



# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

An Evening of Roaring Twenties Glamour & Dancing

HONORING

**2010 RAY OF LIGHT AWARD RECIPIENT**

Daphne Merkin, Author and Contributing Writer, New York Times Magazine

**2010 UNCOMMON COUNSELOR**

Michael Student, Counsel, Sullivan & Worcester LLP  
*Pro Bono* Counsel, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

VIP CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION BEGINS AT 6:30PM

THE EDISON BALLROOM

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# JOURNEY BACK TO THE ROARING TWENTIES

6:30 PM VIP Reception Begins in Champagne Lounge (Mezzanine)  
Jazz by New York City Swing

7:00 PM General Admission Begins  
Cocktails, Hors d'Oeuvres, and Silent Auction  
Big Band Music by New York City Swing

8:00 PM Welcome Remarks  
Andrew Sparkler  
*President, Dave Nee Foundation*

Presentation of *Dave Nee Foundation Annual Grant* to  
Friends Helping Friends of Manasquan, New Jersey

Presentation of *Ray of Light Award* to  
Daphne Merkin  
*Author and Contributing Writer, New York Times Magazine*

Presentation of *Uncommon Counselor Award* to  
Michael Student  
*Counsel, Sullivan & Worcester LLP*  
*Pro Bono Counsel, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention*

Video Presentation

8:30 PM Live Auction followed by dancing, dancing, dancing

10:30 PM Silent Auction Closes

11:00 PM Event Ends



**ABOUT** The Dave Nee Foundation was created in the wake of the 2005 suicide of Dave Nee, a brilliant individual who struggled silently with depression for many years. The Foundation is led by a Board of Directors comprised primarily of Dave’s close friends and family and an Advisory Board of leading mental health professionals. Dave possessed extraordinary intelligence and intellectual curiosity, traits that were complemented by his humor, selflessness, and generosity. The Foundation hopes to emulate these aspects of Dave’s personality in its effort to combat the disease of depression and prevent the unnecessary loss of life through suicide.

**MISSION** Our mission is to fight depression and prevent suicide by promoting and encouraging the diagnosis and treatment of depression among adolescents and young adults, as well as the education of adolescents and their families about the disease of depression. A principal reason for the high suicide rate in the United States is a lack of candid discussion about depression and early treatment of the disease. Further, too few of those who suffer are aware of the available options for treatment and recovery. We hope to spread the message that depression and thoughts of harming oneself should not carry a stigma, that treatment for depressed and suicidal thoughts is socially acceptable, and that in an overwhelming number of cases such treatment is a safe, effective way to improve one’s quality of life.

**UNCOMMON COUNSEL** We founded the Uncommon Counsel program in 2008 to fight depression and prevent suicide among law students—a uniquely at-risk yet under-served population. We accomplish this mission by sharing our experience of losing Dave Nee, correcting misconceptions about depression, raising awareness of the available resources both on campus and in the community, and educating law students on the effectiveness of treatment. We also provide concrete instruction on the symptoms of depression and what to do if a friend or colleague is severely depressed.

Uncommon Counsel’s programming is currently at Fordham Law School, Duke Law School, and New York Law School. Additionally, members of the Foundation have spoken to various groups including the Queens Bar Association. William Treanor, Dean of Georgetown Law Center and former Dean of Fordham Law School, has recommended that programming like Uncommon Counsel be “in every law school in the country.”

**WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT** Nobody talks about the problem - especially lawyers. Attorneys have the highest rates of depression and suicide of any profession and 40% of law students in their third year of school report experiencing symptoms of depression. Statistics demonstrate that the rate of suicide attempts among attorneys is increasing as the effects of the economic downturn spread. It is urgent that law students and attorneys who exhibit the warning signs for suicide get the help they need.





## 2010 RAY OF LIGHT AWARD

The Dave Nee Foundation is proud to present its 2010 Ray of Light Award to *New York Times Magazine* contributing writer, Daphne Merkin. Literary and film critic, essayist and novelist, Ms. Merkin's eloquent and unabashed essays on her own struggles with depression have shone light on a disease that most often isolates its victims in darkness, while alleviating the stigmas associated with mental illness and its treatments.



*"It is an affliction that often starts young and goes unheeded— younger than would seem possible, as if in exiting the womb I was enveloped in a gray and itchy wool blanket instead of a soft, pastel-colored bunting."*



—Daphne Merkin

Ms. Merkin is currently at work on a book based on her May 2009 *New York Times Magazine* article "A Journey Through Darkness," which chronicled her experience with depression, thoughts of suicide, hospitalization, and subsequent recovery.





## 2010 UNCOMMON COUNSELOR AWARD

The Dave Nee Foundation proudly announces that its inaugural Uncommon Counselor Award recipient is Michael Student, Counsel at Sullivan & Worcester, LLP, and long-serving *Pro Bono* Counsel for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Mr. Student is an outstanding attorney whose practice focuses on counseling foreign companies on expansion in the U.S. Mr. Student is particularly known for his superior service to clients in Finland and other Nordic countries. Despite the rigors of maintaining a large practice, Mr. Student has carved out countless hours to serve as *Pro Bono* Legal Counsel for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The AFSP is the largest not-for-profit addressing suicide in the country and Mr. Student's efforts enable that organization to fund scientific research, offer education programs about mood disorders and suicide prevention, and promote policies and legislation that impact suicide and prevention efforts in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Mr. Student's dedication to AFSP, the legal profession, and suicide prevention are remarkable and the Foundation is proud to present him with our inaugural Uncommon Counselor Award.





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And to everyone whose participation  
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wonderful success.



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**FUNDRAISING** The Dave Nee Foundation funds all of its programming and grants through direct contributions from individual donors and corporations along with proceeds from the annual fundraising event. The Foundation will rely heavily on the donations generated from this event to support the activities of the entire year including the nationwide expansion of Uncommon Counsel.

It is with deep gratitude that we would like to acknowledge the generosity\* of the following individuals:

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The Dave Nee Foundation thanks all our supporters for their contributions to make this year's fundraising gala a success!

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# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

## Highlights of our Silent Auction

- ✧ Gourmet “Truffle Extravaganza” Dinner and Wine Tasting for Four at the famed James Beard House in NYC
- ✧ Two-night stay at the St. Giles Hotel in New York City, and two tickets to any performance at the Irish Repertory Theater
- ✧ Sailing and Lunch for a party of four around picturesque Long Island Sound aboard a 30-foot Island Packet Yacht
- ✧ Epiphone Electric Guitar Autographed by “American Idol” Sensation Adam Lambert
- ✧ Dinner for Four at the Blue Ribbon Bakery
- ✧ Five-night stay at the Chatham Gables Inn on Cape Cod
- ✧ Day of Beauty Package: Gift certificate to “Salon of the Stars” Julien Farel, one-hour Swedish massage by Whitt Tekniques, and gift basket of products from Hourglass Cosmetics
- ✧ Authentic Script signed by the cast from the hit Showtime series “Weeds”
- ✧ Golf Outings at the Cherry Valley Club on Long Island and Wykagyl Country Club in Westchester
- ✧ Individual or Family Portrait Session with Bradford Renaissance
- ✧ Swarovski Crystal Mesh Bracelet
- ✧ 2-night stay in luxury one-bedroom apartment on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, with gift certificate to gourmet grocer Agata & Valentina, and tickets for four to the Central Park Zoo



# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

## LIVE AUCTION 2010

### 1. Boston Surf and Turf Weekend

This is no ordinary steak and lobster combination! Bring three of your closest friends to Boston to see the New England Patriots play the Miami Dolphins (the “Surf”) on the “Turf” at Gillette Stadium on January 2, 2011. After the game, the four of you will enjoy a fabulous dinner at the celebrated Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse, and sleep off your libations at the award-winning Copley Square Hotel. But make sure that they are truly three of your closest friends: after all, whether or not you are a Patriots fan, Giselle lives just two blocks away!

Donated by Joshua and Claire Nelson, the Copley Square Hotel,  
and Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse Boston

Valued at \$1000

### 2. Instant Wine Cellar

An oenophile’s dream come true, the bottles in this collection will make a sommelier out of even the most amateur wine taster. Includes 1 case each of Staglin “Salus” Estate Chardonnay, Napa 2007, and Seventy Five Wine Company Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa 2009; ½ case each of Melville “Verna’s” Estate Viognier, Los Alamos 2006, and “Verna’s” Estate Syrah, Santa Rita 2009; and 1 magnum of Clos Fourtet St. Emilion 2005. Savor the sweet tartness of Meyer lemon, Bartlett pear, and oak in the Chardonnay or the tuberose and white nectarine in the Viognier; see if you can detect the hints of black currant and bacon fat in the voluptuous, full-bodied Cabernet, or the plum, fennel seed and Kalamata olive notes in the Syrah. As for the Clos Fourtet: you’ll need to taste this one for yourself to understand why Wine Advocate gave this 98 points! 8 Riedel Vinum Bordeaux glasses will facilitate your tasting.

Donated by Robert and Karina Dykes, the Staglin Family Vineyard, the Seventy Five Wine Company, and Charles and Amy Marisa Balducci

Valued at \$1,800

### 3. Judith Ripka Diamond Pave and 18k Gold Chain Link Earrings

From the Judith Ripka Couture Collection comes this exquisite pair of earrings featuring 18k yellow gold chain link and 0.904 carats of round, full-cut pave diamonds. This award-winning designer is beloved by those who appreciate style, design, and uncompromising quality. “When a woman is wearing my jewelry, I want her to feel as if she is wrapped in one of life’s greatest luxuries,” Judith explains.

Donated by Judith Ripka

Valued at \$4,200



## LIVE AUCTION 2010 cont'd.

### 4. Summer like a President on Martha's Vineyard

There is a reason that Martha's Vineyard has been the summer vacation destination of choice for so many Presidential families! Experience for yourself all the island has to offer, while staying in this new, beautifully-furnished 5-bedroom home in the popular Edgartown section of the Vineyard. Featuring two master suites and three levels of bedrooms, this home comfortably sleeps 10—although with the culinary and historical delights of Edgartown Village, Oak Bluffs, and Vineyard Haven just two miles away, and the Vineyard's famous beaches calling to you, you may be too busy exploring to sleep! This package also includes a round of golf for four at Farm Neck—the island's only public 18-hole golf course, and the course of choice for U.S. Presidents each time they vacation on Martha's Vineyard.

Week of stay is Saturday, June 11 - Friday, June 17, 2011.

Donated by Owen and Amber Nee

Valued at \$3,000

### 5. "Bravo" for the City That Never Sleeps

Enjoy all that the cultural capital of the United States offers with this fabulous package! Stay 3 days and 2 nights in the award-winning hotel, The London NYC. Relax in your suite designed by British aesthetic innovator David Collins whose livable approach to style has been heralded in *Conde Nast Traveler*, *In Style*, and others. Enjoy the renowned cuisine of Michelin chef Gordon Ramsay in the hotel's famed London Bar or as room service. Then venture out to explore the history, culture, or spas for which New York is deservedly famous! End your day with dinner "on us" at the celebrated Glass House Tavern, and front-row seats at the Metropolitan Opera performance of your choice, courtesy of a \$500 gift certificate!

Donated by Paul and Catherine Rosenthal,  
the London NYC, and the Glass House Tavern

Valued at \$2,200

### 6. By Air and By Sea

Whether your fantasies are more Top Gun or The Caine Mutiny, this package has it all! Experience firsthand the thrill and excitement of flying a light attack fighter in air-to-air combat. After being fitted with a flight suit and being fully briefed, you'll climb into the Marchetti SF260 plane alongside your instructor and engage in "dogfights" at up to 260 mph, and +6 G-forces.

Then, give the U.S. Navy your name or the name of a loved one, and they will fly a flag on an active service vessel in honor of that person, then send the flag back to you along with a certificate signed by the crew of the ship! It's your once-in-a-lifetime chance to be both an Officer and a Gentleman!

Note: you do not need a pilot's license. Flights operate from Long Island, NY or a handful of other airports around the country.

Valued at \$3,500

