

## “Crystal Ball Gala” celebrates 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mamaroneck Schools Foundation



Mamaroneck Schools Foundation Crystal Ball Gala silent auction bidding.

On May 7, Larchmont and Mamaroneck community members came out to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation at the highly anticipated Crystal Ball: Investing in Our Children's Future.

The gala organizers, Rebecca Charles, Rosie Murtagh, and Jennifer Malherbe, with the event designers, Rita Barros and Kristen McElroy, transformed Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club into an elegant and glamorous venue.

With the moonlight shining on the Long Island Sound, this was the perfect backdrop to host the ninth annual Mamaroneck Schools Foundation spring fundraiser.

Approximately 250 guests dined, danced and bid on silent and live auction items that brought in over \$90,000 to benefit the Foundation. This will make a strong start toward funding the 2012/13 grants that will benefit all of the district's schools and students. Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation, through the generosity of its donors, has been able to award the district nearly \$3 million in grants.

“We're really pleased with the outcome



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**Silent Auction items: L5 Fender electric Guitar Autographed by Bon Jovi and One Week - 10 Day Stay in a Special London Residence**

of the event and happy to have returned to the sit-down dinner format,” noted Ginny Poleman, president of the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation. “New and familiar faces attended the gala and seemed to have really enjoyed seeing their friends and neighbors from all over the school district. We were especially pleased to have a table of Mamaroneck district teachers attend the gala.”

*For more information about the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation, call (914) 698-9079 or visit [www.mamaroneckschools-foundation.org](http://www.mamaroneckschools-foundation.org).*