

# Helping the Fight Against AIDS in Ukraine at the Charity Ball

The 2001 Annual Charity Ball, organized by the American Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, December 15, was definitely the best way to end the old year and kick-start 2002. Those who attended not only had a great time, but they were also helping those less fortunate than themselves.

For several years already, this black-tie event has brought together quite a gathering of Kyiv's international and Ukrainian business and diplomatic elite, at the prestigious State Reception Palace on Hrushevskoho Street. As in previous years, the festive atmosphere and glamour of the occasion dazzled the guests, who were treated to a variety of tasty cocktails and a delicious dinner. The holiday mood was accentuated both by a classical string quar-



CPL Group's General Manager Andreas Haas with U.S. Ambassador Carlos Pascual

ter that performed throughout the night and the stunning Christmas decorations.

Guests were greeted at the door by the evening's hosts, AmCham President Jorge Zukoski and Courtney Brooks, before being invited to pose for a commemorative photo-



One of the pieces of artwork being auctioned

graph in front of the Christmas tree. These pictures, which were later sent to every guest, were a lasting memento of a great evening.

The evening started with pre-dinner cocktails in the foyer, where the Musical Chamber Collective provided the perfect backdrop to the relaxed conversations enjoyed by old and new friends. After welcoming the latecomers, a sumptuous multi-course dinner, prepared by Christian Mathis (Le Gavroche's chef) and Manu Deu (Arizona's chef), was then served. Dinner was followed by the main feature

of the evening, the charity auction. This year, the lots included artwork by famous modern Ukrainian artists, gathered by ARTEast, as well as other special items donated by some very famous Ukrainian friends of the AmCham. These included a pair of boxing gloves, autographed by the Klitchko brothers, a football signed by the entire Ukrainian National Football Team, Andriy Medvedev's tournament shirt, a special Gala Radio and El Kravchuk party package and a handmade pillow decorated with one of Viktoriya Gres's designs.

The AmCham was delighted with the success of this glamorous evening. Jorge Zukoski, President of the AmCham, would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the ball and participated in the auction. This year's Charity Ball raised over USD 10,000. Since the year 2002 has been designated 'The Year of the



Jorge Intriago, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Jim Bown, The Deane Group



AmCham President Jorge Zukoski greeting guests

Fight Against AIDS in Ukraine', all proceeds raised from this event will be donated directly to worthy charities who are working to treat and prevent HIV / AIDS in Ukraine. The AmCham would also like to thank all the sponsors whose substantial contributions made this enjoyable social event so high profile and successful. Sponsors included; ARTEast, Coca-Cola, CPL Group, Gala Radio, the German Embassy, The PBN Company, the South African Embassy, Sun Interbrew (Stella Artois), Super Nova, and the U.S. Embassy. ■  
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Capping off the night with a waltz