



# News Letter

MIAMI SKI CLUB - A SOCIAL CLUB FOR ALL SEASONS

NOVEMBER 2010

## Happy hours

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**November 5, 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts (Lobby)**  
(drink specials & appetizers) 201 SW Fifth Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, (954) 462-0222

**8:30 PM Wintervention** Warren Miller Film  
(see article to RSVP)

**November 12, 6 - 8 PM**

**Tarpon Bend Raw Bar & Grill** (2 for 1 drinks)  
65 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, (305) 444-3210

**November 19, 6 - 8 PM**

**Lobby Bar in Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
(drink specials & appetizers) 50 Alhambra Plaza  
Coral Gables, (305) 441-1234

**7 PM: Morocco trip and Alaska cruise opening!**

**November 26, 6 - 8 PM**

**Chart House, MSC Holiday party**  
51 Chart House Drive, Coconut Grove  
(305) 856-9741 **Please bring toys for charity!**  
To RSVP see inside back page of the Newsletter

## Trip opening

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**Friday, November 19, 7 PM**  
**Lobby Bar in Hyatt Regency Hotel**

The big day is coming! We will be opening our exotic trip to Southern Spain, Morocco and Portugal (May 13 - 28 or June 1, 2011), right along with our Alaska Cruise, which will take off on July 20, 2011 and return on July 29. Both trips will go on sale at this special happy hour at 7 PM, so don't miss out! Please see the Morocco trip sheet in this issue, or go on our web site, [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) to get more information on the Alaska trip!

## Bike ride

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**Saturday, November 20, 9 AM**  
**Shark Valley parking lot**

Shark Valley lies in the heart of the "True Everglades," or river of grass, that stretches 100 miles from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico off Tamiami Trail (SW 8th St.), 25 miles west of the Florida Turnpike. Wildlife abounds here where animals share a freshwater ecosystem of saw grass marsh and tree islands.

Enjoy a cool 15 mile, safe, easy bike ride on a paved road in full view of gators, turtles, birds and other remarkable wildlife. Halfway through the ride we will walk up to the observation tower which provides a spectacular view into the saw grass marsh. After the ride we will then drive to "The Pit" for an old favorite BBQ lunch together. The entrance fee to the park is **\$10** per car. Bike rentals are available for \$ 7.25 per hour. Please contact **Linda Kaplan** at **(305) 978-6256** or e-mail her at [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net) for more information. RSVP not necessary but may be a good idea so we know you are joining us.

Driving directions can be found on the Internet at <http://www.sharkvalleytramtours.com/contact.html>.

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# Letter from the Prez...

Hi everyone,

In August I slipped at home and broke my left elbow. Thank goodness it was pretty pain free. All I had to do was wear a sling for two weeks and I'm still undergoing therapy. A little set back one might say, but I can still drive and most importantly haul all the Happy Hour gear for Friday's events. Someone posed the question, "If you are President, why do you still do this menial task?" I was puzzled, "menial"? Is that how hosting happy hours is looked upon? I

replied that while I love being the Prez, hosting the happy hours is the best! I love watching you all have fun, knowing everyone's names, seeing your faces, making your name tags and even removing the backing (I am a pro now). Choosing and organizing the weekly venues, meeting and greeting new people is an essential task of promoting the Miami Ski Club but most of all, extremely gratifying to me because I can spend it with all of you.

Did you have fun at the September Snowball Hat party? If you couldn't make it, what a shame we had a lot of fun and here's what you missed, creative hat ideas, a lovely venue, delicious buffet dinner, rocking and rolling with "The Click" band, signing up for ski trips and hanging out with friends. Hat prize winners were Al Wessner, John, with a cool looking pagoda hat, Lisa Hagen and Arlyne Tobin. Birthdays celebrated were George Berg, Karen Kirby, Deborah Matthews, George Ondricek and yours truly. We all turned 29 this year. Our 50/50 Raffle winners were Elena and Douglas Shannon, congratulations! If you missed this one, you had another opportunity to join us for the magnificent October Snowball "Biker & Babes." I sure hope you did.

Saturday, October 2, I attended the Peter Glenn Ski & Snowboard show in Ft. Lauderdale. The FSC booth was set up to promote ski trips and club information. Maggie, our Breckenridge trip leader, and I handed out 2011 Florida Skier magazine, MSC business cards and met many interested skiers and potential new members. Bill Grieco, Bob Kriebs and Michele Hohmann volunteered for Sunday promotions. Good sales on ski wear!

So come and sign up for ski trips, join our fun events, tell others about us, showcase your business in the Newsletter, give us your suggestions and have fun! Morocco and the Alaska Cruise will have a grand opening this month. Our Holiday party is at the Chart House once again. Thanks to all of our volunteer board members. I wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Live, Love, Laugh

Pamela Rose Epstein, [president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net)

## Breckenridge Ski Condo

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Heated Garage Pools & Hot Tubs

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On site: restaurant/lounge, spa, salon

Week of January 16-23, 2011,

Call Carole for info, 301-874-8475

# Dine-a-round

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Tuesday, November 9, 7 PM  
Lola's, 2032 Harrison Street, Hollywood

Our pre-Thanksgiving Dine-a-round is in the heart of Hollywood's hot dining and entertainment scene. For the foodies in our group, Lola's offering is a cornucopia of delectable epicurean delights fit for a king, gourmand, or anyone appreciating fine food, especially *before* Thanksgiving! Another four-star rated dining emporium, according to multiple reviews we have confirmed, Lola's is sure to be a pleaser, with Thanksgiving a hard act to follow. After dinner, feel free to wander amongst the various interesting bars, clubs, and shops this Hollywood destination community offers.

**Choice of Appetizer:** *Purple Potato Skin* (sun-dried tomato Crème Fraiche, roasted garlic cloves, smoked bacon bits, chives, American sturgeon caviar); *Maryland Blue Crab Cake* (fresh lump crab meat, carrot-mango slaw, herb Tartar sauce); *Goat Cheese Salad* (pistachio-cruste goat cheese, fresh raspberries, arugula, Belgium endive, toasted pistachios, raspberry shallot vinaigrette).

**Choice of Entrée:** *Coca Cola © BBQ Beef Ribs* (slow roasted center cut beef ribs, basted with Lola's signature Coca Cola BBQ sauce, buttermilk onion rings, herb creamed yellow corn); *Skillet-Seared Salmon* (organic wheat berry salad, cucumber-mint vinaigrette, crispy shallots); *Chicken Milanese* (free-range all natural chicken breast crusted with basil crackers, spring mix, whole milk Mozzarella, whole grain mustard vinaigrette); *Ricotta Gnocchi* (dough made with Ricotta cheese, wild mushroom cream sauce, shaved Ricotta Salata, white truffle oil). **Choice of Dessert:** *Cupcake Trio* (chocolate-peanut butter, coconut, Red Velvet); *Raspberry Cheesecake* (Chambord soaked raspberries); *Chocolate Truffle Cake* (ice cream). **Beverage:** Choice of one glass of white or red wine: Pinot Grigio, Conti, Italy 2008; Merlot, Mars & Venus, Chile 2007 included.

As always, we look forward to a wonderful meal, turnout, and the camaraderie which draws so many friends to our Dine-a-rounds. Reservations will be made upon receipt of your check on a first-reserved, first-served basis in date order. To RSVP, please send check for **\$50 for members** (\$55 for guests) payable to the Miami Ski Club. Includes tax, gratuity, glass of wine. Send to **H. Allen Benowitz**, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL33129-1657. For more information, call Allen at **(305) 586-1181**(cell) anytime, or Jo and Allen at (828) 682-1327 until November 1. After November 2, please call them at (305) 856-1402. E-mail: [Specialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Specialevents@miamiskiclub.net).

# “Wintervention”

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Warren Miller film, Friday, November 5, 8.30 PM  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

MSC Friday Happy Hour will be in the lobby at 7:30 PM, cash bar and complimentary appetizers provided.

Warren Miller Entertainment, the largest action sports filmmaking company on the planet, is coming to Broward Center Amaturro Theater. Narrated by skiing icon Jonny Moseley and presented in striking high-definition, Warren Miller films showcase incredible cinematography that will leave you breathless. “Wintervention” takes you on a global tour of some of the world's most impressive terrain, which you are not very likely to see on your own! So come and experience the ultimate snow thrill ride!

Please RSVP by Nov 1 and mail your check for **\$12 member** or guest, made out to the Miami Ski Club to, **Linda Kaplan** at 9500 S. Dadeland Blvd, Suite 703, Miami FL33156. You can contact Linda at (305) 978-6256 or [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net). The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located at 201 SW Fifth Avenue and their number is (954) 462-0222.

# Alaska cruise

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July 20 - 29, 2011  
Optional Denali extension

By popular demand here is our Alaska Cruise presented by the Florida Ski Council. "One big party ship!" Our trip includes air from Miami to Vancouver BC via Alaska Airlines. Two night accommodations in Vancouver to explore and participate in optional tour of Victoria Island. Transfer to Radiance of the Seas for a wonderful 7 night cruise. Alaska port stops include Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Seward and Hubbard Glacier. Ship amenities include: an indoor/outdoor country club with golf simulator, rock climbing wall, a billiards club, day spa, fitness center, the Casino Royale, and variety of world class restaurants. This cruise includes all meals and snacks on board. Transfer from Seward Pier to Anchorage Airport, return air from Anchorage to Miami via Alaska Airlines. All air taxes, fuel surcharges, port charges and cruise taxes included. We are planning an optional tour of Denali, all of this and more with prices starting at \$2,600. Our trip leader will be Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098. Please follow Alaska updates with pricing information on [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) before the November 19 trip opening.

# MSC 2011 ski trips

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All Miami Ski Club ski trips are priced per person, double occupancy. Base price includes (except where noted) airfare, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, a farewell banquet dinner, an additional dinner or mountain lunch during the trip; a pre-trip and post-trip party – and last but certainly not least, free admission to the annual Springfest event. Initial trip deposits are \$750, unless specified otherwise. For even more fine print, see your trip flyer and trip application. Please note that, after the time of booking, the airlines may impose additional taxes or fuel surcharges and local taxing authorities may increase existing taxes, which would be passed on to the trip participants. Airlines recently instituted baggage fees which are the responsibility of the trip participant. We also highly recommend that everyone purchase travel insurance. For more detailed information on the following trips, and hot links to our destinations, visit our website at [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com).

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## BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

**January 22 - 29, 2011, Beaver Run Resort, \$1,435**

This is our wildly popular Florida Ski Council trip with lots of lively activities for skiers and non-skiers alike. Ski Breckenridge, the perfect Mountain Town with its Victorian vistas, colorful gold rush heritage and four huge interconnected mountains it is offering something for everyone. This quaint Victorian mining town comprises Colorado's largest historic district. Beaver Run Resort is a ski in/ski out facility and the Beaver Run Super Chair in front of the Resort should get you up the mountain in no time. Breckenridge has a total of 30 lifts and nearly 2,400 acres of varied ski terrain. Base elevation is at 9,600 ft, promoting good ski conditions. 14% of the trails are considered easy, 31% more difficult, 19% most difficult and 36% expert. Plenty of mountain lunch opportunities exist to let you enjoy beautiful views and a variety of dining options. Try the Vista House on Peak 8 for some incredible views over the Continental Divide. Back at the Resort soothe your aching bones in a hot tub or the pool to be ready for an exciting night on the town.

**Trip leader: Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098 [breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net).**

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## BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

**February 19 to 26, 2011, Fairmont Banff and Chateau Lake Louise, \$1,875**

The Banff / Lake Louise area is in the heart of the Banff National Park, a Unesco World Heritage site. Here you will enjoy the driest, lightest snow and terrain to suit every desire from gentle groomed runs to some of the world's most extreme challenges. Ski Banff lift tickets are interchangeable at Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Norquay. You can also ski one evening at Norquay. The three areas offer almost 8,000 acres of skiable terrain. Both hotels offer luxurious rooms and superior service. For both skiers and non-skiers the town of Banff is home to designer shops and boutiques, a bustling nightlife, museums, dining and spas.

**Trip leader: Lori St. John (303) 906-8656 [banff@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:banff@miamiskiclub.net).**

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## SNOWBIRD, UTAH

**March 13 to 20, 2011, Cliff Lodge, \$1,750**

With the ascent of Snowbird's 125-passenger Aerial Tram from 8,100 feet to the breathtaking 11,000 feet summit in only 8 minutes, Snowbird Ski transports quests into a fanciful world of spectacular scenery and amazing powder. Continuous vertical, natural waves and smooth curves make Snowbird a sensation for die-hard skiers. Snowbird's diverse terrain includes challenging steeps, and huge bowls, yet there are plenty of intermediate cruisers and gentle gladed trails through the trees. Snowbird offers a wide variety of winter activities for the whole family! We have everything from snowshoe rentals and guided snowshoe tours to plenty of restaurants and stores. And do not forget to visit one of the area's spas.

**Trip leader: Adriana Demirdjian (305) 979-8378 [snowbird@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:snowbird@miamiskiclub.net).**

**VP of trips: Bill Grieco (305) 721-9154**

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For trip details, contact trip leader, or check the TRIPS page on our web site, [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com). Trip application forms available from trip leader, or can be downloaded from our web site.



# SPAIN & MOROCCO

## WITH PORTUGAL EXTENSION

THE LATEST CHAPTER IN MIAMI SKI CLUB'S ONGOING SERIES OF EPIC JOURNEYS  
DEPARTING MIAMI ON MAY 13, 2011 AND RETURNING ON MAY 28, OR JUNE 1, IF DOING PORTUGAL

Continuing with the legacy of unforgettable journeys to the far corners of the world, we are proud to bring you this fantastic trip to Southern Spain and Morocco. As we have gotten accustomed, this will once again be a luxurious trip, offering magical tours, fabulous banquets and exotic locations.

The focus of this trip is the exploration of the exotic North African history and culture, and its influence around the Mediterranean Sea. And what better place to start, than Granada, Andalusia! The city's history dates back to the days of the Greeks in 5th century BC, then continues as a Roman colony, which eventually became occupied by the Moors in the first century. In the 16th century, the city was surrendered to the Catholics, but the treaty allowed the Muslims to live and worship freely. This mixture of cultures created some very unique architecture in a magical setting, which is Southern Spain today, and ours to explore.

On the third day, we will move on to the ancient city of Cordoba, which in its day ruled most of the Iberian Peninsula. The splendor of that era is still preserved in the historical center, which we will pay a visit to. Moving on to another ancient city, we will spend two nights in Seville, which should be on anyone's list of places to visit. Among other sites, we will visit the Cathedral, Casa de Pilatos and Royal Alcazar.

On May 18, we will take a fast ferry from Algeciras to Morocco on the African continent, where the real adventure begins. We will start our explorations in Tangier, then move on to Rabat, which is Morocco's second largest city, and its capital. The incredibly rich history starts in the third century BC. The settlement in 40 AD became a Roman colony and later transferred to Muslim rule. In the 17th century, Rabat became a republic run by the Barbary pirates, who's rule endured until the beginning of the 19th century. Later, in

the 20th century, the city became a French protectorate, which left a very strong cultural and architectural presence.

From there, we will move on to Marrakesh, bordering the Sahara desert and surrounded by majestic mountains. As you can imagine, we will do our best to tour the bazaars and immerse ourselves in this exotic culture. Our next stop will be Quarzazate, called by the Arabs "the Door to the Desert". Filled with markets and trading posts, Quarzazate is also a major film industry location. Once there, you will understand why!

The following day will take us more on an exploration of nature, visiting the Todra Gorge and Merzouga Dunes. This is bound to be one of the most memorable night of the journey, as we will be overnighing at the Bivouac tented Berber Camp (in utmost luxury, of course). The next day, we will go on a sunrise camel ride through the Merzouga Dunes, before moving on to Fez, one of the most fascinating cities in Morocco. The city was populated by tribes from all parts of North Africa, as well as the Jews, along with the European influence. After being conquered by the Ottomans, the city took on a decidedly Muslim flavor. In the 19th century, the French assumed control of the city, and the cultural tide shifted once again. Needless to say, the city has one of the most interesting makeups, just begging for you to use up all the memory in your camera!

Our final destination will be a brief stay in Casablanca, which is one of the most modern cities in Morocco, while still preserving its historical charm in parts of the city. Here, we will hop on to a quick flight back to Madrid, Spain. While in Madrid, we will take advantage of what the city has to offer and tour this beautiful town. Our last night of the main portion of the trip will be spent in Madrid, before departing for Miami.

For those of us with a thirst for even more adventure a major change in venue, we will take a flight to Lisbon, where we will spend the next four days exploring Northern Portugal. Our stops will include Nazare, described as Portugal's most picturesque fishing village. Then in Batalha, we will visit the abbey, which is considered as one of Europe's Gothic masterpieces. Built in the 14th century to give thanks for a military victory against the Castillians, it dominates the city to this day.

Our next stop will be the town of Fatima, named after a 12th century Moorish princess who was captured by the Reconquista, converted to Christianity

and married the Count of Ourem. The city is also known for religious visions which reportedly took place here in 1917. From there, we will pay a visit to the incredibly picturesque town of Ponte de Lima, with a magnificent Roman bridge against the backdrop of the mountains.

The towns of Braga and Guimaraes are also on our list of places to visit. This part of the journey will have a much more intimate flavor, exploring smaller and less frequented gems. Portugal not only has a very rich naval and colonial history, but it is also home to some of Europe's most romantic small towns. Don't pass up this opportunity!

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### TRIP INCLUDES:

A pre-trip party; all air and ground transportation costs, all breakfasts, most lunches and dinners, luggage transfers, current (at the time of booking) taxes; private guides for the entire trip, all entrance fees, all tips for Morocco portion, free admission to Springfest 2011 and a memory of a life time.

### SPAIN & MOROCCO TRIP PRICING:

**\$5,995** per person, double occupancy  
\$4,780 double occupancy, if providing your own air  
\$8,155 per person, single occupancy  
\$6,940 single occupancy, if providing your own air

**\$3,000 initial payment, Spain & Morocco**  
(\$3,750 with Portugal extension)  
due at time of signing up for trip;  
single supplements due with initial payment.

**\$2,995 final payment, Spain & Morocco**  
(\$3,720 with Portugal extension)  
due by February 5, 2011  
Land only deducted from final payment.

### PORTUGAL EXTENSION PRICING:

**\$1,475** per person, double occupancy  
\$2,255 per person, single occupancy

All prices quoted with a cash/check discount; if paying by credit card, 3% will be added by vendor. Credit card payment form available on our web site.

### TRIP REQUIREMENTS:

Current Miami Ski Club membership  
Completely filled out and signed:  
Morocco Trip Application form and the Supplemental Terms and Conditions form. Forms will be available at the sign-up, or can be downloaded from the [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) web site when available. You will also need to provide two photocopies of your passport with second payment.

### VISAS:

No visas required for US citizens.

**As always, trip insurance is strongly advised.**

### AIR SCHEDULE:

Trip departs from Miami via Iberia/American Airlines. Prices quoted with current taxes, which may increase by time of ticketing. Any additional taxes or fuel surcharges (if any) will be the responsibility of each traveler.

**May 13: 5:05 PM** depart Miami, flight #6122

May 14: 7:40 AM arrive in Madrid, Spain

**9:30 AM** depart Madrid, Iberia #224

10:35 AM arrive Malaga, Spain

**May 27: 11:00 AM** depart Casablanca, Iberia #3703

2:35 PM arrive in Madrid, Spain

**May 28: 12:00 PM** depart Madrid, flight #6123

3:30 PM arrive in Miami

Portugal extension flights:

**May 28: 11:40 AM** depart Madrid, Iberia #3100

11:55 AM arrive Lisbon, Portugal

**June 1: 8:35 PM** depart Lisbon, Iberia #3107

10:45 AM arrive in Madrid, Spain

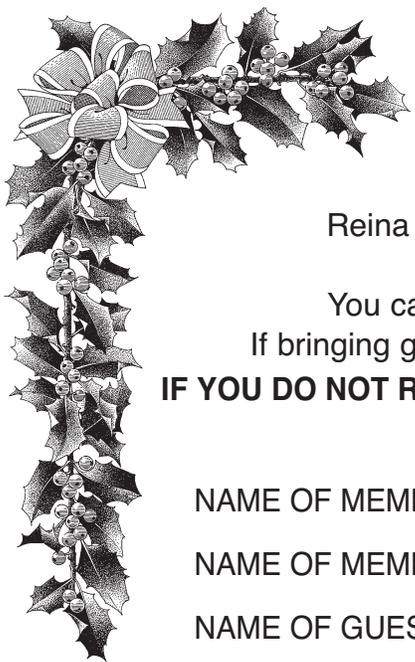
**12:00 PM** depart Madrid, flight #6123

3:30 PM arrive in Miami

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Trip leader: **George Ondricek (305) 234-7344** or via e-mail: [Morocco@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Morocco@miamiskiclub.net).

Mail applications and payments to:  
George Ondricek, 17145 SW 80 Ct, Miami, FL 33157



## Holiday Party RSVP



Please return this form by November 20 to  
Reina McWilliams, 10852 SW 117 Street, Miami, FL 33176,  
or call Reina at (305) 255-6396 to RSVP.

You can also contact her at [registration@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:registration@miamiskiclub.net).

If bringing guests, please make out your check to the Miami Ski Club.

**IF YOU DO NOT RSVP ON TIME - THERE WILL BE A \$10 CHARGE AT THE DOOR**

NAME OF MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00

NAME OF GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Holiday Party

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 • 6 - 8 PM**

**Chart House, 51 Chart House Dr., Coconut Grove  
Phone (305) 856-9741**

Start the holiday season on Friday, November 26th starting at 6 PM with our happy hour at the Chart House! As always, this special evening will have us enjoying the incredible view of the Bay, celebrating the end 2010. You may want to think about making dinner reservations to make the night complete!

### **APPETIZERS & CASH BAR!**

Members free      Guests \$20

As every year, we will be collecting unwrapped toys for underprivileged children. This effort is organized by **THE VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION** and benefits almost 4,000 children in foster care. In the past, our members have been very generous with their gifts and put smiles on the faces of dozens of children. Let's see if we can do even better this holiday season! Please bring as many toys as you can!



TIME DATED MATERIAL

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