



MEDIA RELEASE

Library Grand Finale Fundraising Celebration

April 13, 2023
Prince Edward County

Get ..."In the Mood", put on your dance shoes, learn the Lindy Hop, practice your updo, get ready to smile for the camera in front of a 1940's Cadillac, and put yourself in the setting of the Sergeants Mess Hall at Base31.
Join us in celebrating the Grand Finale of the Picton Library Expansion.

On Saturday May 13th, the inaugural event at the Sergeants Mess Hall at Base31 will come alive with a 1942 fancy dress cocktail party. The evening starts at 7pm in the Mess Hall with a glass of County bubbly, music by the Hannah Burge Trio and continues with Swing Music provided by the County's own Brian Barlow and vocalist, AJ Stewart. Professional dance couples will demonstrate and encourage others to join in the dancing fun... so fill in your Dance Card.

Elegant canapés and a dessert bar will be provided, courtesy of fine establishments such as *The Merrill House, Flame & Smith, Luso Bites, the Drake Devonshire, Stella's Eatery, Bocado, Sand & Pearl, The Marans, Blue Sail, Hartley's, The Royal Hotel, The Public House in Bloomfield, and the Lunch Box.*

Join us in this once in a lifetime evening!

- Purchase tickets for **SWING INTO THE FUTURE** in-person from all County Libraries or online at peclibrary.org/gala
- Tickets can also be purchased at Base31.ca
- The cost of a ticket is \$200 per person
- A tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price
- Your ticket covers elegant canapés, a glass of sparkling wine, incredible entertainment, and a night of dancing
- A cash bar will also be available featuring Classic 1940's era cocktails

Library Fundraising Grand Finale

Event Location: Base31
7-343 County Road 22,
Picton, ON K0K 2T0
peclibrary.org/gala



Tim Jones, CEO Base31: "The Sergeants Mess Hall has always been a place for gathering, and we are excited to bring it back to life. We're thrilled to have the Library Fundraising Gala as the inaugural event in the renovated space, which will be paying homage to the era of the original Camp Picton."

Alexandra Bake, Chair of the Library Fundraising Committee appreciates the historic relevance of both buildings: "The Library and Base 31 are both spaces which have played an important role in the history of our community. Both are being reimaged to be cultural and community hubs into the future. They serve as wonderful examples of urban renewal and the power of collaboration. It will be a Grand Celebration - a wonderful way to celebrate our past while looking to the future."

Craig Mills, General Manager, 99.3 County FM, "Our association with The County's libraries goes back to the launch of 99.3 County FM and our weekly County Writes County Reads show. Our libraries are a treasure and we encourage all members of PEC to enjoy, explore, and celebrate the new expansion in Picton!"

Barbara Sweet, Library CEO extends a warm welcome to this exceptional fundraising event: "This is a celebratory gala to recognize this wonderful gift and the community effort that made it happen. We would also like to extend a very sincere thank you to the additional donors who have given generously as we planned this project."

In anticipation of the gala, The Baxter Arts Centre in Bloomfield has created two fun opportunities to prepare for this event.

- April 28 – Vintage Hair & Makeup – two classes @ 5:15 and 6:30 pm. - \$30 per person
- April 29 – Intro to the Lindy Hop Dance @ 2pm and 4pm - \$25 per person

Visit baxterartscentre.org/tickets to book your class. Hope to see you there!

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