

Chase Away the Winter Cold at the Stardust Gala on January 30

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The Capitol Hill Village invites you to celebrate life on Capitol Hill at the Second Annual Stardust Gala on Saturday, January 30, at St. Mark's Church, 7: 30 to 11 pm. Enjoy an evening of finery, dancing, chatting with friends, a little sipping of wine or other fruit drinks, and bidding for vacation happenings in non-DC homes – this year, including one in France.

The Combo-Nation Trio will open the evening, later growing into the full SingCo Rhythm Orchestra, led by crooner Doug Bowles. Songs by the Jaynettes, Capitol Hill's group of “vintage women singing vintage music,” will inspire dancers onto the dance floor. Debra and Tom of Gottaswing, from Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom, will teach us all to swing dance.

Near the music-filled dance hall will be a Quiet Caf , where partiers will find snack foods; coffee, tea, fruit punch and wines; friendly tables with chairs, and other tables showing off auction items – vacation homes, dinners with book-authors and politicians, classes for exploring untried (by you) crafts.

Reservations cost \$70 individually and \$60-per-person for a group table. You can purchase them on-line on www.capitolhillvillage.org or by calling the Capitol Hill Village office on 202-543-1778. Call soon, as spaces are being filled rapidly.