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All dressed up

Titz 'n Glitz gala aids breast cancer sufferers

By Anna Quon

WHAT STARTED out as a house party thrown by Titz 'n Glitz founder [Margo Kerr](#) has grown into a gathering of a thousand women, who come together in witty and extravagant costumes to celebrate life and remember friends and loved ones who have passed on.

The eighth annual Titz 'n Glitz, a breast cancer fundraising extravaganza, will be held Oct. 3 at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax.

A feast for the senses, Titz 'n Glitz is a night of food, drink, fabulous costumes, singing and dancing, M.C.'d by comedian Bette MacDonald.

During the evening, attendees can bid on items donated to a silent auction, contribute to the Press-A-Breast canvas, and post photos and messages on the Wall of Honour to acknowledge those living with breast cancer, survivors, those who have died, as well as "those who help us along the way," says [Kerr](#).



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Kathleen Sorensen, Tish Rideout and Krista Brown attend the 2000 Titz 'n Glitz fundraiser decked out as Boobs of a Feather Flap Together. The 2002 extravaganza will be held Oct. 3 at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Funds raised during the evening through sponsors, the sale of Titz 'n Glitz pins, hats, raffle tickets and 2003 calendars (shot by freelance photographer Janet Kimber) benefit breast cancer survivors in financial need in Nova Scotia.

Some funds go to support the Bosom Buddies dragon boat team and an interactive, non-commercial Web site built by Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia, with the largest contribution of funds directed to the Titz 'n Glitz On the Front Line Fund. This fund helps breast cancer survivors pay for expenses associated with their medical treatment, and even for rent and utility bills, when a woman is too sick to work. Bras and prostheses, child care during chemo treatments, transportation, and a weekend away to cry with a spouse are some of the costs the On the Front Line Fund has covered.

Susan Kenny, a social worker at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, who attended a recent Titz 'n Glitz Sponsor Appreciation Night, says, "Every week I'm grateful that this fund is available to the people I meet in clinic." Many of the women who use the fund may be the sole providers for their children, or even in a two-income family, she says, "when one becomes ill, they're overwhelmed."

Leif Sigurdson, a Titz 'n Glitz sponsor and surgeon who does reconstructive breast surgery on mastectomy patients at the QEII, says some of his patients have used and talked about the On the Front Line Fund. "I think that what this organization does is very important for women with breast cancer in Nova Scotia," he says, noting that the disease is epidemic in the province.

Titz 'n Glitz tickets are available for \$40 at the following Superstore locations: Barrington Street, Bayers Lake, Bedford Place Mall, Joseph Howe Drive, Quinpool Road, Braemar Drive, and Spryfield. Titz 'n Glitz calendars are for sale at Mills Brothers on Spring Garden Road, Colwell Brothers in Mic Mac Mall, and Frog Hollow Book Shop in Park Lane on Spring Garden Road.

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The Belly Dancing duo Trina Oickle, left, and Rhonda Haley-McKinnon proudly show off their photograph, which will grace a 2003 Titz 'n Glitz calendar.



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Margo Kerr is the creator of Titz 'n Glitz.

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