

# CITY LIFE

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The Pinellis were well represented: Maria in Escada, and Angela and Vanessa in BCBG.



Party planners Dennis Wasylenko and Simon Cooksley appointed the retro-disco-themed affair.



Condo king marketer Bob Rennie and his partner, Carey Fouks.



Sid and Dora Golden contributed to Face the World.

## Jacqui Cohen opens her home for a bash

\$1.25-million raised to support local charities



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Jacqui Cohen, the well-known philanthropist and president and CEO of Army & Navy, hosted a well-heeled crowd at her waterfront estate for the 18th edition of her Face the World Foundation gala, among the city's premiere charitable events. Friend and long-time supporter Sir Tom Jones was the evening's special guest. The singer co-hosted and performed at the retro-disco-themed affair. At \$3,000 a couple, the house party was once again a sellout that attracted business and community leaders, philanthropists, politicians, sports stars, media personalities and society heavyweights.

The 250 guests were greeted by go-go gals the Jacquettes, followed quickly by premium bubbles at the Charton-Hobbs-sponsored Dom Pérignon reception. They then made their way to the fabulous home's patio for a stellar repast of Dungeness crab cakes, filet mignon and double chocolate cake, courtesy of David Aisenstat's Shore Club restaurant. Under black-and-clear tents, high-contrast black-and-white elements punctuated by shots of hot pink made the Simon Cooksley-designed

ultra-chic space pop! A 20-foot-long silver chandelier shimmered under the brilliant night sky. Hand-blown opaque white-glass vases with white orchids and lilies towered over each table.

Luminaries included condo king Bob Rennie and his partner, Carey Fouks; power couples James and Christie King, David and Jill Lyall, and Peter and Rita Thomas; Senator Larry Campbell; advertising magnate Frank Palmer and his wife, Marika; Beamer bigwig Brian Jessel; media personality Vicki Gabereau; and Trevor Linden and Kirk McLean of the Vancouver Canucks.

Guests making sizable gifts included Chip Wilson and his wife, Shannon, of LuluLemon; Terry Hui of Concord Pacific; Garry and Lis Zlotnik; Sid and Dora Golden; John and Rebecca MacKay; Hugh and Donna Tangye; Blaine Culling; Russell Hollingsworth; Leslie Diamond and Derek Trethewey and his mother, Vivian, previous owners of the Cohen estate, who pledged a cool \$1-million.

Between courses, guests pored over an incredible assortment of silent and live auction items that included a limited-edition Bill Reid piece, custom jewellery from Toni Cavelti, diamond earrings from Tiffany, Aston Martin driving-school classes and front-row seats at next year's Roberto Cavalli fashion show in Milan. At night's end, the sparkling affair raised a record-breaking \$1.25-million for more than 30 local charities, including the ALS Society, McLaren Housing, Leave Out Violence, Boys and Girls Club, Union Gospel Mission and Dr. Peter Centre.

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Vivian Trethewey and her son, Derek, pledged a cool million at the swank soiree.



The Jacquettes: Samira Dudzinski, Ali Tatum and Susanna Laughlin; Diljit Bains in a dress by Sophia Kokosalaki.



Face the World Foundation directors Darcia Doman and Darcy Hibberd.



Marina Trasolini wore a dress by Allen Schwartz; Trevor Linden and his wife, Christina.



Generation Printing's Rob Kouwenhoven in Armani, and his wife, Martice.



Party host and founder Jacqui Cohen, in Ralph Lauren; society darling Christie King dazzled in a Blumarine dress; Senator Larry Campbell in tartan; radio and television personality Vicki Gabereau; Sir Tom Jones, special guest and co-host of the Face the World Foundation gala.