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## **Charlotte Trolley Gala in May “String of Pearls 2000”**

Charlotte, North Carolina. . . . Charlotte Trolley, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to returning vintage streetcars to Charlotte, will host its second “String of Pearls 2000” gala at LaVecchia’s Seafood Grille on Saturday, May 20, 2000, it was announced today by Ms. Hank Ingebretsen, executive director.

“We had such a good time at LaVecchia’s last year, we decided to return,” said Ms. Ingebretsen. “Some of the live and silent auction items we gathered are both intriguing and unique. For instance, your face could be in a Ben Long fresco. You can bid on a tattoo. You can win a new Flat TV. Bid on Lasik Eye Surgery. Have dinner for two at Firestation No. 2 – you may go on a firecall. We really tried to get interesting and different items this year.”

“And, Morrison Smith Jewelers has once again donated a lovely string of pearls for us to auction,” said Ms. Ingebretsen. Larry Sprinkle of NBC-6 will be the auctioneer for the evening.

The gala will be held at LaVecchia’s Seafood Grille at Seventh Street Station beginning at 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 20. Cost is \$75 per person, and complimentary valet parking is available. A list of auction items can be viewed at [www.charlottetrolley.org](http://www.charlottetrolley.org).

Charlotte Trolley, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Funds raised through the gala go towards restoration and maintenance of vintage streetcars. Charlotte Trolley is located at 2104 South Boulevard in Charlotte. For more information, call 704/375-0850.