

## **WIIT Gala and Auction: A Huge Success!**

On December 7, with brisk & windy weather in the Washington DC Metro area, WIIT celebrated the holidays with its annual Gala and Silent Auction at the Embassy of Indonesia to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the WIIT DC Chapter. The event was graciously hosted by the Honorable Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat, the Indonesian Ambassador to the United States. The Embassy of Indonesia provided native food, graceful Balinese dancers and instrumental music for the event, as well as donating one-of-a-kind original Indonesian artwork for the silent auction.



Ambassador Parnohadiningrat



WIIT President Nicole Bevins Collinson

The successful event drew a crowd of nearly 70 people and netted over \$4,000 to help the WIIT Trust support its quality educational programs and professional development services. This year WIIT also will donate a portion of the registration fee to Indonesia Relief Program to help this organization with the relief efforts for several natural disasters that have struck this region in the last few years.

Overall, close to 70 wonderful items were auctioned, including an original New Yorker cartoon art, theater and sports tickets, spa certificates, digital cameras, karate & fitness gift certificates, fine potables, fun gift baskets and myriad handicrafts donated by the DC diplomatic, corporate and international trade community. Distilled Spirits Council of the US, DISCUS, graciously donated the bar, which featured fun, festive cocktails such as the White Winter Twist and the Holly Berry Martini. Printing for the event was kindly donated by Michael Puskar of Superior Glacier, a full service document management company.

The success of the event certainly will help to increase awareness of the benefits of WIIT to the Washington, D.C. trade community and, in turn, boost WIIT membership.

WIIT would like to again thank Ambassador Parnohadiningrat and the Embassy for hosting the 2006 WIIT Winter Gala and Silent Auction. Also, many thanks for all who attended, donated, and bid on items. Because of you, the annual WIIT Gala and Silent Auction was a resounding success!



Balinese Performers