

Melting Pot gala

Talk about a party with a purpose! The Melting Pot — A Taste of Many Nations, which brings together local chefs preparing an array of ethnic dishes to benefit Mature Services Inc., is certainly that.

All proceeds support the huge scope of Mature Services' mission to promote successful aging by providing high-quality programs and services: Senior Employment Center; D. Bruce Mansfield Center (services for adults 50 or older with problems with alcohol and drugs); home care services; Retired Senior Volunteer Program (coordinates volunteer activities for ages 55 and older); supportive services; and nutrition (hot meals at dining centers and home-delivered meals through Passport, and a farmers market that provides vouchers for people 60 or older to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmers during the summer).

The event, in its seventh year, is planned for Sept. 15 at Fairlawn Country Club. Also on the menu is a silent auction featuring a Goodyear blimp ride, an Akron Zoo family membership, Akron Aeros packages for 20, tickets and gift cards to local attractions and restaurants and more. Fall mums, donated by Graf Growers as centerpieces, also will be on sale. Music will be provided by That's Lew's Jazz.

China level sponsors include Bath Manor & Windsong Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation; Brennan, Manna & Diamond LLC; Omnova Solutions Foundation; and SummaCare.

Cost is \$50; patron level, \$100. For information or a reservation, please visit <http://www.matureservices.org> or call 330-253-4597, ext. 333.

Larry and Jan Frank of ComDoc have again signed on as honorary corporate chairs with Richard Vernon of West Point Market as honorary culinary chairman and Madeline Bozzelli as honorary committee chairwoman. Culinary participants (to date) include Angel Falls Coffee, the Bistro of Green, Chowder House Cafe, EK's Sweet Potato Tarts, Fairlawn Country Club, Festive Food Catering, Hale Farm & Village catering, Moe's restaurant, Office Bistro, Olde Harbor Inn, Saffron Patch, Samira, Splendid Fare Catering & Events and West Point Market. Guests will vote on their favorite dishes.

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