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The Buzz to Noel - buzz off! 🗨️



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Noel. It's a funny word. One of those words that when said a different way has two totally different meanings. Follow me on this. When you say Noel as no-elle, it means a festive holiday that has everyone celebrating. If you say Noel, as in rhymes with hole, it means a big, wet, blow-hard party pooper.

That's what blew many weekend plans out of the water. Most events and celebrations were cancelled, so your humble Buzz servant was locked down tight in his bunker, finding flashlights and praying trees wouldn't fall on his car. Luckily, the biggest event of the week was on Thursday, with the best fan-'Titz'-y evening of the year, the annual Titz 'n Glitz fundraiser for those living with breast cancer.

Usually when I arrive at an event, doors open and my camera and I are welcomed with open arms. Presenting myself at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel proved to be an unusual challenge. My camera was welcome, but I was not. Titz 'n Glitz is strictly a women-only event. To the extent that uniformed female police officers manned the doors (oops! My bad!) making sure no one with a Y chromosome entered. So the participants were brought to me.

I wasn't allowed to be distracted by the glitz, so instead I concentrated on the, er, reason for the event - supporting friends, neighbours, and loved ones who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

You'd have to look pretty hard to find someone who hasn't been affected by the disease. One in eight Nova Scotia women will develop breast cancer at some point during their lifetime.

Looking past the wild costumes with names such as Heavenly Hooters, Treasure Chests and Golden Globes, I discovered most everyone had a much more serious story to tell.

Take the Good Luck Lady Bugs, for instance. Verlene Whidden recently discovered her breast cancer has returned for a second time, making this her third time fighting the battle over the past 14 years. Her manager's daughters showed their support by raising the money to send Verlene and her daughter Nicole to the gala. Nicole decided ladybug costumes might bring her mother good luck. It seemed to work - Verlene won the 50/50 draw!

Each year, the event photographer picks the best costumes for inclusion in the Titz 'n Glitz calendar, with all proceeds going to the On The Front Line Society for breast cancer research. The brand new 2008 edition was revealed and sold at the event - at least that's what I was told.

Looks like I'm going to have to wait until they hit the stores to see what the laughter was all about. Keep your eyes open for it. It'll make a great stocking stuffer!

Next week, we're back to full speed with events like last night's Big Brothers/Big Sisters gala auction at the Cunard Centre, and clubs will be thumping once again through the long weekend!

If you're interested in having me crash your event, let me know. Write me at beatlejamie@eastlink.ca. My trusty camera and I are but an e-mail away.

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