



HASA's Fall Social

Most Well Attended Ever!

Dr. Lois Mautte

"HASA is here to serve you" was the theme of the annual Fall Social which was held at Higgins Hall on October 13th. More than 140 members shared an evening of fellowship and scrumptious food during the event.

President Tee Solomon welcomed School Board members Carol Kurdell, Susan Valdez, Doretha Edgecomb, Jennifer Faliero, Dr. Jack Lamb and Candy Olson. Superintendent MaryEllen Elia introduced her senior staff members and expressed gratitude to administrators for all that they do for students in the classroom. She stated that challenges may lie ahead in the coming months; however, she was confident that administrators would continue to do an outstanding job in meeting the challenges.

Executive Director Dr. John Miliziano addressed the group concerning a pressing issue; namely, the manner in which some members of the general public use the School Board Meetings as an open forum to slander school board employees. Dr. Miliziano

expressed HASA's gratitude to the School Board members for working with us to address this issue.

Following an evening of camaraderie, HASA's business partners presented door prizes including gift certificates and gift baskets to members. The business partners in attendance included: Baccarella & Baccarella, Bryn Alan by Life Touch, Herff Jones, Hillsborough Education Foundation, Karp and Associates, Liberty Mutual, Douglas Mortellaro P.A., Suncoast Schools FCU, Suncoast Wealth Services, VALIC Financial Associates, and Westshore Financial. A drawing for a "Festival Italiana Basket" was also held. The proceeds for the drawing will be used to fund HASA scholarships.

As the school year progresses, HASA members can rest assured that *HASA is Here to Serve Them* through its discussion of issues relevant to school board employees, business partnership program, legislative advocacy, and scholarships and awards.



School Board members are always special guests at HASA socials, and Carol Kurdell is never at a loss for friends!



Attendees enjoyed lovely accommodations and delicious food, and HASA was thrilled to break out extra chairs for record attendance!



*Smiling Faces
of the 2009
HASA Fall
Social*

