

White knights at ‘Notte in Bianco’



Social Notes

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Once again, “Notte in Bianco” did not disappoint. On September 7, light winds had blown away the all-day gray in time for the perfect annual event hosted at the Terrebbonne mansion of **Vince and Maria Guzzo**, uber-glam in a pretty peek-a-boo lace bustier and elegant choker. (Vince is Cinémas Guzzo president and CEO, and Maria is VP, operations and charitable donations.)

Blue skies poked through, much to the relief of ladies sporting soaring stiletto heels. Safer souls wore sneakers, the better to stroll over still-slightly-wet manicured grass and lounge in the inviting grouping of Adirondack chairs. And, yes, everyone wore white.

Carrying on the theme, thousands upon thousands of white impatiens contrasted beautifully against the gorgeous greenery. On arrival, ladies and gentlemen were of-

fered a sparkling rosé from sponsor Moët & Chandon, as they sampled delights from Buona Notte, which also served the delicious dinner complete with *primi*, *secondi* and *dolce* in true Italian style.

The emcees, media celebs **Leslie Roberts** (City TV) and **Brigitte Bédard** (TVA), introduced the evening’s honouree **Alain Bouchard**, co-founder and chair of Alimentation Couche-Tard, there with his wife **Sandra**.

Westmounters noted amidst the finery included **Michaela and Michael Penner**, board chair Hydro-Québec; **Rosie and Sal Parasuco** (who just launched his new collection SP in Italy); **Linda and Terry Smith**; The Study’s head of school **Nancy Sweer**, and **Susan Orr-Mongeau**, director, communications and marketing; Selwyn House head **Hal Hannaford** with his wife **Susan Doherty**; as well as Le Château VPs **Debra Rosenthal** and **Franco Rocchi**, there with **Eva Friede**, clad against the chill in a fur stole (white of course); **Nadia Saputo** and **Patrice Brisebois**; journalists **Sophie Durocher** and hubby **Richard Martineau**; *Stile* editor **Marie-Josée Paradis**; McGill profs **Michaëlle Vincent** and **Danielle Grolea**; and the famed singer **Ginette**

Reno.

After the outdoor cocktail party, dinner was served under an immense tent accessorized with dazzling chandeliers. Local res impresario **Barry Garber** ensured the entertainment was amazing, bringing *En Vogue*, the hot American R&B group, in from LA, to perform at the sold-out event. And boy, what dynamism! Dancing guests kept their energy up with sweet samples from the candy bar.

The event raised \$365,000 for youth mental health research at McGill University and the Jewish General Hospital psychiatry department. The goal of the evening was to spread awareness and promote de-stigmatization of youth mental health issues.

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Maria and Vince Guzzo.