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A Heart of Glass can be good



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AROUND TOWN

Hearts were in the right place — Stella Osteria — last Monday as more than 200 people transplanted themselves to the ByWard Market restaurant to eat and drink the night away while raising \$61,000 for the **University of Ottawa Heart Institute**.

The **Firestone Restaurant Group**, which owns Stella Osteria, Luxe Bistro and Blue Cactus, hosted the **Heart of Glass** wine and food event with the Leaders at Heart business folks dedicated to raising funds for the cardiac centre.

Leaders at Heart is chaired by lawyer **Aaron Rubinoff**, a partner with Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall, and vice-chaired by **Peter van Roon** of RBC. Also present was the past chairman, financial adviser **Greg Roscoe** of Raymond James, as well as Primecorp principal **Nick Pantieras**, who suffered a heart attack playing rec hockey at age 37.

The Heart Institute's president and CEO, **Dr. Robert Roberts**, attended, as did chief cardiac surgeon **Dr. Thierry Mesana**, **Dr. Michael Gollob**, a cardiac electrophysiologist, and **Dr. Don Beanlands**, who retired from the institute last year.

From the restaurant group were the owners, siblings **Bob, Ida, Phil and Sam Firestone**, along with Phil's son, **Noah**, who's the general manager. Ida looked resplendent in her sleeveless purple-print cotton dress from Manhattan Marquee as she did double-duty modelling for the live auction with **Stuntman Stu**. She showed off a gold necklace and diamond heart pendant from Goldart Jewellery Studio as well as a knitted fur ruffled sweater from Pat Flesher Furs bought for \$900 by **Dave Ready** for his wife, **Lesley Baird**.

A luxury beachfront villa vacation for 10 in Cozumel, Mexico set off a bidding war between the Kealey clan (led by food specialist **Korey Kealey**) and Comfort Insulation's **Joe Iaderosa**. It sold for \$2,200 to Iaderosa, who will be bringing some of his hard-working staff on a retreat. **Don Godbold**, who owns several Tim Hortons in the west end, will be painting the town red at least once a month with his wife, **Sandra**, after buying a year-long romance package for \$1,600. It comes with monthly flowers, dinner and wine at a Firestone restaurant, cab rides, and tickets to four musicals at the NAC, plus automatic safety from the doghouse.

LAUNCHING BOB'S BOOK

A new book of the history of the federal Conservative party was launched at a most fitting venue — an Elgin Street pub named Sir John A. Friends, family and fans packed the place Tuesday to pick up copies and get them signed by political gurus.



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- 1: **Alix Sideris**, second from left; **Kris Joseph**, and **Margo MacDonald** with performers at Les Prix Rideau Awards.
- 2: **Stephanie Palmer** and **Anna Lee Flint**;
- 3: **Alan Neal** with **Judi Pearl** and a picture of her husband, **Pierre Brault**, as drawn by their son, **Louis**.
- 4: Award winners **Joël Beddows**, **Angela Haché** and **Lynn Cox**.
- 5: **Tori Rata Loretto** with **Ivo Valentik**.
- 6: **James Richardson** with **Kristina Watt**.



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12: **Author Bob Plamondon** signs a copy of his new book, **Blue Thunder: The Truth About Conservatives** from **Macdonald to Harper**, for **Kitchissippi Councillor Christine Uteck** at his book launch.



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In the book signing lineup were **Official Languages Commissioner and Fraser**, who is an aficionado of political writing. "I think it's important that political stories be told," said **Fraser**, who was joined by his wife, **Barbara Uteck**. Finance Minister **Jim Flaherty** arrived later with columnist **L. Ian MacDonald**. **CBC's Keith Boag** and **Talia MacInnis** were in

Larry O'Brien was seen standing next to Councillor **Alex Cullen** and Cullen's partner, **Theresa Kavanagh**, during speeches.

THEATRE'S NEW CHAMPS

Life is a cabaret, old chum, and around 150 people came to the cabaret-themed **Les Prix Rideau Awards** last Sunday to celebrate Ottawa's professional theatre.



13: From left, **Tazim Lal** and **Andrée Steel**, and, 14: **Tracey Welsh**, **Joanne Curran** and **Judi Shum-Mousseau** at an event for the **Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health**.



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taining awards ceremony, everyone chimed in with a rousing **Happy Birthday Song** to honour **Kristina Watt** while the b-day girl was up to present.

"I'm trying to make a moment not about me and you're making it very difficult," she replied. **Watt** had much to celebrate: it was also the anniversary of her first date with fiancé **James Richardson**, artistic associate of Third Wall Theatre. Its **Empire Builders** picked up outstanding production, director (**Joël Beddows**),

and read from his speech, whereby **Brault** joked: "I'm getting trashed in a motel room in Kamloops while results are Twittering in."

Sighted at the after-party was the steering committee's chairman, actor **Kris Joseph**, as well as outstanding female performance winner **Margo MacDonald** (**SevenThirty Productions' Iron**).

Also mingling were **The Gladstone Theatre's Steve Martin** and his wife, **Marilisa** (they sponsored most of the weekend's **Thursdays**).

she wore while stage-managing the show.

YOU BETTER SHOP AROUND

Ladies looking for an excuse to shop guilt-free found it last Sunday afternoon at a private shopping party hosted by **Thank You India's Tazim Lal** at her **Rockcliffe Park** home. Part of the proceeds from the sale of beautifully crafted shawls, jewelry and other products imported from India were donated to the **Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health**.

Ayse Heinbecker, wife of former UN ambassador **Paul Heinbecker**, picked up five shawls while 2009 **YMCA Women of Distinction** nominee **Joanne Curran** took such a shine to the pendant worn around **Lal's** neck that she bought it right off her. **Curran's** sister, **Lina Hunt**, helped out at the event with **Manisha Sharma, Janet Thompson** and **Gale Blank**. Also assisting were **Paul Chubb, Margaret**