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## Meadow Brook Hall hosts pyjama party

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On Saturday, March 20, **Meadow Brook Hall** will recreate one of these fun and elegant celebrations with their own 1930s pyjama party.

The swanky soiree, set in the elegant surroundings of a historic mansion, will kick off with a champagne reception and open touring of Meadow Brook Hall at 7 p.m. Guests will retire to the Christopher Wren Dining Room at 8 p.m. for a magnificent gourmet meal prepared by the hall's executive chef. After-dinner cordials later will be served in the ballroom, where guests can enjoy dancing to a 1930s-style swing band. Cigars also will be available on the Loggia Terrace.

There will be a special exhibit of Matilda Dodge Wilson's fabulous pyjamas, and guests are encouraged to don their own silk pyjamas, but it is not required.

Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband lumber broker Alfred Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000-square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings.

Tickets for Meadow Brook Hall's 1930s Pyjama Party are \$100 per person, and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site or call (248) 370-3140.

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