



Newsletter



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What's new...

A special Thank You to Astra Zeneca, Christ Church of Christiana Hundred, Fund For Women, Verizon and Wilmington Flower Market for their recent grants to the programs at SOAR.

SOAR welcomes Board Member La-kissha Conley, Manager, Verizon and also Advisory Board Member Rita Meek M.D., Medical Director, Al duPont Children's Hospital

We are looking for volunteers to join the Spring Fundraiser 2010 planning committee. Those interested can contact Kay Preston (302)521-3574 or email: kaygp@aol.com



"ANYTHING GOES"

SPEAKEASY AND CASINO NIGHT



The Blue Ball Barn was the place to be on April 24 for the "Anything Goes" Speakeasy and Casino Night fundraiser, a benefit for SOAR. Patrons enjoyed a 1920's era night of dinner, 20's style dancing and casino games.

15 community leaders generously donated their time to participate as Celebrity Dealers. Many thanks to our Celebrity Dealers; **David Amado**, Music Director Delaware Symphony Orchestra; **Charlie Copeland**, President Associates Graphic Services; **Bob Dayton**, President Delaware Bio Science Association; **Tim Furlong**, NBC News 10; **Rick Jensen**, WDEL; **Jim Kelly**, COO ING DIRECT; **Chris Kemple**, GM Wilmington Blue Rocks; **David Nicoli**, VP Corporate Affairs Astra Zeneca; **Collin O'Mara**, Secretary DNREC; **John Pickering**, Plant Manager Valero Delaware City Refinery; **Tom Sager**, Sr. VP and General Counsel DuPont; **Dr. Karl Steiner**, Associate Provost University of Delaware; **Beverly Stewart**, President Back to Basics Learning Dynamics, Inc.; **Karen Weldin Stewart**, Insurance Commissioner; and **Sam Waltz**, President Sam Waltz & Associates LLC.



David Amado deals the cards

Rita Landgraf, Secretary Health and Human Services, joined us later in the evening to assist MC Rick Jensen in awarding the prizes.

Who can forget Speakeasy Proprietor "Manny Shevitz" (**Roy Morris**) and the G-men (**Gary Morris** and **Adam Marshall**) who "raided the joint".

Patrons who weren't playing at the Casino enjoyed a 1920's style dance exhibition and instruction by **Brian Wells** of Starliters Dance Studio and his dance partner **Arianne Missimer**.

A special thank goes to the event planning committee **Beth Carter**, **Kathy Cowan**, **Melody Johnson**, **Louise McArdle**, **Damon Morris**, **Kristy Olinger**, **Barb Perry**, **Maria Taylor** and **Jane Wilkie**; and to our many event volunteers; the Morris family and friends, **Carl Hechmer** and his team from **Barclaycard US** and our friends from **Bank of America**.



Charlie Copeland
Nancy Jensen
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SOAR's mission is to provide professional psychotherapy services to child, adolescent and adult survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones regardless of their ability to pay.

A leader in the state of Delaware, SOAR also provides training and education, advocacy and coordination of services.

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Fund For Women Grant

Executive Director, Valerie Marek, and Board Member, Jim Klabe, accept a grant award from Fund For Women Grants Committee Chair, Kelly Firment. The Fund For Women grant will provide recovery treatment for Women in SOAR's program who are uninsured and unable to afford treatment.

PILOT PROGRAMS A SUCCESS

SOAR has added three new group therapy programs to its' group therapy offerings. After successful completion of the pilot of these groups, and the subsequent testing and evaluation that demonstrated their effectiveness, it was decided that these groups will become a permanent part of SOAR's program. The new groups are a **Child Group** for 6-11 year old victims of sexual abuse, a parallel group for their **Parents** and a **Sexual Healing** group for adult victims who have graduated from the first three phases of group therapy.

THE DOVER OFFICE HAS MOVED

SOAR's Dover office has a new location; we are subletting space from Community Legal Aid. Community Legal Aid has been a long time partner of SOAR as we serve many clients in common through a joint Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant.