

Events to raise funds for VIM clinic

Clinic one of several groups to benefit from dance competition

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Susan Slaven has been feverishly practicing her ballroom dancing moves with partner Michael Tidwell for the “Dancing With the Celebrities” competition May 22 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

But she’s been equally busy putting together a couple fundraising events — a silent online auction and a golf scramble.

All her efforts will benefit her charity of choice — the Volunteers in Medicine clinic, which provides free medical care to low-income residents of Monroe and Owen counties.

“I’m so pleased Susan chose us as her charity,” said Elizabeth Sturgeon, VIM’s executive director. “She’s been working very hard training for this event, preparing benefit events, and getting some wonderful items for the auction.”



Dancing partners Susan Slaven and Michael Tidwell. Courtesy photo

Sturgeon got a sneak preview of Slaven’s dancing prowess recently at a One Step Above recital — where all concession proceeds went to VIM — and came away impressed. “She and her partner did a lovely job,” she said.

Online auction

Online bidding for a variety of gifts and packages can be done now through 5 p.m. Tuesday at www.eaglepointerealty.com/auction/index.php. All proceeds will go to VIM.

Auction items include an Indiana-built guitar played and signed by John Mellencamp, three signed display books of Mellencamp’s personal art work, a get-away package for four in a Nashville cabin that includes four rounds of golf at Salt Creek and four tickets to Nashville Playhouse, a get-away package featuring a night at the French Lick Springs hotel with two rounds of golf at the Donald Ross Course, a cultured pearl necklace and matching bracelet, a sterling silver bracelet, and a small gold and diamond ring.

Golf scramble

Slaven is also hosting a benefit golf scramble for VIM beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Eagle Pointe Golf Resort. The tournament will consist of four-person teams playing a scramble format. Local businesses are sponsoring the holes.

The Eagle Pointe Pro Shop will provide \$1,000 in prizes, and the French Lick Springs Hotel will provide a package worth \$500 that includes two rounds of golf at Donald Ross Course. Anyone who organizes a team will also receive two additional free rounds of golf at Eagle Pointe. Lunch and music will be provided following the scramble.

Those interested in participating in the scramble should contact Slaven at sslaven@homefinder.org or 812-824-4700.

Dancing with the Celebrities participants

Gladys DeVane, retired IU clinical associate professor in business and managerial communications, dancing for Stone Belt with **Todd Leininger**.

MaryFrances McCourt, Indiana University treasurer, dancing for Community Foundation with **Matt Brand**.

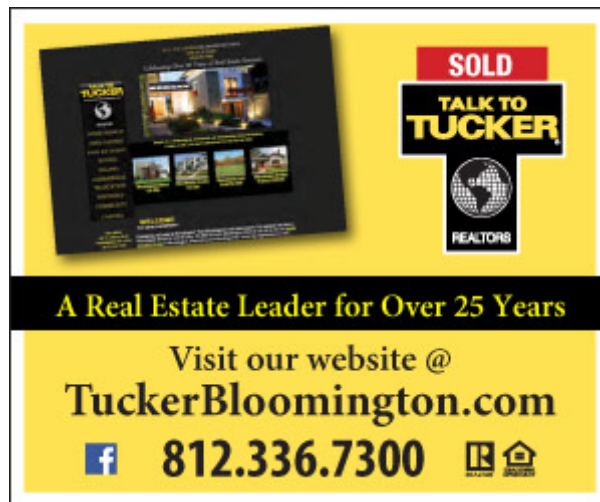
Susan Slaven, a real estate agent with Eagle Pointe Realty, dancing for Volunteers in Medicine with **Michael Tidwell**.

Leo Cook, a bartender at the Bluebird Nightclub, dancing for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard with **Mary Alice Powell**.

C. David Higgins, IU Jacobs School of Music professor, dancing for Cardinal Stage with **Barbara Leininger**.

Travis Vencel, The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce chairman, dancing for Bloomington Community Parks and Recreation Foundation with **Vivian Leininger**.

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