

Montevallo
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Gala II
2022

Everyone remembers what a great time that was experienced by the attendees of the Gala I in 2019 which honored the Mahler family. The food, fun and camaraderie was unmatched in every way and we all so looked forward to more fun the following year. Of course, the pandemic altered our plans for two years but now, Gala II, the primary fundraiser for the Montevallo Historical Society will happen October 1.

Chef Keith Hoffert, will be bringing the cuisine that he honed as executive chef of American Queen Steamboat Company, American Cruise Lines, and restaurants in the panhandle of Florida. Chef Hoffert earned a degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales in Charleston, S.C. and has since been creating meals for celebrities, athletes, governors and now those in attendance of Gala II at the Fox and Pheasant Inn at 540 Shelby Street. Dinner, drinks, music, Montevallo Trivia contest, and silent auction items will all be a part of the evening.



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The Kroell family who were early settlers and entrepreneurs are this years honorees. When George Kroell completed his elaborate three story Victorian mansion in 1900, it was soon recognized throughout the region as a unique landmark on Montevallo's Main Street. A clever family member began calling the house, "Owl's Cove", because of a life-size decorative owl figurine mounted over a doorway leading into a compact "alcove" just off the foyer. The name stuck and has been used ever since.

Owl's Cove was sold and torn down in 1967, but the stories of the house and the family that lived there for 65 years have remained strong and fascinating for those who came after them. In recent years, the City of Montevallo even christened a landscaped section of the old lot where the Kroell house once stood as, "Owl's Cove Park".

Kroell descendants recently made a substantial and valuable donation to the Montevallo Historical Society, so in recognition of their philanthropy and place in the history of the town, we are gratified to name the legendary Kroell Family as the Honoree of the Montevallo Historical Society's Gala 2022.

To learn more about the MHS Gala and purchase tickets please call 205 567 9659 or look for the insert in this issue of the Chamber Chatter.



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