

Tapas *in the* Tropics

Whether it is your first time coming to Tapas in the Tropics or you've been to our Fall fundraising event before, the information below will help guide you through the activities of the evening. **There are many changes this year!**

DRESS

Business casual. Tropical attire encouraged!

LOCATION ***NEW***

Holiday Inn & Suites Rothschild/Cedar Creek. 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild WI 54474.

For room reservations (715-355-1111 or 888-272-2792) mention block # GNP for a rate of \$89 (+ tax) if booked before 9/27/17. (The Holiday Inn cancellation policy allows for 48 hour notice, so grab them now just in case!)

EVENT ENTRY

The entrance into the Banquet Room is through the **main hotel doors under the canopy**. (West side of the building) After passing through the lobby, veer off to the right to find our event check in area.

RECEPTION BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

Please present your ticket to one of our volunteers in the check in area. We will ask you to confirm your contact information, provide you with a program for the evening and direct you to the event room. Feel free to wander, view the silent auction items and partake in the fun activities of the evening.

MUSIC

Our tropical music tonight will be provided by **Caribbean Eclipse** from Milwaukee. Background music will be played during the reception and dinner. After the program, the dance floor will be opened up with livelier dancing music.

SEATING

Sponsored – Our Platinum event sponsor, Van Zeeland Manufacturing, and our Silver event sponsors, Ascension & Keller, Inc will receive special attention this evening with reserved seating at a great location to the dance floor. We thank them for their support.

Reserved – There are many generous local people who show their support to Good News Project by sponsoring a table at this event. Those tables will be marked reserved and will be held for their families and friends.

Social – General admission tickets will let the majority of our guests to select their own seating. This social-type of seating will allow our guests to socialize and move about in between bites of food. We are looking forward to this new seating option!

FUN ACTIVITIES

Grandma's Purse

We will ask all guests to go through their own purses looking for gift cards (new or partially used) to help us fill Grandma's Purse. Toward the end of the night, we will auction off the contents of the purse to the highest bidder. Who knows what goodies will be in Grandma's purse?

Mystery Boxes

Do you love a good mystery? We offer a table full of wrapped boxes available for purchase. Find a beautifully wrapped gift for \$25 or a newsprint wrapped one for \$10. All boxes contain gifts of value...find yours!

Treasure Chest

Can you find buried (or just hidden) treasure? Purchase a key from our treasure bearers, in support of Good News Project. If your key happens to open the lock, a bonus gift will await

HoT Bracelets

Purchase a glowing bracelet. Choose to 'bling it up!' Play our HoT bonus game!

CASH BARS

Drinks will be available at the Cash Bar as well as the Tropical Drink Station. The Holiday Inn will present both, with a portion of sales benefitting Good News Project.

Pepsi products (sponsored by Mid-Wisconsin Beverage) will be complimentary.

FUNNY MONEY

We will be offering Funny Money for sale again this year. This is a great way to support Good News Project and allows you to purchase a treasure chest key, find your favorite mystery box or buy a HoT bracelet. You can use Funny Money to help the Health Equipment Lending Program, or to give a general contribution to Good News Project.

TAPAS-STYLE DINNER

After you've mingled, bid on Silent Auction items and had a drink, the various food stations will be set up for dinner. This will be **approximately 6:00 pm**. Since this dining style is very conducive to socializing, feel free to wander around, sample the tropical fare and sit down occasionally to converse over nibbles. Re-connect with friends you haven't seen in a while or make new ones!

Coffee and dessert will be served after our program. Choose from a selection of goodies from businesses in our area.

AUCTIONS

As we have done over the past many years, we have an amazing Silent Auction taking place throughout the entire evening. In 2016 we offered a live auction. It was a grand success, so again we will have a live auction for select items. Payments for items will be accepted in cash, personal check and credit cards.

PROGRAM

Good News Project is a 34 year nonprofit that continues to evolve. The brief program will inform our guests about what we have been up to in the last 12 months, and give a preview of where we are going!

DANCE BEGINS

At the close of the program, Caribbean Eclipse will take the stage again, and create an exciting dance atmosphere. Join us on the dance floor and **shake that thing!**

SILENT AUCTION CHECK OUT (PAYMENT INFO)

This year our Silent Auction will shut down in two stages. One half will close at 8:40p.m., the other half about 10 minutes later. This will allow our volunteers to gather bid sheets and information about who won what items. At that point, we will begin Silent Auction Check Out in the lobby area. You will not be able to check out until we are ready to start. **Please be patient.**

We ask that each guest bring the top two pages of their winning bid sheet to the Check Out tables, choosing the line dictated by their choice of payment (Credit Card or Cash/check). The volunteer

at the table will total up the purchases, accept payment and return the copy that will allow pick up of the items.

At these same Check Out tables, donations pledged during the live auction event can be taken care of.

THANK YOU 

We thank all supporters of this event: Our sponsors; the people who could not attend, but made a donation; our guests; all of our volunteers; the companies, businesses and private donors of items to our silent auction or mini events; and to the Holiday Inn & Suites for their hospitality.



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