



ANOTHER "SUNSATIONAL" EVENT!

Sunset at Sandy Hook 2005



RFH Volunteer Ali Cherasia and Committee Members Gayle Stamer and Suzanne Bajew Wolf



Sunset crowd enjoys good food and company



Jay and Becky Cosgrove of Bahrs Landing, Highlands

On behalf of Clean Ocean Action, special thanks to our dear friends, **Ed Segall** and the **staff of The Sea Gulls' Nest**, for hosting a "sunsational" seaside affair on beautiful Sandy Hook on September 16th. What an evening! Ed, ocean advocate extraordinaire, is already busy planning for next year's festivities!

Thanks to the combined efforts of all who participated and contributed, the event raised over \$45,000 to support COA's education programs and advocacy work. Over 350 guests feasted on tasty dishes and desserts, donated by over 25 restaurants and caterers, enjoyed the shanty tunes of guitarist **Michael Gilhool**, danced to the live jams of band **Line Drive**, and won fabulous gifts from the silent auction and "new" boardwalk-style wheel auction. Sea Turtle guests also received baskets of donated goodies prepared by **The Well Bred Basket** in Red Bank.

Event sponsors **Shore Point Distributors, High Point Auto Insurance, Meridian Health, and Tapestry International** were all in attendance, leading guests in a celebration of the sea and making the connection between a healthy ocean and a healthy economy. A full list of *Sunset* supporters is posted on COA's website. Waves of thanks to the *Sunset* Committee Members: **Janine Karoly, Chair; Joanne DeCuollo; Susan Drastal; Patty Gordinier; Marion Hodge; Debbie Schluter; Gayle Stamer; Stevie Thompson; Mimi Wise; and Suzanne Bajew Wolf.** Special thanks to the volunteers: **Liz Lehman** and students from the **Culinary Education Center of Brookdale Community College and Monmouth County Vocational School**, and **Rumson-Fair Haven High School Environmental Club.**

COA also thanks photographer **Pat McCarthy** of Jersey Shorescapes for donating the beautiful 2005 *Sunset at Sandy Hook* invitation cover image (see photo).

Interested in joining the 2006 Sunset Committee? Call Jennifer at 732-872-0111.



Photo by Pat McCarthy



Shanty tunes from Michael Gilhool



Board members of the Sons of Ireland were applauded for their generosity



Jeffrey Wrightson bids on one of many silent auction items



Liz Lehman and student from the Culinary Center



Sickles Market's festive fall display



Andrew Mencinsky (2nd from right) with friends and family.



More silent auction goodies

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