



Staten Island Advance

Proceeds from cabaret, exercise class to aid Haiti

Money will go to Doctors Without Borders to provide aid to Haiti quake victims

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Lorenzo's Restaurant, Bar & Cabaret at the Hilton Garden Inn will be donating 100 percent of ticket sales from their Feb. 26 Natalie Douglas cabaret show to help those in Haiti.

The money will be given to Doctors Without Borders to provide desperately needed medical services to victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

On Feb. 26, critically acclaimed seven-time MAC Award winner Natalie Douglas will perform songs and stories of dignity, humor, beauty, pain and triumph in celebration of Black History Month. The 2008 Major Jazz Artist and Nightlife Award Winner will debut her show "A Change Is Gonna Come" on the stage of Lorenzo's Cabaret.

Having contributed to more than \$275,000 in direct aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hilton Garden Inn owners, Lois and Richard Nicotra -- and Natalie Douglas -- are honored to be able to provide assistance to Haiti during its time of need.

Those interested in attending should telephone the Hilton at 718-477-2400, ext. 5. Tickets are \$35 with a \$15 food or beverage minimum per person. Overnight cabaret packages are also available.

BRIGHT SMILES

Dr. Anne Gershkowitz, a general and cosmetic dentist on Staten Island, has introduced her clinic Sola Dental Spa, a program where she has incorporated "Spa-like" services into the dental treatment experience, where the ambiance is soothing and comforting to even the most anxious patients who are treated with an approach called "Dentistry Beyond Imaginationsm."

Dr. Gershkowitz, who was recognized for two years in a row -- 2009 and 2010 -- as Top Dentist of America by the Consumers Research Council of America, will host a fundraiser to benefit Haitians on Monday at Sola Dental Spa, 3777 Richmond Ave., Eltingville, at which time the cost of her whitening procedure will be cut in half, to \$300, with proceeds being donated to the American Red Cross.

Those interested should telephone Veronica Silvestro, office manager at 718-948-3777 or e-mail Dr. Gershkowitz at ask@soladentalspa.com.

'ZUMBA FOR HAITI'

The PS 30 PTA will host an adults-only "Zumba for Haiti" exercise class on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Westerleigh school's gymnasium.

Elaine Gil of Bubbles' Playhouse will instruct the two-hour class. The \$10 admission must be paid in the form of a check, made payable to the American Red Cross, which will receive all of the proceeds from the event.

PS 30 is located at 200 Wardwell Ave.