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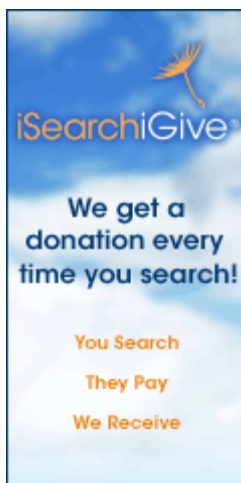
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WBA Foundation President's Letter



By Tracy-Gene G. Durkin

Late last year, the WBA Foundation Board of Directors developed and approved a strategic plan to guide the organization through the next few years. The plan is the culmination of a two-day strategic planning session, held in August. Over the two-day meeting, the Foundation's Board assessed the Foundation's history, its current position in the philanthropic community, and—most importantly—its future. Five strategic priorities emerged:

- I. To advance the WBAF's mission by making grants that have significant impact on women and girls.
- II. To create a sustainable fundraising program that allows the WBAF to achieve its mission.
- III. To create the infrastructure that will support the development of providing grants, defining and expanding fund development, and branding.
- IV. To develop a strong brand that allows the WBAF to raise substantial money to achieve our mission.
- V. To better leverage the WBAF/WBA relationship to maximize the impact on both organizations.

Each of these priorities has a set of measurable goals and specific tactics to achieve those goals, which are outlined in an operational plan that will guide the Foundation's leaders during the implementation process. Work has already begun on priorities III, IV, and V. We have an ambitious agenda, but one that we think is critical to maintain the Foundation's relevance and to increase its impact. We look forward to keeping you updated on our strategic plan activities and progress.

Tracy-Gene G. Durkin

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WBA Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary & Compares Old World and New World Wines

The Women's Bar Association Foundation hosted its 9th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on February 23, 2012, at the offices of **Hogan Lovells**. This year's theme was "Old World vs. New World Wines." More than 120 guests sampled and compared wines from France, Portugal, Argentina, Australia, California, and South Africa, paired with exquisite cheeses and chocolates from Europe and Madagascar. The event was a smashing success!

Guests were welcomed with glasses of sparkling champagne from France and California and treated to a light buffet. WBA Foundation President **Tracy Durkin** kicked off the festivities with a toast to the WBA Foundation's 30th Anniversary. After introductory remarks by event co-chair **Kathy Gunning**, **Suzanne McGrath**, president of Arlington's The Curious Grape wine shop, **Michael Rosenberg**, the shop's senior private tasting presenter, previewed and compared the featured wines. After the presentation, guests mingled among five tasting stations, enjoying wine, cheese, and chocolate, and addressing inquiries to representatives from The Curious Grape, who staffed the five tables. In support of the WBAF's charitable activities, The Curious Grape donated 15 percent of its sales for the evening to the WBAF.

Throughout the evening, guests bid on a wide variety of auction items including getaways, tickets to sporting events and plays, gift certificates to local restaurants and hair salons, catered meals, various services, beautiful jewelry, and numerous fabulous theme baskets designed and donated by WBAF Board members. Guests also had the opportunity to purchase "mystery bags," valued at \$15 to \$60, that contained two "surprise" items. While the winners of the silent auction were being determined at the end of the evening, event co-chair **Carolyn Stennett** conducted a drawing for fun door prizes, including numerous bags of luxurious spa items donated by Eforea: Spa at Hilton.

Proceeds from the wine tasting and silent auction will benefit WBAF's Founders Fellowship, a program that supports an area law student's work with a local legal services provider on projects to benefit women and children in our community. This year's beneficiary will be a student at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. The WBAF was pleased to welcome a law school representative to the event. The WBA Foundation especially appreciates the many donors of auction items and events sponsors.

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