

Face the World gala raises \$1.24 million

TOWN TALK | Annual event draws 250 guests to Point Grey waterfront home



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PUT ON A HAPPY FACE: Rain traditionally never falls on the Face The World gala. Nor did it Monday, when the 18th running drew 250 \$1,500-ticket guests to founder-host **Jacqui Cohen's** Point Grey waterfront home. Skies were grey, but green ruled below. That's because a record \$1.24 million was raised — half by auction, and all of it destined for Face The World Foundation's 30 or so listed charities and social organizations.

With Cohen's home to be rebuilt, previous owner **Vivian Trethewey** and son **Derek** came for a last look and, as the latter said, "to help in our little way." By that, he meant donating \$1 million to FTW in four annual increments.

Such-old time supporters as Century 21 realty firm founder **Peter Thomas** and wife **Rita** jetted in. Other former city dwellers included moneymakers **Steve Funk**, **Bill Trimble** and polo playboy **Bobby Genovese**. The latter now lives in Nassau, where he's parlayed ownership of the Clearly Canadian company into a self-starring, round-the-world television show called *Bobby G*:

Adventure Capitalist.

Other veteran Face The Worlds included South Wales-born **Sir Tom Jones**, whom co-emcee and fellow singer **Jim Byrnes** introduced as "the pride of Pontypridd." Jones, who'll be 68 today, performed old and new repertoire while displaying dramatically dark hair that looked more Grecian than Welsh.

Cohen herself glittered with \$1.58-million-worth of bijoux local Tiffany boss **Rob Ferguson** brought for her to wear. Bijoux included an 8.33-carat brilliant-cut diamond ring, \$825,000, a "cobblestone" bracelet incorporating 60 carats of multi-shaped diamonds, \$219,000, and \$504,000 earrings with a six-carat diamond on each side. The pieces will be shown at the Burrard-and-Alberni Tiffany's until June 13, and the gala will return some dry day next year.



Wearing \$1.5 million worth of Tiffany jewellery, Jacqui Cohen welcomed singer-pal Tom Jones to her home.



Marika Palmer, Jill Lyall and Janelle Washington added a worldly face to the Face The World gala.



Million-dollar-donor Vivian Trethewey chatted with Jacqui Cohen's mother Marlene at Face The World.