

More Tee Time for SAG FOUNDATION

The non-profit SAG Foundation, which enjoyed its first Golf Classic in August, will benefit from the 2011 Kraft Nabisco Championship (originally established by entertainer Dinah Shore) scheduled for March 28 through April 3 in California's Coachella Valley.

Whereas the classic raised money for the Catastrophic Health Fund, this new association with Kraft Nabisco will bring support to the Children's Literacy Initiative, which sustains such award-winning educational programs as BookPALS (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools), PencilPALS, the interactive website Storyline Online and the children's autobiography-writing series We the Children.

Bringing added impetus to the charitable effort, the financial management group Integrated Wealth Management has launched the TICKETS Fore CHARITY program for 2011, which last year raised more than \$150,000 for 90 Palm Desert-area charities. This year's program will once again benefit local causes as well as the SAG Foundation, which relies on grants, donations and volunteer support to develop and maintain its philanthropic services.

Event tickets through TICKETS Fore CHARITY, as well as playing spots in the Celebrity Pro-Am, are available online at KNCGolf.com.



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The unions also agreed to modifications in the travel provisions of the contracts.

SAG President Ken Howard said, "Strengthening the pension and health plans was our top priority in these negotiations—making such a significant gain in that area was a vital achievement. Increased wages across the contract and the expansion of the major role premium into pay television will not only put more money in performers' pockets, but will provide yet another boost to our P&H funds. All the staff and members of this joint committee, from both unions, deserve praise for their focus and dedication. We had to make some difficult decisions, but working together, we've reached a deal that will protect our essential pension and health benefits for years to come."

Screen Actors Guild announced that tentative agreements were also reached on November 10 for new, three-year contracts covering basic cable live action, basic cable animation and television animation productions. The current contracts expire on June 30, 2011, and the new three-year agreements will be effective from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014.

The terms of these agreements are similar to those achieved in the TV/Theatrical agreement, with a wage increase of 6 percent over the terms of the three-year agreements, and a 10 percent increase in the current rate of employer contributions paid to the SAG-Producers Pension and Health Plans, bringing the total contribution rate to 16.5 percent effective July 1, 2011.

Details of these new agreements will also be submitted for approval to the SAG National Board. For updates, visit SAG.org.