

# NewsLeader was there

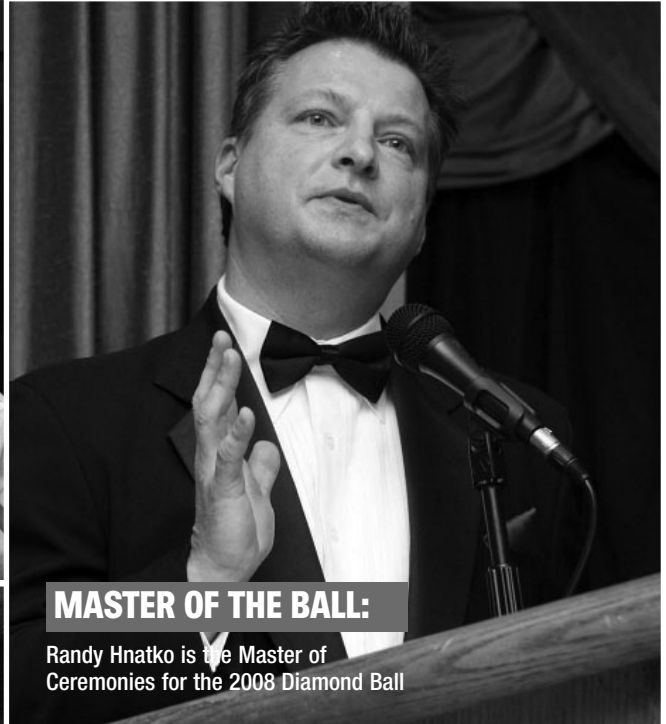


**ALL DRESSED UP:**

Ava Turner, the Chair of South Burnaby Neighbourhood House Society is the hostess for the evening.



**SMILE:**  
Gary Began and Antonia Beck



**MASTER OF THE BALL:**  
Randy Hnatko is the Master of Ceremonies for the 2008 Diamond Ball



**GENTLEMEN PREFER:**  
Marilyn Monroe, aka Bonnie Kilroe, mingles with the guests



**THE TWO OF THEM:**  
Bonnie Kilroe is Cher, and the man behind Sonny's moustache is local MP Peter Julian



**GLITTERING SMILES:**  
Gloria Wing-Stoudt, Burnaby councillor Garth Evans, and Lotus Chung, of the Metrotown Rotary Club



**PUTTIN' ON THE BOA:**  
Tony Coccia, Larry Hayes, Michelle Boudreau, Baljinder Narang, Paul McDonnell put on their best boas



**ROSEY WELCOME:**  
Pat Kasrow enjoys one of the roses that was presented to all the women at the door

## A night of diamonds

The stars were out, literally and imaginatively, for this year's fundraising Diamond Ball supporting the South Burnaby Neighbourhood House Feb. 16 at the Firefighters' Club. More than \$22,000 was raised by the 150-plus people, and a few faux stars, who came out in support of the neighbourhood house.

Marilyn Monroe, aka Bonnie Kilroe, mingled with the guests. Cher, also played by Bonnie, performed with Burnaby-New Westminster MP Peter Julian, disguised behind a full-on Sonny moustache.

Sweet Beginnings wedding consulting and event planners transformed the banquet room into a glittery, elegant venue for the annual fund raiser.

Trio Diamond and Gold provided the grand prize for the evening, a diamond pendant valued at \$2,500. It was won by Joanne Robinson, the owner of Petal Pushers.

But she also gave back, as Petal Pushers supplied all the flowers, including table arrangements and roses for the women.

Other sponsors included Allegra Printing and Imaging, Greiner, Bethell and Company Law, the Firefighters Club, Investors Group, Team Scotia, Labatt, Artisan Wine Shop, Funtime Casino, the Hilton at Metrotown and the Burnaby NewsLeader. Sweet Beginnings provided all the décor.

Burnaby Parks Commissioner Paul McDonell ran the live auction, which raised \$2,500. The auction items included: a weekend of romance at the Hilton, a pool and tiki party for 12, and one week of luxury accommodation at a three bedroom beachfront villa in Thailand, including the services of a chef or a vehicle with a driver.

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