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“Raise the Roof” benefiting Meadow Brook Hall is a Great Success

Rochester, MI, April 16, 2005 --- The Rochester Junior Woman’s Club held it’s 4th annual “Raise the Roof” to benefit the restoration of Meadow Brook Hall on Saturday, April 16 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Close to 350 people attended, doubling attendance from past years. The club was able to raise \$30,000.

Proceeds from this year’s event will help with the needed repairs, restoration projects and updates that will be completed to ensure that Matilda and Alfred’s home and this great national treasure will be preserved for generations to come. This particular project is estimated at \$10 million.

Some of the items auctioned live were a signed Ben Wallace jersey, a beautiful diamond heart pendant, a year membership at the R& S Scharf/Katke Cousins golf courses and an evening in a chauffeured Mercedes Benz Maybach. The evening also included a strolling buffet (complete with carving station, mashed potato bar and chocolate fountain), live music, dancing and a silent auction.

Pat Bruneel of Rochester Hills and Kathy Rewold of Rochester chaired this year’s event.

Committee co-chairs were Ann Burns, Marjorie Diliddo, Peggy Gamble, Nancy Kamman, Mary Kay LaChance, Lynn Marie Oates, Lauren Sitko, Sue Upton and Toni Wiley.

The proceeds from other “Raise the Roof “ events have gone to support the Rochester Community House, The Older Persons’ Commission (OPC), Dinosaur Hill, Habitat for Humanity, and the PBS children’s program “Get Up and Get Out”.

The Rochester Junior Woman's Club would like to thank all those merchants that so generously supported the event and for all those who attended and made it such a great success!

MEADOW BROOK HALL is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States, and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000 square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings.

Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, MEADOW BROOK HALL strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so that visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by history.