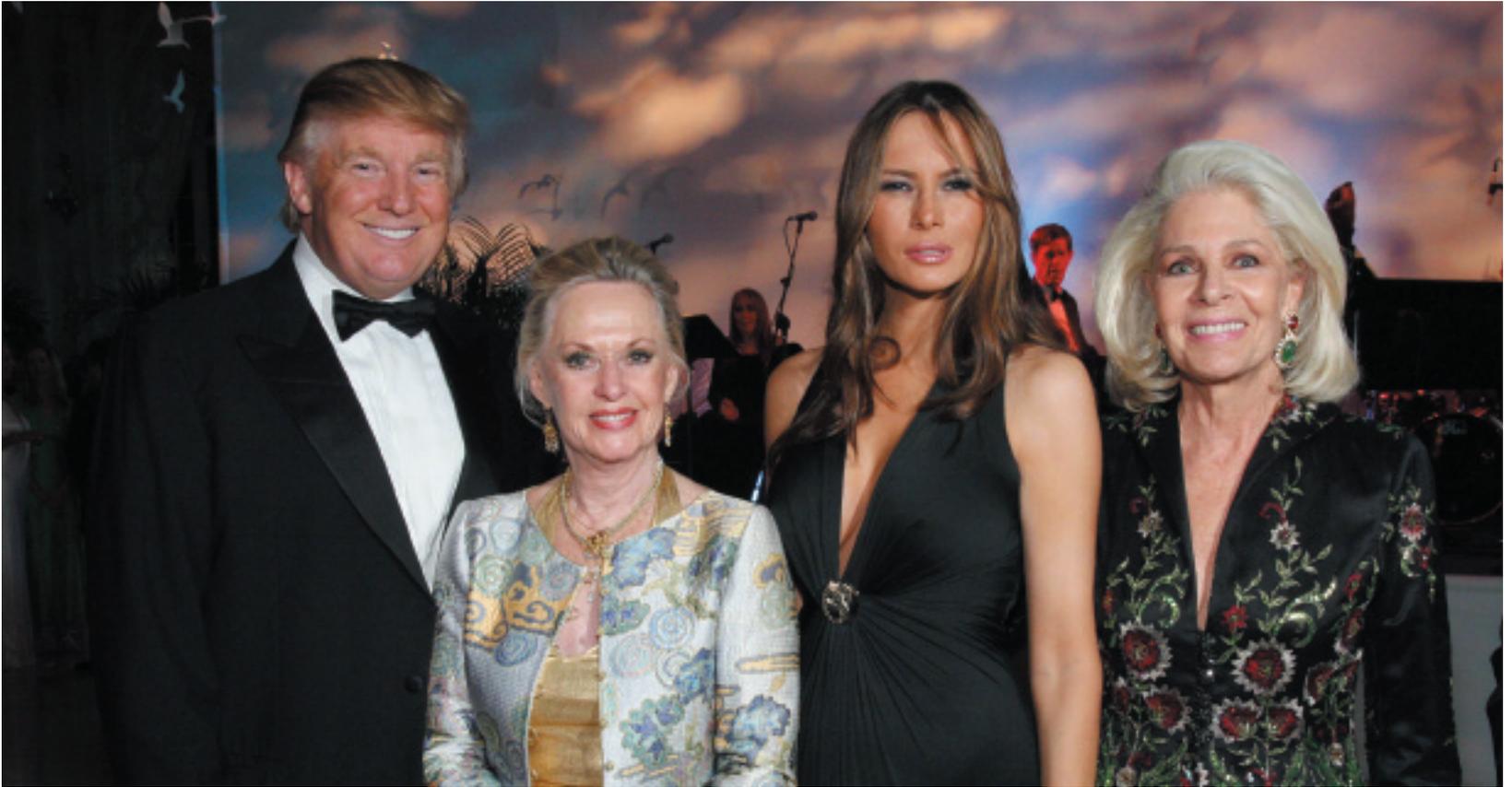


Palm Beach Zoo Dinner Dance 2008

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Donald Trump, Tippi Hedren, Melania Trump and Frances Hayward



Charlene Nederlander and James Kaufman



Callista and Newt Gingrich and Gay Gaines

For the fourth year, the Palm Beach Zoo held its annual fundraising dinner dance at Mar-a-Lago. Honorary Chair Tippi Hedren and Chair Frances Hayward, both avid animal advocates, welcomed more than 450 guests to the sold out event, one of the most glamorous of the palm Beach social season, which raised in excess of seven hundred thousand dollars. The theme this year was "The Birds" and there were an abundance, several of which were on display as guests mingled for cocktails around the beautiful swimming pool, covered by a silver marquee, adding to the glamour and beauty of the surroundings.

There was a collective 'gasp' of appreciation as guests were ushered into the Ballroom, which thanks to Bruce Sutka was transformed into a jungle paradise with groupings of different species of birds on every table. One of the 'highlights' of Ms. Hedren's table was inspired by her role in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds," which featured 'black crows' as the centerpiece. Ms. Hedren, Ms. Hayward and Donald and Melania Trump were busy chatting as these lifelike birds quietly ease dropped from their place in the center of the table. Event planner Renee

Wood forgo the typical dinner fare and opted for an exquisitely cooked 'pot roast' and plates were just short of literally being 'licked clean...' the 'empty plate club' admonished of childhood definitely the order of the evening...

Guests danced the night away to the beautiful sounds of the Bob Hardwick Orchestra who presented just the right combination of old standards, current rock favorites and everything in between. Ms. Hedren, whose foundation "Barck" has helped thousands of displaced Big Cats, expressed her delight and honor at being part of an event celebrating as wonderful an organization as the Palm Beach Zoo as well as thanking her 'team' - Vice Chairs Tom Quick and Susan Malloy, Co-Chairs Amanda Schumacher and Suzette Smith and Renee Wood.

The evening benefits what has become a very important addition to the community, hosting hundreds of thousands of visitors each year as well as housing a veterinary hospital and a myriad of educational programs dealing with our precious wildlife.

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