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*New Year's Edition*



LIFE'S 24<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lady in Red" Gala  
Was the Perfect Way to Start the New Year!

Upcoming events

Dear Friends,

We've just concluded the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lady in Red Gala and what a way to start the New Year! Where else could you experience Jay Leno, one of the greatest comedians of all time; the music of The Beatles, one of the greatest rock bands of all time; and one of the greatest meals, plus so much more - and it was all for one of the greatest charities in the country.

Jay Leno had us rolling in the aisles with laughter and the Beatles tribute band, The Fab Four, along with the multi-talented Soul Survivors Band, had us dancing in the aisles (and on the dance floor) at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

Nearly 600 guests joined us for the "Over the Moon Vegas to Palm Beach Sizzling Star-Studded Night of Entertainment" - as the gala was dubbed. And almost everyone left saying that it was an amazing night, perhaps the best Lady in Red gala yet!

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Friday, January 4, 2019

**LIFE's 25th Annual**

**Lady in Red Gala**

The Breakers, Palm Beach

6:00 PM

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Indeed, this year's Lady in Red raised more than \$1 million for American Humane to support its myriad initiatives, including its programs helping military veterans with PTSD and those that rescue and shelter, and treat dogs, cats and other animals during natural disasters.



I can't thank our supporters enough, especially my gala leadership: Grand Honorary Chairmen Janet and J. J. Cafaro; Chairs Dr. Robin Ganzert, Jan and Chip Malley, and Robin and Irv Saltzman; and Co-Chairs Maude Cook, Maria and Kerry Kessel, Frank Orenstein, and Gail Worth.

Our "night of stars" began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Venetian Ballroom, where we were serenaded by the Palm Beach Symphony and were joined by the affable Leno who joined in the fun and posed for photos. This was followed in the Ponce De Leon Ballroom when my remarks were memorably - and hilariously interrupted by Will and Anthony Nunziata, the handsome and talented twins who joined me in leading the audience in rousing renditions of Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" and Cole Porter's "De-Lovely."



I also took the occasion to honor Dr. Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane, for her tireless work on behalf of animal welfare and well-being.

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Always one to make an entrance, Mr. Leno drove into the ballroom in a special souped-up and tricked-out street-legal golf cart that he had autographed and later auctioned off. His 35-minute stand-up routine hit upon current political and social news and family stories - all to raucous laughter and applause. He then joined with another Jay - the noted auctioneer Jay Zeager - to lead the auction. In addition to the golf cart, Mr. Leno also auctioned off a dozen private tours of the legendary garage that houses his car and motorcycle collection. He also auctioned off the Sharpie marker he used to autograph the golf cart.

Other items in the auctioned were:

- A weekend to the American Hero Dog Awards in Beverly Hills. The trip included air travel aboard a private plane and a walk-on stage role in the program
- Tiffany diamond earrings and pendant
- Artist Laurence Rassin's painting of Marilyn Monroe

The highlights continued immediately following the auction, when a spot-on "Ed Sullivan" impersonator took to the stage to introduce The Fab Four - vividly reminiscent of how the real Ed Sullivan introduced The Beatles to America! Everyone was on their feet dancing and singing along as the Fab Four made its way through the hit songs of the greatest band of all time!

And the evening was capped by a scrumptious, unique ice cream sundae dessert, and dancing to the music of the Soul Survivors Band.

I can't wait to see you all next year, when we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lady in Red" Gala Friday, Jan. 4, 2019 at The Breakers. For more information, call 561.582.8083, email [life@life-edu.org](mailto:life@life-edu.org), or visit [www.life-edu.org](http://www.life-edu.org).

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