

"Can we talk?"
JOAN RIVERS

Joan Rivers skipped the parade in the downpour, arriving at the gala looking ravishing in red. A stylist from A Mirror Image Hair Salon had just fussed with Joan's tresses and guests were impressed not only with the celebrated comedian's vibrant looks, but also her refreshingly down-to-earth personality. No wonder Joan's a regular on the Whitney guest list!



In fact, the week of last year's Whitney required "non-stop action" by the firm. Among the other events coordinated by Fine Affairs were the National Museum of Dance gala and a thoroughbred foundation celebration. Fine Affairs also put together an incredible Travers Ball that was the talk of the town. Other clients include General Electric, Quad Graphics, Realty USA and State Farm Insurance.

Caterers for these events have included Glen Sanders Mansion-Hall of Springs, The Desmond, Longfellow's and, of course, Panza's, now owned by Mike's brother, Tony.

In addition to their "paying gigs", Mike and Geriann also give enormous quantities of time, energy and resources to non-profits.

Each year, Fine Affairs donates everything needed for gala fund-raisers for the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council and the AIDS Council of NYS. The proprietors also award generous discounts to other worthy community causes.

In preparation for the numerous parties, receptions and galas they arrange, Geriann spends much of the "off-season" shopping in diverse parts of North America for props, backdrops and decorations to use at future events.

The goods, which are stored in two secure warehouse locations in the county, now include a



A fairy godmother was the only thing missing as Saratoga Living Publisher Ann Hauprich prepared to be whisked to The Whitney Gala by escort D. Keith Sherwood. "I'd been to grand balls in Copenhagen and Toronto and thought I'd seen it all, but I was wrong. If I only got to tell my grandchildren about one formal in my life, A Night in Morocco will be it." The event brought out the reporter in Ann who managed to squeeze in some impromptu interviews before the clock struck midnight!

Wish Upon A Star!
BARBARA EDEN

The actress best known for her starring role in the "I Dream of Jeannie" TV series made the wishes of many fans come true when she mingled with guests at last summer's Whitney. As gracious as she was dazzling, Barbara said it warms her heart that a whole new generation has discovered "Jeannie" through the magic of reruns. Let's hope this lady, who is a class act in every sense of the word, agrees to an encore visit to The Spa City soon!

complete circus (except for the live animals which were returned to their homes in nearby zoos) and the complete set of "Moulin Rouge" including a backdrop depicting a vintage Paris street scene and a 14-foot replica of The Eiffel Tower.

Many of the authentic-looking props and backdrops later become available for rental by other party hosts or community groups.

In fact, Mike and Geriann hope any schools or churches in need of large stuffed straw camel statues (originally used as decorations inside The Canfield Casino at last summer's "Road to Morocco" gala) will give them a call come time for Christmas pageants!

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