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The Tundra Times Board of Directors is putting finishing touches on plans for the newspaper's annual banquet, scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

"We'remaking final preparations for a really fun and enjoyable evening," says Franklin Berry, chairman of Tundra.

Times "We'll be having an auction, as we usually do, but we've also been talking with several well-known entertainers about scheduling their talent and hope to make an announcement soon."

According to banquet planning committee chair Toni Jones, tickets for the banquet are now on sale for the formal event, which for many years has been one of Alaska's premier social events.

Always held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the banquet began as an important source of revenue during the paper's early years under founding publisher and editor Howard Rock. Beginning this year, the board has decided that some banquet revenues will be dedicated to a new scholarship fund created to assist Native students interested in the newspaper business.

"We are committed to developing a professional cadre of Native writers, editors, graphic artists and marketing specialists who want to carry on the fine tradition of Howard Rock," said Franklin.

To purchase individual tickets or reserve tables for the banquet, call (907) 274-2512. Payment in advance will be required.

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