

the event total to nearly \$70,000. This will be used for troop activities, leadership, financial aid, tutoring, diversity awareness, drug abuse and teen pregnancy prevention programs, creative arts, and science and technology programs.

■ The 26th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition opening reception attracted an appreciative crowd to the BBAC (Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center) on March 16. They supped, socialized and admired the work, which will be displayed through April 13.

They also saluted award winners - **Lauren Semivan, Tom Carey, Catherine Peet, Keelin Elaine Bruff, Mariah Doren, Johanna Paas, Amy Herman, Brian Kirschensteiner and Vanessa Mille** - and applauded presenting sponsor Humana, whose **Arin Rentz** serves on a BBAC board committee.

■ Project HOPE Women's Division Casino Royale - James Bond Party attracted some 60 supporters. They partied and gambled, netting more than \$6,000 to provide Health Opportunities for People Everywhere.

■ Earlier this month, **Lorna Thomas** hosted a Belle Isle Women's Committee note writing gathering in her Palmer Park home. The invitations indicate that the third annual Polish the Jewel luncheon is Wednesday, May 16, at the Belle Isle Casino. It will include an afterglow in the Conservatory. **Florine Mark** is hosting a cocktail hour Benefactor Party Tuesday, April 17, at which Gena Conti will display her chic millinery and a golf pro will have new putters to try out. Call **Chene Koppitz** at (248) 433-3560.

■ **Marjorie Dillido, Mary Kay LaChance** and **Sue Upton** are chairing the Rochester Junior Women's Club's Raise the Glass wine tasting Friday at the River Crest Banquet Hall. Proceeds will go to the Paint A Miracle art studio for people with disabilities. Call Upton at (248) 651-5457.

■ If you need a good dose of hope, get to the First Annual Talent Show starring some Angels' Place residents with developmental disabilities. They have been practicing for months to showcase their abilities. It's 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the gym at St. Regis.

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