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## KNOCK OUT ABUSE

A bevy of beauties were accompanied down the stairs to the Ritz-Carlton ballroom on Nov. 10 by elegantly attired gentlemen and then greeted by the very unattired splendor of denizens of "muscle beach" in keeping with the evening's St. Tropez theme. Cheryl Mari and Jill Sorensen founded Knock Out Abuse (KOA) 18 years ago to raise funds and awareness for victims of domestic violence in our area. Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown was recognized for his commitment to the cause. Tireless advocate Jaci Wilson Reid served as the 2011 Chair. Andrea Roane of WUSA9 emceed the program which honored attorney and author Linda Fairstein, a leading legal expert on crimes against women and children, with the 2011 Legend Award. Lynne Zink ran the live auction which included escapes to Nantucket, South Africa, St. Thomas and Egypt. Performing artist Donna D'Cruz entertained as gentlemen arrived from Fight Night. KOA has raised upwards of \$7 million towards ending the cycle of domestic violence. -Mary Bird



Event chair Jaci Wilson Reid with St. Tropez models



Chef Ris Lacoste with guest



Susan Nixon, Debrajean Overholt and Linda Roth



Melissa Davis with KOA founders Jill Sorensen and Cheryl Masri



Photo by Neshan H. Naltchayan Former Heavyweight Boxer, Gerry Cooney at Fight Night 2011

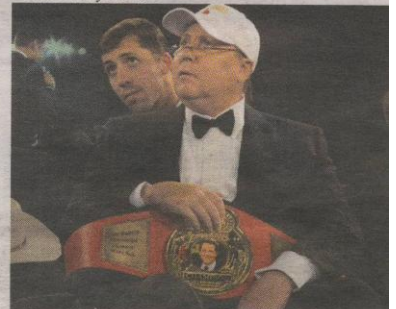


Photo by Neshan H. Naltchayan Joe Robert Jr. with son, Joe Robert III at Fight Night 2011



Photo by Neshan H. Naltchayan Fox News anchor, Bret Baier and a Washington Redskins Cheerleader



Photo by Neshan H. Naltchayan Jim Kimsey and Charlie Brotman ringside



Photo by Neshan H. Naltchayan Boxing announcer, Michael Buffer (RT) with the Legends of Boxing