

Merry Christmas, everyone! We'll be back in the New Year to keep you covered on everything happening in town. In the meantime, wishing you wonderful holiday from all of us on the Kyiv Life team!

Holiday Ball AmCham Style!

On 15 December Kyiv's business and diplomatic elite attended the traditional American Chamber of Commerce Black-Tie Charity Ball at the Reception Palace on Hrushevskoho. Guests were met at the door by ACC President Jorge Zukoski and Courtney Brooks, who acted as the most hospitable hosts. After pre dinner cocktails the audience was treated to a marvelous performance by a musical chamber collective. After a sumptuous multi-course meal prepared by Chefs Christian Mathis (Le Gavroche) & Manu Deu (Arizona) the long-awaited charity auction took place. This year's top items included a game ball signed by the entire Ukrainian National Football Team, Andriy Medvedev's tournament shirt, Klichko boxing gloves and a special Gala Radio & El Kravchuk party package, which went off for an incredible \$ 1,300! All proceeds from this event will support activities aimed at fighting HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. Thanks go to ARTEast, Gala Radio, German Embassy, the PBN Company, South African Embassy, Sun Interbrew (Stella Artois), Super Nova, US Embassy and What's On magazine for contributing to make this year's AmCham Charity Ball one of the most enjoyable social events of the season!

Alex Berdnick



US Ambassador Carlos Pascual with Walid Harfouch (left)



Accompanying Jorge and Christina Imbrino



Argentinean Ambassador Miguel Cuneo

Guests mingling at what was arguably the social gathering of the year



Easy, ladies! Jorge stops those Klichko gloves from landing any more telling blows



All in a good cause!



Jeff Howley gets in on the joke with AmCham's Jorge during the lottery while (below) guests put down bids



Service! Some guests got themselves over-involved in proceedings!

