



Spurred on by the goal of raising \$1 million for local charities, bestselling author Jackie Collins stepped up and auctioned off a character in her next book at Jacqui Cohen's Face the World Gala.

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NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE: Society maven, retail giant and philanthropist Jacqui Cohen once again fronted her Face the World Foundation Gala at her Marine Drive mansion. The Army and Navy president welcomed le beau monde to her Point Grey home for the 23rd edition of her legendary house party. As the 200 attendees started to arrive at the \$2,000-a-ticket event (the toniest on the society circuit), the sun peeked out in time for the poolside Veuve Clicquot champagne reception.

Following exchanges of hellos and air kisses on the spectacular patio, the gaggle of movers and shakers, influencers and social conveners sashayed into event planner Simon Cooksley's beautifully appointed tent, awash in hot pink, for the charity dinner and auction.

The Rush's Fiona Forbes emceed while Harry Kambolis and his C Restaurant crew catered and The Temptations performed. The fundraiser got a boost from Cohen's bestie Jackie Collins, a FTW honorary patron. The star author, who just wrote her 29th bestseller, The Power Trip, bolstered the night's tally with an impromptu live auction item — selling off a "character" in her next delicious novel. No doubt many of the jet-setters and high rollers in the room could provide a few interesting

storylines for the Hollywood scribe. Among the noteworthy were Wayne Deans, CEO, Deans Knight Capital Management and the evening's presenting sponsor; Howard Blank, vice-president, Great Canadian Casino; Frank Palmer, chairman and CEO, DDB Canada; Patrick Corsi, owner, Quattro Restaurants; Paul Zalesky, CEO, AllWest Insurance; Leonard Schein, former president of Festival Cinemas; Rob Ferguson, director, Tiffany & Co.; James Shavick, majority shareholder of OUTTV; and Senator Larry Campbell, former Vancouver mayor.

Ladies who could easily make the pages: Cohen's daughter Kasandra and mom Marlene; ex-Real Housewife of Vancouver Christina Kiesel; media sweethearts Jill Kileen, Vicki Gabereau and Hilary Chan Kent; and society darlings Heidi Coglon, Shirley Barnett and Jessica Taylor. Proceeds from the lavish luau will support 67 local charities and organizations, including Aunt Leah's Place, Big Sisters, Potluck Cafe, Union Gospel Mission, WISH Drop-in Centre and YWCA's Crabtree Corner.

The foundation has distributed more than \$10 million since its inception, with particular focus on charities that support abused women, battered children, the hungry, the homeless and the elderly.



Former Real Housewife of Vancouver Christina Kiesel wore Roberto Cavalli.



Senator Larry Campbell presented Jacqui Cohen with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for her philanthropy and community service.



Helping the cause, Face the World director and former politico Joy McPhail purchased three raffle balloons at \$1,000-a-pop.



Venture capitalist Richard Coglon and his wife, Heidi (in a Jason Matlo gown), were among the high-rollers who anted up \$4,000-a-couple to attend the 23rd Face the World Gala.



Quattro restaurateur Patrick Corsi and his wife, Heather, took the party poolside.