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Outstanding, stupendous, amazing evening ! What else can we say



We had so much fun, it was 'full on' entertainment from start to finish... and we didn't want to finish ! We wanted to keep dancing ! For me, (Sue), it was about the little things that went to make up such an amazing big thing.... it was about George and Matt making chocolate mousses in my kitchen on Friday evening, and then going over to Matt's house to make pizza on Saturday... it was about my downstairs neighbour washing and chopping the fruit and veggies, while the girls (7 and 3) did the compost runs, then helping me get the gift baskets etc., in the car on Sat morning... it was about husbands like Kevin Lafreniere, Martin Van Meenen and Scott Jutson helping their wives' endeavours, whether lifting and delivering, or washing up, or making the hummus and collecting the coffee.



It was about Daniela being jet-lagged and still able to get the food onto platters, ably and so willingly being helped by Susana... it was about Adrian Boston happily selling Raffle tickets, having designed a very stylish advertising postcard, and collecting North Vancouver-designed Auction items !

It was about the By-Law 283 band not only volunteering their fabulous music and performance, but renting Vegas jackets, to totally look the part, and their wives continuing the 'bling' theme ! plus Concentric sponsoring the sound and lighting guys... some of you may like to know that their first full album will be released in 2011.... will keep you posted !

It's about Carolyn being my king-pin when I got shaky before the event, always being there, and always being the voice of reason. On the night, besides taking on the finance, she made sure the Casino crew were looked after, and the North Shore News photographer, who decided to stay for the rest of the night ! It was about Curt, Martin and George putting the intro/dance music lists on their iPods. It was about Marie ordering take-out for the sound guy, it was about Natrisha, not only taking the Serve it Right test to apply for the liquor licence, but also single-handedly bringing her entire, and numerous circle of friends, phoning me to ask if there was anything that needed doing before the event, and the being the 'bag' lady on the night... it was about Sue Jutson most definitely going the extra mile to ensure the Silent Auction was beautifully set up as always, and guiding me around Costco and the catering !

Major Thanks to:



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Casino



It was about our centurions, George, Matt, Jay and Adrian, and our serving girls, Jenn, Steph, Sallie, Alejandra and Marie, working from the moment they got there, till the moment we stopped, always willing and cheery, and not forgetting that Carolyn and Kelly needed food and drinks at their finance station !



I think it's easy to forget that for all our guest to be there, arrangements have to be made, children have to have sitters, 'bling' had to be found, rides have to be arranged, hotels booked, designated drivers cherished... so thank you to everyone for making that effort ! It was especially awesome to have Denny Wong and his wife come as our guests. Denny is our web manager, and he makes all our changes on a volunteer basis, and has done, for many years, in a very willing, prompt manner and we are SOOO grateful to him. Judy Larocque is one of our stalwart supporters, always happy to host, including refreshments, the Burnaby/Coquitlam support evenings, or children's events, and relentlessly takes bundles of clothes to Big Brother for us !



It was an honour to have Rick, Michelle and Geoff Moore join us... some of you will remember that they took North Vancouver School District to Court for not providing a meaningful public education for their son. The BC Tribunal for Human Rights upheld their case and then the decision was reversed.. the case may go to the Supreme Court.

Lora Bird was the driving force behind our Davis Learning Strategies this year, and Vancouver Waldorf School parents/alumni turned out in force...



So, after the band's first set, Shaine Ireland wowed us with some amazing Jazz songs... Shaine was in my son's class at the VWS, and is now in her third year of Opera studies at the Vancouver Music School.. she has been composing music with Don McLeod (he composed and sang our song for SHIFT 2008) and is all set to release her first CD shortly. She was so confident and sang SOO beautifully..... I am eager to see where her passion takes her...

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Kerry Donoghue brought her CEROC dancers, and gave a great lesson despite the fact that her head mike squawked and the music was sporadic... she got the 'great under fire' prize !! Following the band's second set, straight from Vegas, we had the most incredible 'CHER' as our Star Guest... she was incredible.... and definitely 'worked' the audience !



So here are the thank you's to all the wonderful guests who came, and supported us, and those who weren't able to come, but donated their tickets to help others come ! We think there were 130+ wonderful people there. Thank you to all the generous donations for the Silent Auction... being British I really notice how incredibly easy it is to ask and receive here in Canada... volunteering and donating just seem to be second nature. Thank you to West Jet for donating two tickets to wherever they fly... I still can't believe that that actually happened ! We raised \$5,000+, which is truly amazing, and the % profit over what we spent and what we received, (according to a recent article on Canadian not for profits), knocks the spots off the top 200 charities, especially when we are all volunteers on a very small budget.

Thank you to By-Law 283, for providing fantastic music, both covers and original... to Wild Bill's Casino, to Shaine Ireland, to Carlotta Gurl, to our amazing Board, Joe, Carolyn, Natrisha, Jenn, Adrian and Clinton, to our willing helpers, Martin, Steve, Matt, George, Steph, Marie, Alejandra, Jay, Sallie, Gillian, Daniela and Susana.....to the West Vancouver Community Centre ... I would have another event there in a heartbeat... even the lit fountain gave a Bellagio ambience ! I know there is a danger in naming names, I apologise to those I have omitted, every single person contributed to a fantastic evening. For full Gratitude List, please see our website, www.dyslexiacanada.com. THANK YOU !

And finally, a special thank you to my very wonderful son, who despite mid-terms and a pending assignment due managed to help in his usual exceptionally efficient manner, and always provides great ideas – and plenty of laughter ! Only fair, when you think about it, he got me into all this.....! See you next year ! Gratefully... *Sue Hall*

