

TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

LINDA FAIRSTEIN was chief of the Sex Crimes Unit of the district attorney's office in Manhattan for more than two decades. Her Alexandra Cooper novels are international bestsellers.

AL ROKER has been the weather and feature anchor on NBC News' TODAY since January 1996. Since July 2009 he has been co-host of the morning show "Wake Up with Al" on the Weather Channel. Roker is the author of several books including the *New York Times* best-selling *Don't Make me Stop This Car: Adventures in Fatherhood* and two mystery novels featuring celebrity chef Billy Blessings, *The Morning Show Murders* and *The Midnight Show Murders*.

2011 AWARD WINNERS

LOUISE PENNY is an award-winning journalist and the author of the best-selling mystery novels featuring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec.

JAMES LINCOLN WARREN writes crime fiction short stories for *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine* and *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* and is a weekly contributor to *Criminal Brief: the Mystery Short Story Web Log Project*.

ABOUT REX STOUT AND THE WOLFE PACK

REX STOUT was born in Noblesville, Indiana, December 1, 1886. *Fer-de-Lance*, Stout's first Nero Wolfe novel, appeared in 1934. More than seventy other Nero Wolfe books and stories followed. A month before his death in 1975, he published the final Nero Wolfe book, *A Family Affair*.

THE WOLFE PACK is a forum to discuss, explore, and enjoy the 72 Nero Wolfe books and short stories. The organization promotes fellowship and extends friendship to those who enjoy these great literary works of mystery through a series of events, book discussions, and a journal devoted to study of the genius detective, Nero Wolfe, and his intrepid assistant, Archie Goodwin. To learn more, visit www.nerowolfe.org.

34th Annual Black Orchid Banquet



December 3, 2011

Vanderbilt Suites

MENU

Corn Cakes
— *Murder is Corny*

Chicken Fricassee with Dumplings
— *Some Buried Caesar*

Beet and Watercress Salad
— *The Mother Hunt*

Pumpkin Praline Tart
with Toasted Marshmallows
and Roasted Pumpkin Seeds
— “*The Fairmont Case*”

Coffee and Tea

WINES

Domaine Houchart Provence Blanc, 2010
Terza Generazione Barbera, 2007

Tonight’s menu selections were inspired by *The Nero Wolfe Cookbook* and prepared by executive chef *Franck Deletrain*, a Fritz Brenner protégée and James Beard honoree, and pastry chef Kenneth Larsen.

PROGRAM

Welcome — Ira Brad Matetsky, Werowance

Toasts — Ellen Krieger, Founding Werowance

A Musical Birthday Salute to Rex Stout
— The Wolverines

Award Presentations — Jane Cleland

The Nero Wolfe Award to
Louise Penny for *Bury Your Dead*

The Black Orchid Novella Award
in cooperation with
Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine to
James Lincoln Warren for
“Inner Fire”

Quiz — Jonathan Levine, Werowance Emeritus

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
by Linda Fairstein

Keynote Speaker
Al Roker

