

## **NJM Awards Gala Re-Cap**

You were there or you were square!

Wow! You wouldn't believe it; more awards than The Oscars; the outfits out smoked the Red Carpet; better dancing than American Bandstand, and we gave some serious money to a good cause. A Sunday evening doesn't get more exciting than that!

If you couldn't be there for this year's NJM Awards Gala, here is a brief re-cap of what you missed.

The event was held at Biagio's Ristorante on Paramus Road in Paramus on January 26, 2020. The evening started with a lavish spread of appetizers, cash bar and continuous viewing of Norm Chester's epic documentary "NJM's Year in Review." Not to mention mingling and rubbing elbows with some VIP's including your club officers, USATF-NJ officials, Ridgewood Mayor Ramon Hatch, Deputy Mayor Susan Knudsen and NJ Assemblywoman Lisa Swain.

First up on the official agenda was an introduction by club Vice President Lori Kilmurray and opening remarks by Madame President Debi Braithwait. This was followed by tons, no exaggeration, tons of fantastic raffles which continued throughout the evening. A generous donation was made to the NJ Special Olympics followed by a buffet dinner that even all of the attendees couldn't put a dent in, even though most had worked up quite an appetite long running earlier in the day. If you have never attended and enjoyed this feast, we're talking delicious!

Then on to the main event! An awards ceremony to rival the Oscars without the speeches! Awards in numerous categories were handed out to club members who were selected by the Awards Committee based on nominations from their fellow club members. A list of the awards and the winners can be found here on the NJM website: <https://njmasters.com/about-us/club-awards/>

The evening wrapped up on the dance floor with a great time being had by everyone. Make sure you mark your calendars for next year's gala. This is way too much fun to miss!