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SHIFT 2008 – Celebrity Edition !

We are good at what we do, because of our 'gift of dyslexia' not in spite of it..... and we are good at enjoying ourselves too ! Everything was perfect....Grouse Mountain Resorts Ltd, in the form of Della and Stuart McLaughlin's financial generosity, and Jenny Alexander, the Catering Sales Manger, and Margaret, the Banquet Captain, could not be matched. We were looked after every step of the way, and personally, on the night to see someone else putting up and setting up the tables, was nothing short of a holiday for me (Sue) ! It all happened with joy and ease, and the result was perfect, the beautiful buffet dinner and the wine were delicious !

Yousef Jawhari's team from Pink Lime Hair Salon and Spa made sure that everyone who arrived on such a wet and windy night were able to go into hair and make-up, and look even more fabulous !



into Hair and Make-Up.....onto the red carpet



Alexa, Sierra, Alex



Alex, Alexander and Fraser

Several of our young people, with the 'gift of dyslexia' mingled with our guests dressed as Leonardo da Vinci (Alexander Valentin), Keira Knightley (Sierra Tasi Baker), Tom Cruise (Alex Wozny) and Steve Jobs (Fraser Montgomery). Alex Shore and Alexa Ku interviewed and photographed our guests on the red carpet. Nicole Friesen took wonderful photographs in difficult lighting !.... if you would like to see, and/or order the photographs, go to www.dyslexiacanada.com.

Sid Tafler took on our PR/ press coverage for again this year. Prior to the event, the Outlook featured Leonardo and Keira, and CBC Radio's Almanac interviewed me (Sue Hall). The people who phoned into the program were extremely supportive of our message, and encouraging us to educate the educators, especially those who teach the teachers. On the night the North Shore News sent a photographer for the Bright Lights section.



Anna Johnson (hostess) & Alicia Wisdom (testimonial)



Eddie Orenstein got her Day on a Harley Davidson !



Cassidy Engleby



Tyler Norton

140 guests enjoyed a champagne Cocktail Reception, a wonderful West Coast dinner, and Leonardo (who originally played the viol) played the violin this time, including a Gavotte by Martini with his teacher accompanying him. Don McLeod of the School Alliance of Singer Songwriters, had composed a song especially for us 'This is my Gift' and premiered it for us (lyrics later). Tyler Norton, Alicia Wisdom, Cassidy Engleby and Edie Orenstein provided testimonials for the Outreach program and the Bursary program, and after thanking our many sponsors (see list following), our Guest of Honour, Ron Davis, took the floor. Ron's genius is what brought us all together, and it was our privilege to have him join us 'off duty' for once !



Ron, Clinton (WDS) & Mel



Don McLeod



Scott and Sue Jutson, Ron Davis

Sue Jutson and George Hall had set up the Auction table so stylishly, and George was our auctioneer for the second year running. His unique sense of humour triggered considerable laughter and enjoyment, and overall the Silent and Live Auctions, plus the diamond ring raffle and donations brought us \$10,000 on the night !! and our tireless Treasurer, Carolyn, ensured all the purchases found their owners.

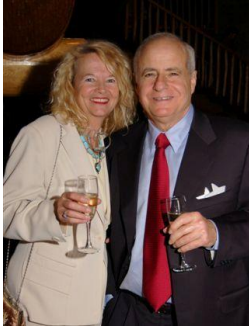
Marc Smith of Amuse Consulting Event Planning, drew the evening to a close and then... the weather provided a little more excitement as the wind started to gust, and guests left in the original Grouse Mtn gondola. During one descent, Don McLeod led the singing of Beatles songs to keep spirits high and thoughts away from the distance to the ground !



Auctioneer George Hall (WDS), Sue Hall, and Pink Lime's Joseph Jawhari



Adrian Boston (WDS) with Carolyn (WDS Treasurer) and Martin Van Meenen



Jen and Sid Tafler



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George Hall	Kaltire
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*Our heartfelt gratitude to all our guests, sponsors, and volunteers
for such a wonderfully successful evening !*

Clinton, Joe, Rita, Adrian, Carolyn, George and Sue

See you next year !

THIS IS MY GIFT

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I'm a dreamer, of 3D pictures
I'm a traveler, of a different kind
I'm a builder, I'm a designer, I'm an actor
The stage is mine

*This is my Gift
This is who I am
Finding my place, in this life
It ain't always easy
But I'm not afraid
We're all unique, in our own way.....
This is my Gift
This is who I am*

I hear the process, I see my thoughts
I view the feelings, in my Minds Eye
I'm a creator, I'm an investor, I'm an artist
The world is mine

*This is my Gift
This is who I am
Finding my place, in this life
It ain't always easy
But I'm not afraid
We're all unique, in our own way
This is my Gift
This is who I am*

There was a time, I'd hide in shame
The system seemed, to forget me
Now I see, the system change

*This is my Gift
This is who I am
Finding my place, in this life
It ain't always easy
But I'm not afraid
We're all unique, in our own way
This is my Gift
This is who I am
Finding my place, in this life
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