

## BISTRO V

Ocean Ridge Charities Association Inc presented Bistro V at the Plantation Club on Saturday night, September 26, 2015 to yet another sell-out crowd. This year's proceeds went to 3 charities dedicated to 'Children In Crisis': Boys and Girls Home of NC, Providence Home and Waves 4K.I.D.S..

Randy Pelton, the evening's emcee, introduced Maggi Edwards as she made her fifth consecutive appearance at the Bistro. She has been instrumental in helping ORCA raise over \$30,000 for charities, with this year's event contributing over \$3,500. While Maggi now resides in Philadelphia as a Seminary student, she received a big 'welcome back' from her friends and former neighbors.

The entertainment started with a beautiful rendition of "I Believe" by a new Ocean Ridge resident group, "The Moments". Members of group are Forrest Oglesby, Joe Coffini, Julian Nevetsky, Dave Henn, Vinnie Marino and Janet Sullivan.

Maggi's outstanding repertoire was highlighted by "Let It Be" and "Down to the River to Pray". Two A Capella selections were also notable standouts: "The Rose" and "Don't Rain on My Parade" with the latter receiving a standing ovation. She also sang "It Had To Be You" with her dear friend, Rod Peterson.

Joe Coffini and Mary Zuk did a rendition of "The Way She Shakes That Thang" and Maggi brought down the house with her unique portrayal of Father Guido Sarducci from the old Saturday Night Live days.

Before the Grand Finale, Mike Gildea, President of ORCA, thanked the ORCA Board of Directors and the many volunteers who made Bistro V a success. He also thanked the residents of Ocean Ridge and Corporate Sponsors who have raised over \$130,000 for local charities in the last 5 years.

The night ended with the crowd on its feet, dancing and singing along to "Higher and Higher" performed by Maggi and "The Moments".

About the organizations who will benefit from the evening's performance, Boys and Girls Homes of NC Inc. is dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of residential and community-based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social and educational and spiritual development. The mission of Providence Home is to provide short-term and safe shelter to Brunswick County youth who, due to an emergency, high-risk or crisis situation, cannot remain with their families. Since opening their doors on November 19, 1997, they have provided shelter, food and clothing and attended to the medical, educational, recreational, and spiritual needs of several hundred Brunswick County youth. Waves4K.I.D.S. provides financial support and creates services that satisfy unmet needs of children associated with Foster Care & Child Protective Services in Brunswick Co, NC. Time and resources are used to acquire funds from individuals and organizations to support their charitable and training activities.

Thanks again to all our wonderfully generous Ocean Ridge Residents! You are making a difference.

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