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NAEC / EESF Gong Evader Show a Success!

The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation, along with the National Association of Elevator Contractors, held the Gong Evader Show on September 18, 2007 at the Sheraton Atlantic City. The event raised \$22,500 to help the EESF’s mission to educate the public on the safe use of elevators, escalators and moving walks through informational programs.

EESF would like to thank the following sponsors of the Gong Evader Show:

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The show is the annual fundraiser held at the NAEC Convention and Expo for the benefit of the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation. The Gong Evader Show was based on the wildly popular talent show of the 70s. A variety of talented (and not-so-talented!) members of the elevator/escalator industry performed while a panel of judges decided if they were a star or a “gonger.”

EESF would also like to thank all the talented participants of the Gong Evader Show:

Chuck Barris look-alike: **Jed Shapiro**
Bouncer: **Walt Glaser**

Mike Shaw - Juggler
John Curzon - Singer
Cathy Grant – Singer
Leslie Malloy – Musical Glasses

Allison Weber & Eileen Reish -
Comedians
Tom Sybert – Poetic Reading
Todd Irvine - Guitarist
Monica Stoer & Patrick Bothwell –
Milli Vanilli
Jeffery Sheets - Singer

Cathy Grant sang “P. S. I Love You” and walked away as the Gong Evader Show’s winner! She received a trophy and a check (not real, of course!) for \$516.32. The judges were R. B. Peelle of The Peelle Company, Sterrett Lloyd of Draka Elevator Products and David Anthony of Vertical Express.

The NAEC Board has allowed EESF to conduct an event during their conference for the past 10 years, raising over \$167,000. A special note of appreciation goes to the Board and Staff of NAEC - without them, this event would not be possible.

The 349 industry attendees enjoyed a fabulous meal including mini calzones, crab puffs, a pasta station and a carving station and, for the first time, each attendee received two free drink tickets as part of their admission price.

Next year’s event will be in Grapevine, Texas. Make plans to attend! Visit www.NAEC.org or www.EESF.org for more details. Also, visit www.EESF.org and click “View the Photo Gallery” to view pictures from the Gong Evader Show!

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