

BEAUTY & THE FEAST

A DAZZLING EVENING TO CELEBRATE CLASSIC BEAUTY

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Classic beauty goes beyond the surface of what looks good right now. It's a sense of timelessness and continuity, the knowledge that the best of yesterday can still dazzle today – with a little bit of restorative love thrown into the mix.

These were the themes of the Second Annual Evening to Celebrate Classic Beauty, held at the Dauer Classic Car Museum. The event, a benefit for the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund and the Ronnie Brown Project, drew over 300 guests to the west Sunrise venue, where they celebrated the charm of the old and the promise of the new.

Upon arrival, guests stepped into a time warp of meticulously restored vehicles, many dating back to their parents' and grandparents' days: Model Ts and oil trucks, Cadillacs and Buicks, all accessorized, cataloged and gleaming with the splendor of their finest hour.

Guests found their favorite cars and told stories about their adventures, albeit in vehicles that never looked quite this good back in the day. They nibbled on classics like a butter-soft filet mignon sandwich from The Capital Grille, and more contemporary fare from SoLita Las Olas, Chops Lobster Bar, Tokyo Blue, Valentino's Cucina Italiano and Cafe Maxx. They sipped old-school mixed drinks and contemporary vintages from Palm Bay International.

For the program, they were welcomed by the evening's host, renowned facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon Dr. Ryan Greene, whose practice offers classic restoration of a different

sort. Tony Segretto, the face of South Florida television news for decades, served as auctioneer, coaxing the dollars out of the charitable crowd.

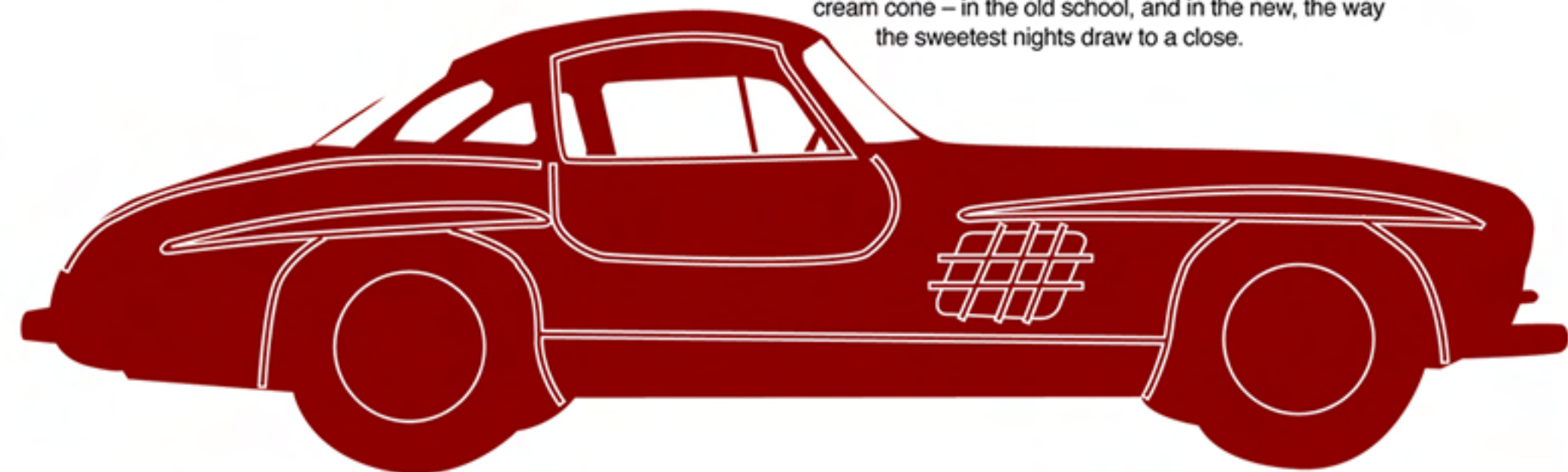
Among the highlights: a Miami Hurricanes baseball and football fan package, including suite tickets for a home game and a football signed by the "Ring of Honor" (won by the venue owner, physician, entrepreneur and UM grad Edward Dauer), a Grant Silverstone Racing Watch from Levinson Jewelers, and a week-long cruise on the *Carnival Liberty* from Cruise.com.

"We do this because it's our community," said Bill Feinberg, president of Allied Kitchen & Bath, who donated a natural stone pedestal to the auction. "You give because you should, and you always get back. It's the way things should work."

Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown, a rising star in the classic mold, contributed the highest-grossing auction prize of the night: A private review of his playing films for four, followed by stadium field passes and club level seats to a Dolphins home game. Through the Ronnie Brown Project, he speaks at South Florida schools, sharing his triumphs over childhood challenges and urging kids to reject violence and work for success.

The evening raised just under \$34,000 for the two charities. Following in the shoes of his philanthropic dad, Marc Dauer carried a crimson red piggy bank with a slot at the top for donations, and thanked the visitors for coming.

As they left, guests finished off their evening with UdderSweets' bag of penny candy, topped off by an ice cream cone – in the old school, and in the new, the way the sweetest nights draw to a close.



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