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It's that time of year again, where we put on our evening finery, or a favorite pair of boxer shorts, and go out into the community to do some good.

Black & White Ball

Beneficiary: Sisters Hospital Foundation
6 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21, Connecticut Street Armory, 184 Connecticut Street, Buffalo
Tickets: \$250 per person. Call Jenna Smith at 862-1991, or visit www.sistershospitalfoundation.org.

This black-tie event, the signature fundraiser for Sisters Hospital, will mimic a 1940s USO experience as it celebrates the seventieth anniversary of the opening of St. Louise de Marillac Maternity Hospital on the site where Sisters Hospital now stands. Black and white dress is suggested (easy for the gents), but we've seen photos, and some cheeky ladies wear red. Guests will be treated to cocktails from 6 to 7:30 p.m., dinner and a live auction from 7:30 to 9:30, and dancing from 9:30 to 11:30. Since this anniversary is perfect for focusing on mothers and babies, all proceeds from the event will go toward maternal and fetal programs.

11th Biennial Art Auction

Beneficiary: CEPA Gallery
5:30 p.m. reception with auction at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 21, the Market Arcade, 639 Main Street, Buffalo
Tickets: general admission \$65; Rogovin VIP Circle: \$125 per person, or \$225 per couple. Call Joanna Gillespie at 239-5250, or go to www.cepagallery.org.

Mark Supples and Amy Taylor Supples (proprietors of Mother's, as well as prominent art collectors and philanthropists) are cochairs of this event, CEPA's most important benefit. Premier auctioneer Dale Stulz will be on hand to manage this, the only professional art auction in Western New York. Impressively, more than seventy-five locally, nationally, and internationally acclaimed artists have donated their work. Proceeds from the event will help support CEPA's education programs throughout Buffalo, as well as CEPA's brilliant exhibitions. (For more info, see page 26.)

Buffalo's Smartest Company

Beneficiary: Cradle Beach
6 to 10 p.m., Thursday, April 26, Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Road, Depew
Tickets: \$500 for a team of five,

and \$40 for spectators, coworkers, and cheerleaders. Call Diana Martorana at 539-6307, ext. 201, or check out www.cradlebeach.org.

On April 26, United Way will be on hand to defend its title as "Buffalo's Smartest Company," bringing back the traveling cup to this annual Cradle Beach fundraiser. Teams of five compete in an electronic trivia contest, while coworkers, spouses, friends, and cheerleaders root them on. The participants can also win prizes by raising pledges; a seven-course dinner for ten (complete with wine pairings) at Salvatore's will go to the most generous group, and a \$250 Tony Walker gift certificate will be awarded to the most generous individual. Proceeds from the evening go to the Cradle Beach "Campership" program, which subsidizes summer camp tuitions for families in need.

Graycliff Gala

Beneficiary: Graycliff Conservancy Incorporated
6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, April 27, Larkin Center of Commerce, 701 Seneca Street, Buffalo
Tickets: Graycliff members: \$125; nonmembers: \$160 (includes membership). Call Reine Hauser, executive director, at 836-1369, or visit www.graycliffestate.org.

The Larkin Center (completed in 1906) will host this year's Gala to benefit the restoration and preservation of the



At last year's Graycliff Gala: Legislator Lynn Dixon and Ed Healy; Congressman Brian Higgins and Diane Chrisman.

Graycliff Estate, built in 1926 by Frank Lloyd Wright for Larkin Company executive Darwin Martin and his wife, Isabelle. Guests will enjoy a celebration of all things "Wright," live music, gourmet dinner stations, hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer—all while browsing the gift basket offerings. There will also be a live auction of high-end items (many of which are tied to Wright's legacy in Buffalo), which include gourmet dinners, special tours of Wright landmarks, and a cruise on a yacht.

Buffalo Undy 5000

Beneficiary: Colon Cancer Alliance
9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, Delaware Park (Ring Road) in Buffalo
5K registration is \$30 in advance, \$40 on race day; Youth 5K is \$25 in advance, \$35 on race day; one-mile Fun Run is

\$20 in advance, \$30 on race day. Call Tess Fraser at 228-7344, or go to www.undy5000.org.

If you've always wanted to run around in your underpants without being arrested (is it just me?), here is your golden opportunity. The Undy 5000—a clever way to raise funds and call attention to colon cancer—has come to Buffalo. Participants will be given Undy 5000 boxer shorts, but are also encouraged to don creative (but not vulgar) dress, because prizes are awarded for both speed and costume. Because early screening can prevent more than eighty percent of all colon cancer cases, awareness is critical. Funds raised will support national efforts, but also help provide free local cancer screenings for those without health insurance.

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