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Guests will be escorted by bodyguards into the hall and will travel down the secret staircase to the front of the speakeasy. Using their password (which will be provided at the time of reservation), guests will gain access to the speakeasy through the original games room of Meadow Brook Hall. The speakeasy will be located in the ballroom, where the legendary Tommy Dorsey Band, featuring a then-unknown singer, Frank Sinatra, once performed.

Hors d'oeuvres and sparkling entertainment, featuring the rich vocals of jazz singer Shahida Nurullah, will be sure to please each gangster and his gal. Guest, who may come in costume as their favorite 1930s glamour girl or dapper Dan or in 2003 elegant chic, also will enjoy the historic surroundings as well as the speakeasy's open bar.

The speakeasy's doors open at 7 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Space is limited, so please call in advance for reservations. For reservations or more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site.

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