



Grape Juice organizer Sarah McNeil welcomed 300 oenophiles including realtor Barret DeMaere at the Big Sisters fundraiser.



Alice Lam of the Red Cross and Vancity's Anita Cheng celebrate World Red Cross Day at the Canadian Red Cross Red Carpet Soiree.



Gala-goers Erin Treloar and Chris Carter toasted the efforts of the Canadian Red Cross with Belvedere cocktails.



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Comic Jay Leno headlined chair Rhoda Rizkalla's Cabriolet gala, helping raise a reported \$150,000 for Arts Umbrella, Canadian Autism Network and others.

50/50: Three hundred oenophiles poured into Earl's V Lounge in Yaletown for Big Sisters Grape Juice Gala. Recruiters Sarah McNeill and Cheryl Nakamoto and hubby condo marketer Cameron McNeill fronted the *Courier*-sponsored wine wingding in celebration of Big Sisters of B.C.'s 50th anniversary. Bidding on unique and exclusive wines from around the world, gala-goers helped raise \$50,000 for Big Sisters.

Red and blue: May 8 marked World Red Cross Day. Award-winning Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar hosted the third Red Cross Red Carpet Soiree, one of the city's up-and-coming benefits on the gala circuit. More than 300 guests were treated to a selection of finely crafted canapés and seductive seafood created by renowned executive chef Frank Pabst and raw bar chef Yoshi Tabo and an impressive silent auction. The stellar event raised \$15,000 for local disaster relief.

PEAK performance: Pink was the new pinstripe for gala-goers attending the 13th edition of the PEAK Awards presented by the Association of Women in Finance. The city's top CEOs, CFOs and other bean counters joined chair Kristi Miller to help raise \$21,000 for AWF scholarships and bursaries.

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UBC associate VP of development Heather McCaw (left) feted Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Sarah Morgan-Silvester at the PEAK Awards.



Alumni Aynsley Baldwin (left) and Amy Belling helped host UBC Film Production's 40th anniversary Big Picture gala in support of student scholarships.



(l-r) Coast Capital Savings CEO Tracy Redies, Best Buy CFO Annalisa King and HSBC VP Sue Hutchison were honoured by the Association of Women in Finance.



Sales manager Richard Graham offered his Loden Hotel penthouse as a prize helping Shannon Newman-Bennett's Big Sisters benefit net \$50,000.