

# THE 2009 "END OF ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION and BENEFIT"

**THE BIGGEST AND BEST BASH TO DATE SETS A NEW RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE...FUN AND FUNDS RAISED FOR A TRULY GREAT CAUSE**

A record-breaking crowd turned out for the 2009 Celebration - the fifth such event; A veritable "Who's Who" in the world of Corporate Governance space.

Just shy of \$85,000 was raised to benefit Fountain House, "the world's leading provider of rehabilitation services for men, women and young adults living with major mental illnesses" and its Fountain Gallery program, which provides a place for Member artists to work together, to exhibit and sell their works, and to work against the stigma that adds so unjustly to the burden of people with mental illnesses. Over 100 works by 36 Fountain Gallery artists were featured, and a near-record number of them went home with happy buyers. And, in an incredibly tough economic environment, the 2009 Benefit proceeds were up by over \$20,000 vs. last year, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and attendees.

This year, the Benefit paid special tribute to a long-term leader in the Corporate Governance world, Steven P. Norman, as he retired after 39 years at American Express - 27 of them as the Corporate Secretary and Governance Officer. Here, for your enjoyment, and as a prod to save the date for 2010, are some photos from the Benefit...



Benefit honoree Steve Norman receives a framed memento from co-chairmen Ellen Philip, your editor, and Cal Donly. Mary Ellen Anderson, representing one of the Platinum Sponsors, Broadridge Financial Solutions, also offers congratulations to Steve.



Member-Speaker Bradford Stringfield, flanked by Ellen Philip and his justly proud mom, brought the primary purpose of the benefit into sharp perspective as he told attendees how Fountain House and Fountain Gallery (where he has become one of the best selling photographers) helped him find himself - and a fulfilling purpose in life - after many years of struggle with mental illness, homelessness, helplessness and substance abuse. Your editor, Fountain Gallery Director Jason Bowman and Cal Donly look on as the audience applauds his stirring speech.



Dennis Gundry, of TriState Financial wins the door-prize, donated by Ellen & Cal – The choice of any work of art on sale – and chooses one of Bradford’s works. “From the moment I walked in, I had my eye on this, and I knew for sure that I was going to take it home” Gundry said.



Honoree Norman, with Eon Canzius, his relationship manager at BNY-Mellon, Steve’s successor as AMEX Secretary & Governance Officer, Carol Schwartz, and BNY-Mellon’s head of relationship management, Peter Duggan.



Member artist Osvaldo Cruz poses with one of his striking works.



Some of the Fountain Gallery artists get together before the show.



Attendees get to network with each other – and to meet the artists – while enjoying fine food and drink from the very generous sponsors at My Belizean Gourmet...And, as usual, they throng the Cape Sushi Sushi-boat. Flower arrangements made by the Fountain House Horticultural Unit provide an added festive touch.



For more information about Fountain House, go to [www.fountainhouse.org](http://www.fountainhouse.org)  
 For information about the Gallery, and to browse the art; [www.fountaingallerynyc.com](http://www.fountaingallerynyc.com)  
 For more info about the Benefit, and about Fountain House’s amazing Transitional Employment Program, go to [www.optimizeronline.com](http://www.optimizeronline.com) and click “Doing Well By Doing Good”

## SAVE THE DATE

# June 4th, 2010 - SIXTH “END OF ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION”