

Tenth Annual COPE Benefit at Paper Mill Playhouse a Success

The COPE Center, Inc.'s Tenth Annual COPE Benefit, held last month at the Paper Mill Playhouse production of "*A Wonderful Life*," was a great success. The evening is a gala fundraising affair where sponsors, patrons, and other benefactors come out to support COPE and to enjoy an evening of socializing and entertainment. The group gathered at the Paper Mill's adjacent Carriage House Restaurant prior to the theater performance for a cocktail buffet and silent auction.



Shown here enjoying the event is a gathering of COPE supporters who came from all over Essex County to show their support for COPE.



Addressing the crowd is Peter M. Rooney, of Essex Fells. Rooney is president of the COPE Board of Trustees.

COPE is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. The letters of COPE's name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency's professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and the United Way of North Essex. Information on any of COPE's programs is available by calling 973-783-6659 or by visiting the agency's Web site, www.copecenter.net.