

Tea Party hosted by First Lady Kari Guido a success for Dearborn Community Arts Council

First Lady Kari Guido hosted a fundraising tea for the Dearborn Community Arts Council on March 19, generating more than \$3,000 to support the non-profit organization.

The Sunday afternoon event at the Ritz-Carlton attracted more than 125 people and was chaired by DCAC president Teresa Lousias.

The DCAC is the umbrella organization for more than 40 arts groups in the Dearborn area, and organizes special events that promote the arts, such as the Art on the Avenue Art Fair June 3-4 in west Dearborn.

Mrs. Guido and the DCAC plan on making the tea an annual tradition, following the success of the event, which also featured harp music by Fauna Navarre, a presentation on the social significance and history of women's hats by Nancy Lautenbach, tea pot raffles and door prizes.

Sponsors of the tea were Mayor Michael Guido, Dearborn Sausage, Dee's Hallmark, Kari Klinski, Don and Mary Kosch, Kostoff-Marcus Flowers, Earl K. Lundy, Sharon Moore, Players Guild of Dearborn, Eileen Prinsen, Christine Schechter, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Marshall Field's Premier Salon-Westland, Ritz Carlton-Dearborn and The Victorian Tea Room (Shirley Walker, owner).

Donations for the tea pot raffle came from Bloomsbury Lane, Robert Curtis, Rosemary Jefferson, Mary Laundroche, Teresa Lousias, Theresa Lundy, Colleen Murphy, Eileen Prinsen, Sally's Gifts, Inc., Ruth and Dave Sample, the

Victorian Tea Room, Village Picture Framing and Gallery, Debra Walling and Dr. Mary Ann Zawada.

In addition to Kari Guido and Teresa Lousias, the working committee comprised Mary Laundroche, Theresa Lundy, Valerie Murphy-Goodrich, Christine Schechter and Debra Walling.

Mrs. Guido, an art teacher and artist, thanked all the participants for their support during the tea.

“Because of you, the arts are alive and well in Dearborn,” she said.