

Prix d'Elegance Luncheon honors those who meld fashion and philanthropy



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Those bespoke, bejeweled and bedecked arrived at the annual **Men and Women of Fashion's Prix d'Elegance Luncheon** at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel to

applaud civic activists who mix fashion and philanthropy -- the event is also a benefit for **New Orleans Ballet Association**.

Each year the Men and Women of Fashion choose two Hall of Fame honorees, as well as 10 men and 10 women to recognize, as well. The class of 2016 included: Hall of Fame: **Bob Breck** (his wife, **Brenda Breck**, was the event chair) and **Jacquee Carvin**; Men: **Dr. Nicolas G. Bazan, Chad Berg, Robert Brown, Roy M. Carubba, Dr. Gerry Cvitanovich, Michael Hecht, Burnie Juneau, Christopher Ledet, Maximilian G. Ortiz, and Frank P. Quinn**; Women: **Penny Baumer, Stephanie Burks, Reagan Charleston, Simone Bruni Crouere, Jennifer Hale, Tamica Lee, Lori Ramsey, Caroline Robert, Michelle Swanner Yenni, and Rebecca Nordgren** of Chatta Box, who teamed up with **Jeff Chouest** of Jeff's Haberdashery to produce the luncheon's signature fashion show. The luncheon is also known for its deluxe silent auction, chaired by **Virginia Eckholdt, Debbie Alciatore Empey and Sharon Marchand**. A "Champagne Pull," chaired by **Tiffa Boutte and Cheryl Mintz**, and the raffle, chaired by **Sandra Chaisson and Gail Barnes McKenna**, for a \$2,500 Rubensteins shopping spree, and a David Yurman sterling-silver Starburst pendant with pavé diamonds, donated by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, all helped raise funds, as did the table decorations sale, chaired by **Jamie Moreau and Kathy Singleton**, of white orchids donated by Dunn & Sonnier.

MOF Board President **Leon L. Giorgio** and Women of Fashion Board President **Teresa Guzzetta**, accompanied by **Dr. Don Guzzetta**, MOF Board Chair **R.K. Hoddinott**, WOF President/2016-2017 **JoAnn Bohm** were in the crowd on April 19, as were **Mary Anne Juneau, Melanie Cannatella, John Eckholdt, Ryan Burks, Heidi Cvitanovich, Haydee Bazan, Jeff Crouere, Marlene Friis, John and Renea Duck, Kathleen Mix, Juan Barona and Capt. Robert Phillips, Mike Winters, Charlotte Bollinger, Vanessa Berg, Al Baumer, Jeff Charleston, Sonda and Ted Stacey, Carol Chouest, Holley Haag and Patrick Quinn, Beth and Ray Seamon, Brett Bauman, Julie and Carl Panebiango, Sandy Rosenthal, and Paulette and Frank Stewart**.