

Through My Electronic Viewfinder

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Fall took a long time to get here but before we had a chance to really enjoy it, it appears to be rapidly turning into an early winter. Late October and early November are always a very busy time for us with planning and following up on the details for our Annual Dinner in November.

Planning for this year's dinner started a week after last year's dinner. The Board discussed all the feedback received from members' emails and comments. We sat down and did a post-dinner analysis of what worked well and what needed to be changed for this year's dinner.

Lorri Freedman volunteered to take charge of soliciting door and raffle prizes from our vendors. She worked throughout the year with assistance from Jerry Hoffman, Harvey Augenbraun and Lois Barker to contact all of our potential donors. By late spring, the Board had considered alternative sites for this year's dinner and settled on returning to Sam's. Joe Pollack organized all of the meal details with Sam's. With the competition results in hand, Lois ordered the award ribbons, medals and plaques. When they arrived, Robert and Ruth Baron sorted, organized and brought the awards to Sam's. Lorrie and Joe both wrote articles about the dinner for the October newsletter while Ron Carran posted notices about the dinner in the September and October newsletters. Charlie Koenig tabulated scoring data to help the Board decide the winners of the Harry Hofmann and Tony Gezirjian Awards. Charlie also collected and tracked all of the reservations. He set up procedures for the dinner check-in and the selling and distribution of raffle tickets as well as paying all the bills associated with the dinner. At the dinner, Charlie, his wife, Dorothy and Harry Archer handled the check-in while Ron was selling the raffle prize tickets. Lois distributed the Honorable Mention ribbons, while Rose Ann and Walter Kimmel gave out the plaques and medals. Joe and Mano Orel photographed the winners while I sampled all of the food to insure proper quality.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their work in making the dinner another success. If you have any suggestions for next year's dinner, please send them to me or to anyone on the Board and be sure not to miss our Holiday Party on December 14th.

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