



CPC Halifax Cornwallis BULLETIN

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“Is there anything more perfect?”

Girls' Night Out at Taboo

Those were the words that closed out CPC Halifax-Cornwallis' 7th Annual Girls' Night Out on Friday March 11th at Taboo in downtown Halifax.

From start to finish, the night was perfect. For three short, but amazing hours, women of all ages were treated to a great night out.

Led by Angie McLeod and Julie Wynn, the members of the club missed nothing: guests could have their palms or tarot cards read, their nails done or a free sampling of some spirits. For the shopping connoisseur there was something for everyone, portable boutiques of jewelry, yoga wear, photography services and stockings lined the walls and filled the back room. And Allie's Handbags was a huge hit with the ladies.

The silent auction featured everything from dinner out to a \$2000 hot tub. And the balloon pop prizes were wonderful too: from gift cards to coffee makers, the winners all had smiles on



their faces. With 60 prizes to be won, there was lots of variety.

Meeting up with old friends or making new ones, the guests had the Taboo Night Club abuzz with activity and laughter. But more than just shopping was in store.

Gentle Touch Skin and Laser Centres performed a live demonstration of their services and products and then went on to give away thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Scott Blackburn had a photo studio set up on site, complete with top hats and funky props, to take group photos.

But perhaps the highlight of the night was the Laura Canada Fashion Show. With CPC Halifax-Cornwallis members as models, all divisions of Laura Canada were represented: petites, regular

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Girls' Night Out

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land plus-sizes. The models' hair and makeup were done to a "T" by the staff of Chatters Hair Beauty Salon and their entrance was narrated by Brad Dryden, morning DJ of our local radio station C100.

The first set of the fashion show included casual and business wear. The models were accompanied to the runway by some of Halifax Regional Municipality's finest public servants: HRM Firefighters. Although some of the women were a little disappointed the firefighters weren't in their turnout gear, they looked dapper and poised in their dress uniforms. The first-time models were a little reserved in the first set as they were feeling out the crowd; a crowd that was 10 deep

in some areas and packed in on all sides. The music was lively and the crowd was cheering.

The second set of the Laura Canada fashion show had the models jiving. Curve-hugging prom and party dresses and upscale summer suits pairing white trousers with colourful jackets and sweaters brought comments from the spectators. Relaxed and playful, the models waltzed with their uniformed escorts and danced together onstage. After the last model had strutted her stuff, all 10 models came back onto the dance floor with the firefighters for one last parade, inviting guests to join in the last dance.

The fashion show sets were connected by Ryan MacGrath, providing continuous entertainment for the evening. And yet there was more!

Following the fashion show,

the guests were treated to a burlesque dance show by Fit, Fun, and Flirty. And then, everyone was invited to learn to salsa dance with the guidance of Halifax Salseros. Dozens of women lined the dance floor, cha-cha-ing together. At the end of the lesson, Danny Godfrey and Cindy Davis dazzled the crowd, demonstrating the success that dance classes offer.

The grand finale of the evening was a live auction. Chatters Hair Beauty Salon generously donated a complete day at the spa: hair, nails, facial and makeup – a relaxing oasis. And RCS Inc., a local general contractor, donated a handyman-for-a-day complete with work boots and tool belt. Auctioneer DJ Brad teased and cajoled the crowd to bring out the best in the bidders.

As the evening wrapped up, Tanya, Patricia, Julie and Angie





Club members Ashley MacDonald and Jacqueline Gallagher model fashions from Laura Canada, escorted by one of Halifax's finest—a firefighter in a kilt!

Member Profile

Tanya Ozard

Club President
CPC Halifax Cornwallis



I joined Progress in 2007, because I wanted to give back to the community.

Prior to Progress I volunteered in different capacities in various organizations. Progress is a terrific organization because it gives us the opportunity to make a difference in our community, but it also is a wonderful way to make some lifelong friends.

I have been in the Real Estate business since 2004. I opened Oceanstone Realty Services Inc with a partner in 2004, and I have been helping people buy and sell their personal and investment properties ever since!

I believe in quality of life, balance of work and personal, and love sharing time with good friends.

My true loves are my furry friends - cats, dogs and any other animals... I believe they are the best friends any of us can have. There are too many abused and neglected animals out there; my long term vision is to be an advocate for homeless animals.

were tallying the totals. With the help of the club members, sponsors, donors and guests, almost \$20,000 was realized. This is a great contribution to the charities CPC Halifax-Cornwallis supports including Phoenix, Adsum House and Nova Scotia Special Olympics.

It was after 11 pm and ladies were still dancing, glasses were clanking cheers and Charlie Mac Productions had the cameras flashing. With the packed club warming up, the firefighters had their ties and dress jackets off and their shirt necks open as they grouped together for their photos to be taken.

And at the far end of the room, the voice could be heard: "Is that a firefighter in a KILT? Is there anything more perfect?"

No, no there isn't.
*Submitted by Angie MacLeod,
co-chair, Girls' Night Out 2011*

Cornwallis and Halifax Team Up to "Draft an Athlete"

Our two clubs have jointly sponsored a Special Olympic Athlete, Matthew Hunter, to participate in the upcoming International Special Olympics in Greece. Matthew is a swimmer and the only athlete from Nova Scotia going to Greece.

The initiative to "Draft an Athlete" came from Saskatoon Downtown and they challenged other clubs to follow suit. Great initiative!

Member Profile

Joyce

McRoberts

Proud Mother on her daughter's
Wedding Day



I have been a club member since 1992. I was a member of Saskatoon Meewasin until transfer to Halifax Cornwallis in 2008.

My greatest claim to fame with the club is that I have attended the last 19 consecutive National conventions with the one coming up in Regina this fall as my 20th.

I have held the positions of Social Director (2 years), Vice President (2 years), President (2 years) and Past President (3 years).

My hometown is Regina, Sk. but I lived in Saskatoon from 1987 until moving to Halifax in 2008.

I am currently a Vault/Expense clerk with Costco in Dartmouth Crossing and have been with the company for almost 20 years, spending most of that time as a Department Manager of almost all departments.

I have a Bernese Mountain Dog named Teddi. She is quite the handful but really good company. I also have three cats, two of which are mine and one that is living with "Grandma" on the east coast until my daughter and her husband have a living situation that will allow them to take him back to Winnipeg.

I have two grown children. Audrey will be 28 next month and lives in Winnipeg with her husband of less than one year. She will graduate from the University of Manitoba this year with an undergraduate degree in Interior Design and plans to return to school in the future to obtain her Master's Degree in Design. Graham will be 24 next month and has just moved to Halifax for a fresh start. He is currently taking some upgrading courses at Dalhousie and will begin working part-time for Costco very soon, he is currently living with me and so far the roommate situation is working out okay.

My life's ambition has always been to write and hopefully someday I will be a "published" author. I look forward to earning the title of Grandma (to the human type) in the next few years.

Tapas at Pipa

Members' Appreciation Night

For the last few years, Halifax Cornwallis has held a Members' Appreciation Night to thank everyone for their work over the past year to make our club successful. This year, we met at a Portuguese restaurant in downtown Halifax for Tapas and bevies. The room was perfect for socializing, an atrium nestled inside one of the oldest hotels in Halifax, the Carleton. The tapas were delicious and the mood was celebratory.

Below: Lynn and Nadia; Cynthia and Tanya

Right, from top: Vanessa, Suzana and Sharon with Vanessa's daughter; Bonnie, Cynthia and Kathy; Carrie, Alex and Joyce; Margo, Lynn and Pat; Julie, Bonnie and Tanya





Club Receives Prestigious Volunteerism Award

This year Halifax Regional Municipality extended their Awards for Volunteerism to groups, and HomeBridge Youth Society (one of the organizations which we help support) nominated CPC Halifax Cornwallis. Of 19 groups that were nominated, we are delighted to announce that our club was one of three to receive this prestigious award *“in appreciation and recognition of their outstanding community investment and volunteer service in the HRM.”* The award was presented on April 20 and Margo MacFarlane and Shelley LeBlanc were on hand to receive

it. Thank you for the hard work in helping to put this package together, Margo, and well done members!

The club is also being nominated for an upcoming Philanthropy Award by Phoenix, our primary beneficiary for the past 20+ years.

It speaks volumes that our members have had such an impact on the organizations we assist, that they feel us worthy of these awards. This is a true measure of our success as a service club in our community. We truly are making a difference!

Member Profile

*Jacqueline
Gallagher*



I have been with Progress since 2006, and am currently co-chairing the Women of Excellence Awards for the third year in a row.

With a Bachelor of Public Relations, a strong background in marketing, communications, and over six years experience in recruiting, I am currently working as a Senior Consultant with David Aplin Recruiting.

I am also a part-time group fitness leader at GoodLife Fitness Clubs and is an avid soccer player. Chad and I live in Prospect.