

Beacon On The Scene

Reginald F. Lewis Foundation raises funds to meet endowment challenge



Reginald F. Lewis Estate

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A fine looking sun-kissed crowd gathered once again at the opulent Estate of Reginald F. Lewis in East Hampton to attend the annual Reginald F. Lewis Foundation gala midday luncheon on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Many prominent figures in business, entertainment, sports and society attended the sold out event sponsored by J.P.Morgan, ONEX, BET Networks and Bloomberg with additional support provided by Ariel Investments, GenNx360 Capital Partners, Belvedere Vodka and Y Interact.

The beautiful balmy afternoon event included a VIP reception, auction, delectable lunch catered by Norma Jean Darden's Spoonbread, and dancing to music spun by celebrity spinner DJ M.O.S. on the luxurious estate grounds.

During the brief program, Eugene A. Profit, CEO of Profit Investment Management, received the Reginald F. Lewis Award; and Harvard Law School Business Professor Emeritus Frank E. A. Sander, received the Millennium Member Award.

The fundraiser was hosted by CBS2 News Anchor Maurice DuBois and included a jazz performance by the Marcus Johnson Trio. A portrait of author-essayist Dr. William Pickens Sr. by artist Hale Woodruff — soon to be seen at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture — was unveiled.

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love for our father," said Lewis's daughter Leslie Lewis Sword, who served as event chair. "It shows us that his memory and legacy continue to inspire others."

Funds raised will benefit a \$1 million endowment challenge grant from The Eddie C. and C.



Alma Rangel, Dr. Rosalyn Fugett-Wiley, sister of Reginald F. Lewis, Mayor David N. Dinkins, Leslie Lewis Sword, Christian Lewis Sword, Carolyn Fugett



Christina Lewis, Daniel Halpern Loida Lewis, Eugene Profit, Leslie Lewis Sword



Lola West

Sylvia Brown Family Foundation designed to ensure the continuation of the vital work of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture.

Located in Lewis's hometown of Baltimore, the museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest African American museum on the East Coast.

Sharon Lopez, chief event strategist, Purple Giraffe Productions, returned as event producer and Cheryl Duncan, president & CEO Cheryl Duncan & Company Inc., returned as public relations

specialist. The spectacular floral design was by Jerry Sibal Design Fusion. Guests departed with fabulous gift bags. (Photos by Audrey J. Bernard and Robert Delacruz)



Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown



Jocelyn R. Taylor, Sherry Bronfman



DJ M.O.S.



Eugene Profit, Frank E.A. Sander



Raisa Rhoden with dad Bill Rhoden



Bershaw Shaw, Reginald Canal



Maurice and Andrea DuBois



Sharon Lopez Rhoden, Norma Jean Darden



Gail Monroe Perry



Herb Wilson, Star Jones