS SARAH CRANE, DAVID MORDINI AND BRIAN STANG ✨



9TH ANNUAL BEARCAT BALL – A SUCCESS!

More than \$100,000 raised for Pediatric Charity Care



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1. (L to R) Lindsey Axel, 2007 Co-Chair, Jennifer Lane Landolt, AB President, John Scully, Tree of Life Chair, Erica Scully, 2007 Co-Chair, Inga Stenta, 2007 Co-Chair, and Dr. Joanne Smith, RIC President & CEO

2. (L to R) Tree of Life artist Richard Hunt, Ill. Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, and Tree of Life Recipient, Ald. Edward M. Burke

3: Andrew & Melissa Goltra take advantage of the gaming entertainment and shoot dice.

4: Monika & Dr. Henry Betts dance the night away

5: Neal Goss & guests of UBS, a corporate sponsor of the Ball

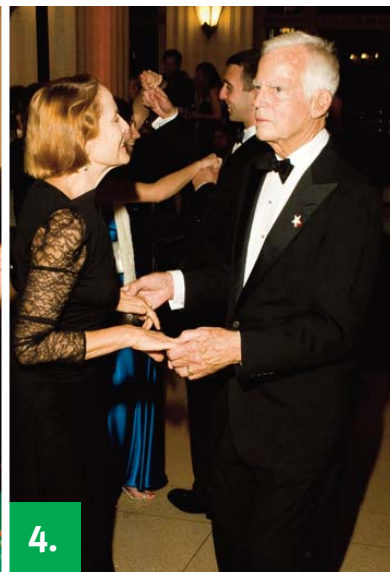
6: (L to R) Special guests for the evening, Athena Mullen and former Chicago police officer Jim Mullen



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10TH ANNIVERSARY BEARCAT BALL ► 11.15.08

Planning for the 2008 Bearcat Ball is underway! Congratulations and thank you to our **2008 CO-CHAIRS, JOSIE CROLL, INGA STENTA AND MARGIE STINEMAN**. As one of the founders of the inaugural Bearcat Ball, **SUZETTE BULLEY**, will also serve as an Honorary Chair.

If you'd like to help make the 10th Anniversary a record success and entertaining evening, please sign up for the planning committee. The first **FULL COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25**, 6 p.m. at RIC, RM1609. Thanks to those who already expressed interest in helping at the last AB meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!
November 15th
The Merchandise Mart

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

**ENTERTAINMENT
SPONSORSHIP**

**FAVORS
RESTAURANTS**

**GAMING
TICKET SALES**

SILENT AUCTION

You can contact Bridget Vrba or one of the co-chairs to get involved or simply attend the first meeting. This is a great way to get to know your fellow Associate Board members and make an even bigger impact in helping children with disabilities. Stay tuned for more exciting details!

2008 BEARCAT BALL CO-CHAIRS JOSIE CROLL, INGA STENTA & MARGIE STINEMAN ✨

MARDI GRAS

THANKS Y'ALL FOR COMING AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

It was a **SUPER SUNDAY-MARDI GRAS AT RIC ON FEBRUARY 3RD** with our party in the afternoon and the Super Bowl that night. What a great day on the 16th Floor! More than 75 patients and their families enjoyed food, crafts and music. Purple, green and gold decorations went up, goodie bags and beads were distributed and the mask decorating and sand art projects were a great success.

The **"MUDCATS" JAZZ BAND** put on great show, even starting a New Orleans-style conga line through the party area to get patients and their families involved. Head nodding and toe tapping was prevalent throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to AB Members **JENNIFER LANE LANDOLT** (and her son **ELLIOT**), **JENNIFER SCHIPF, JOHN** and **ERICA SCULLY, KIRSTEN HULL, COURTNEY MCGOVERN, SARAH CRANE, JULIE BONIECKI,**



LEFT: Angelica adds the final touches to her Mardi Gras mask. RIGHT: Phoebe Whisnant, RIC art therapist and activity coordinator, and Julie Boniecki, AB volunteer chair, coordinated the event.



and RIC T. Rec staff - **PHOEBE WHISNANT, DIANE** and **JILL BEEMER** for their hard work. A special thanks to all the potential new members who visited with patients and showed off their hot glue gun skills – **SALLY JACKSON, SALLY JACQUEMIN, LAUREN JUNG, KELLY KITSCH, CHARLENE KROMBEEN** and **KIM VENDER MOFFAT**.

The patients and their families were grateful for the afternoon of fun that they shared with their; child, parent, spouse, sibling, or good friend. It brought smiles to everyone's face as they were able for three hours to forget about their rehab and party New Orleans Style.

Hope to see y'all next year, but you don't have to wait till then to volunteer! Just contact **VOLUNTEER CHAIR JULIE BONIECKI** at julieboniecki@rcn.com. ✨

Kelly Kitsch and Sally Jacquemin go buggy over Mardi Gras with a patient family member, Mark.



Did You Know?

— John Scully

Historic: RIC launched its continuing education program almost 40 years ago in 1969, which evolved into the RIC Academy - Dixon Education & Training Center. Today the RIC Academy is one of the largest and most comprehensive providers of rehabilitation continuing education in the country.

Amazing: In the January issue of *Chicago* magazine 10 RIC physicians appeared in the publication's annual listing of "Top Doctors". They are:

- ▶ **DR. ROWLAND CHANG**
- ▶ **DR. DAVID CHEN**
- ▶ **DR. NORMAN HARDEN**
- ▶ **DR. KRISTI KIRSCHNER**

- ▶ **DR. TODD KUIKEN**
- ▶ **DR. ELLIOT ROTH**
- ▶ **DR. JAMES SLIWA**

- ▶ **DR. JOEL PRESS**
- ▶ **DR. CHARLES SISUNG**
- ▶ **DR. JOANNE SMITH**

Geographic: RIC has over 30 locations in the Chicago area, Southern Illinois and north central Indiana.

Fun: In the 2002 Winter Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, fifteen RIC Wirtz Sports Program athletes received medals, including the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team's gold medal.

Random: Other famous RIC's include Ric Flair, current WWE intercontinental wrestling champion and Ric Ocasek, lead singer for the Cars. *

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are at the heart of this event. Look forward to seeing you all there!

As **DR. JOANNE SMITH** shared with us in January, RIC restructured its Board of Directors into a Governance Board and Foundation Board. The AB will have representatives on two Foundation Board committees. **KEVIN HULL (VP)** and **NEAL GOSS** will represent the AB on the Research and Education committee, and **HEATHER TOWNSEND (VP)** and **DR. SANTIAGO TOLEDO** will serve on the Clinical Advancement and Community Programs committee.

It's also my pleasure to announce **JENNIFER SCHIFF**'s appointment to the newly created role of Lead Mentor to Prospective Members. Jennifer will be the daily contact for prospective members, lead a mentorship program, and focus on new member recruitment. She will work alongside **COURTNEY MCGOVERN**, Membership Chair, in developing prospective member events and activities.

Courtney will focus more specifically on new member orientation and engagement plans and activities. She will continue to ensure our current members are exposed to Board Enrichment opportunities and are meeting membership commitments.

Finally, I had the honor of representing you at the first full Foundation Board meeting. **AS A RESULT OF YOUR HARD WORK, I PRESENTED A CHECK TO RIC FOR \$100,000 RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATE BOARD FOR THE PEDIATRIC CHARITY CARE PROGRAM.** Thank you for all you do. *

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

- MARCH 25** Bearcat Ball
First Full Committee Meeting
RIC RM1609, 6 p.m.
- MARCH 25 – APRIL 3** ArtFutura Exhibit
Chicago Cultural Center,
Chicago Rooms
- APRIL 3** ArtFutura Closing Night Award Party
Chicago Cultural Center
5:30 – 9 p.m.
- APRIL 29** Associate Board Quarterly Meeting
RIC LIFE Center, 6 p.m.

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