

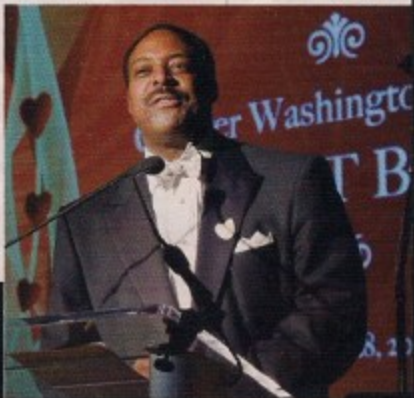
Have a Heart

IT'S TIME AGAIN for one of our favorite spring galas: the Greater Washington Region Heart Ball. Like many of the city's best black-tie events, the Heart Ball is an elegant affair that includes a seated dinner, dancing and fabulous live and silent auctions. The inspirational stories, though, are what really drive this event.

"We have been involved with the American Heart Association for more than 25 years," says event chair Howard Bender. "With a family history of heart disease, our involvement is deeply personal. Three generations of Benders will proudly lead the 2010 Heart Ball, and we invite the entire Greater Washington region to carry the torch with us."

The event, emceed this year by WJLA anchor Leon Harris, supports the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and education efforts. Committee chairs are John and Mona Oswald, Dr. Jack Flyer, Cheryl Campbell and Christyne Nasbe.

Tickets are \$750. The event will be held from 6 pm to midnight, February 27 at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner. For more information, visit dcheartball.com.—C.F.



The band at the 2009 Heart Ball.
RIGHT: Leon Harris

