

THE BASF FOUNDATION ANNUAL

Gala

THE GALA IS IN THE HOUSE

**OVER \$325,000 WAS RAISED FOR THE
BASF FOUNDATION**

When 600 guests and sponsors arrived for this year's BASF Foundation Gala on October 21, instead of a formal dinner, they were greeted by gourmet food stations, roving food servers, and several walk-up bars. Conversation areas with couches and lounge chairs augmented tables and seating. A silent auction offered an imaginative selection of high-quality getaways, gifts, and luxury experiences, raising over \$12,000.

Meetings (for lunch, dinner, or golf) with seven corporate general counsel from some of the Bay Area's largest corporations were among the most popular items in the silent auction.

Despite a difficult financial year, the Gala raised more than \$325,000 in sponsorships, auction proceeds, and individual ticket sales. The cost of this year's Gala was considerably less than the formal dinners of previous years, which is good news for VLSP and our diversity pipeline programs, the beneficiaries of the Gala proceeds.

Photos can be found on BASF's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sfbar.



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From left, Mark Tuft, Mark Schreiber, Andrew Dilworth, Agnieszka Adams, and Sarah Banola, all of Cooper White & Cooper



From left, BASF Foundation President Pamela Fulmer, 2011 BASF Secretary Stephanie Skaff, BASF Executive Director Daniel Burkhardt, Gala speaker Amarra Lee, and BASF Deputy Executive Director and Diversity Director Yolanda Jackson



Gala photos by Jim Block

Almost six hundred gala guests enjoyed an evening of networking, gourmet food stations, guest speakers, and a silent auction.

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Justin Miller, Union Bank; Demetrius Shelton, President, National Bar Association



From left, Adan Chávez Hernández, Ayse Kuzucuoglu, and Fey Epling, both of Drinker Biddle & Reath, and BASF's Executive Director Daniel Burkhardt



Recent law school graduates Sonia Ahmad (left) and Trevor Thanh Nguyen (right) with David Tsai (center), Townsend and Townsend and Crew



From left, Caroline Van Alst, Vanessa Hill, and Jennifer Stalvey, all of Hemming Morse



Karen Kennard of Deloitte LLP checks out silent auction items



From left, Rebecca Kimura, Lafayette & Kumagai; Michael Low, of Youngman Ericsson & Low; and BASF Board Member Susan Kumagai, Lafayette & Kumagai

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John Mitchell and Cassie Khuu, both of Citi Private Bank



From left, Gabriel Sanchez, Jonathan Blavin, Carolyn Zabrycki, all of Munger, Tolles & Olson; Jason Malinsky, Legal Fellow, NRDC; and Yuval Miller, Attorney at Law



Kevin Fong, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, making bids on silent auction items



Karen Scarr, Gap, Inc., and past BASF President James Seff, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman



From left: Tara Kaushik, Chris Legras, and Grace Yang, all of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP



Gala guests enjoy one of several lounge areas at the event.

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Shannon Ernster and Daniel Hager, Roeca Haas Hager LLP



Amarra A. Lee, Farella Braun + Martel LLP, speaking before Gala guests



Barristers Club Board Member Christina Wolf bids on a silent auction item.



VLSP Supervising Attorney Jennifer Greengold Healey (left) and VLSP Executive Director Tiela Chalmers (right) with client and Gala guest speaker Michael Fenton



From left, Marie Ma, Gap Inc.; Frank Goldberg, Gap Inc.; and Bonny Yeung, Genentech



From left, BASF Foundation President Pamela Fulmer, Katherine Ritchey, Brett Lovejoy, and Art Beeman, all of Jones Day