

## social scene

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# All Star Evening

## An Academy Award-Style Affair at Windsor Station

Greeted by a phalanx of genuine and faux paparazzi (all clamouring for glitz 'n glam photo-ops), 680 guests arrived at Montreal's 14th annual Daffodil Ball for a phenomenal evening of Hollywood-style philanthropy. Perusing the Windsor cocktail gallery showcasing a century's worth of screen sirens, matinée idols and Hollywood moguls, *Oscar de la Renta*-clad Angelino Helene Irvin enthused, "This is sooo L.A.!" "Dick has really outdone himself," declared *Chanel* pal Anny Kazanjian of dazzling decor "Duke of Windsor" dude Dick Walsh. "This is my own personal creation of Hollywood and what it represents," explained Walsh. Headline



40,000 daffodils from Scotland were used to create massive table centrepieces incorporating crystal chandeliers. Floral designs executed by *Yves Chenier*. Gold lamé tablecloths made for the ball by *CELEBRATIONS*.



Stephany Maillery and husband, co-chair Stéphan Crétier

band *Les Goldsingers* – a favourite of European high society – wowed the dance-happy crowd throughout the four-course gastronomic feast. Dinner delicacies ranged from "trésors cachés de la mer Ocean's Eleven" to "tarte aux pommes Pretty Woman." Popular local band, *Paul Chacra & 1945*, interpreted classic Hollywood scores from *Evita*, *Dr. Zhivago* and *James Bond*. As midnight approached, co-chairs Thierry Vandal (CEO *Hydro-Québec*), Torontonion Ned Goodman (CEO *Dundee Wealth*

*Managment*) and Stéphan Crétier (CEO *Garda*) joined emcee Sophie Durocher onstage for this year's Oscar-worthy announcement – a record-smashing \$2,200,000 would be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society – certainly music to event producer Alison Silcoff! Lady luck bestowed a lavish load of luxurious loot worth over \$153,000 on raffle prizewinners before night's end. Guests Ginger and Keith Creel were thoroughly impressed, "definitely Hollywood-style glamour in Canada!" **MW**

