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AROUND TOWN

PATTEN THE PAINTER

Retiring MPP Richard Patten can take comfort in knowing he always has his artistic talents to fall back on. His original watercolour painting of the Gatineau Hills fetched its estimated value of \$ 150 at the MBNA Recipe for Success Culinary Adventure & Charity Auction for LiveWorkPlay on Wednesday.

Catherine Bélanger and her husband, MP Mauril Bélanger, were eventually outbid on Mr. Patten’s artwork but Mr. Bélanger is on the hook to host a group lunch at the parliamentary restaurant with the winner of his donated auction gift.

The fundraiser, hosted by A- Channel at the CHUM Market Media Mall, saw nearly 300 people gather to help raise \$ 55,000 for LiveWorkPlay, a self- advocacy organization founded by Keenan Wellar and his wife, Julie Kingstone, to assist people with intellectual disabilities.

Between bidding on everything from concert tickets to sports collectables, guests sampled DISH Catering’s tasty offerings of beef, chicken and shrimp satay, sushi and antipasto while satisfying sweet teeth with Truffle Treasures’ chocolate- dipped strawberries and chocolate hazelnut meringue.

Cora’s Breakfast & Lunch franchisee Scott Singer plunked down the most on a single item, spending \$ 3,300 on a trip for two to Los Angeles from Air Canada and BestBuyHolidays. com. The Works Gourmet Burger Bistro owner Ion Aimerswent home with such big- ticket items as a Napoleon barbecue from the Fireplace Centre and a getaway at the Appalachian Mountain Club. Among those in the crowd were Debra Armstrong, president of title sponsor MBNA, LiveWorkPlay board chairwoman Wendy Mitchell, and celebrity auctioneers Kurt Stoodley of A- Channel and Codi Jeffreys of Majic 100.



The auction fundraiser for LiveWorkPlay drew a lot of bidders, including, LEFT: Catherine and Mauril Bélanger, holding a painting by Ottawa Centre MPP Richard Patten. ABOVE: Wendy Mitchell, left, and Debra Armstrong dig into the great food, and RIGHT: Julie Kingstone and Keenan Wellar, who co- founded the charity, join in the fun. The auction raised about \$ 55,000.

