

HAUTE LIVING

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Tom & Mickey's Holiday Spectacular at The Players Club



Mickey Conlon, Susan Lucci, Helmut Huber, and Tom Postilio

Housed in a Gothic Revival-style mansion facing Gramercy Park, The Players Club's interior appears much like a life-sized game of Clue: plush red carpets, dark wood paneling, and fireplaces. Thanks to the vibrancy of its members who have included Humphrey Bogart and Frank Sinatra, the Club retains a remarkably dynamic spirit.

Current members Tom Postilio and Mickey Conlon hosted a glamorous Holiday Spectacular on December 11. The Manhattan real estate wizards who have amassed over \$1 billion in residential sales as brokers with CORE have also had careers as Broadway producers and jazz singers. They sing, they dance, and they look dashing in matching tuxedos.

Several Players were in attendance. Partygoers included a stately Richard White, a dazzling Susan Lucci, and a dapper David Hyde Pierce. There was a sparkling Christmas tree and an elegant dining room spread. The drinks flowed and the company was animated. Legendary designer Mario Buatta sat at my table and performed a series of tricks that consisted of a fake mustache and a plastic cockroach that appeared in his martini glass.

The highlight of the evening was the welcome by Tom and Mickey. Considering the beautiful set performed by the John Pizzarelli Quartet, that's saying something. They sang cabaret tunes in tandem, gave a witty speech and appeared altogether charismatic and urbane. It reminded us that perhaps the grandeur of days bygone—the American Song Book and the Classic Cinema—is not just a relic of the past.