

A TABLE FOR 100

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Palma.—A Table for 100 was an innovative cancer charity event, held at the elegant rural finca Son Mir in Son Ferriol. One hundred guests enjoyed a multi-course gourmet menu with continuous live entertainment for 100 euros each.

“Chef Jeff Harter came up with the idea of A Table for 100 fundraising dinner event and then went about putting it into action” Secretary for the group, Helen Pitt explained. “Jeff Harter is a professional chef and cookbook author here in Majorca. He has had friends and family around him that have suffered cancer which gave him the initiative to try to help others suffering. He approached a number of local companies to ask them to collaborate in the event such as: Fosh Food, Bodegas Tunel, Finca Son Mir, Santa Catalina and Frutas Ramon amongst others.”

Jeff Harter made a moving speech during which he explained how he had discovered that a vegan diet can help cancer sufferers eat their way to better health. To illustrate the point Jeff, in collaboration

with Fosh Food created and prepared a gourmet vegan menu; a fine compilation of taste and textures with something for everyone. The profits from the ticket sales and the raffles and auctions from this event will go to two local Cancer Organisations Un Lazo En Movimiento and Cancer Support Group Mallorca.

Krista Hyer

“Cancer Support Group Mallorca, run by Krista Hyer, provides support to people who are currently undergoing cancer treatments or have already gone through cancer treatments. They bring together these individuals to give support to one another,” Helen told the Bulletin. “The money raised will be used towards renting space and providing taxi rides to and from treatments. Also to fund wigs, pillows or other items that some can’t afford.

“Un Lazo en Movimiento (ULEM) run by Linda Brevaart, is an organisation whose goal is to promote a new funding mechanism for saving lives through voluntary contributions.

These contributions are intended to fund projects to research for the fight against breast cancer and psychological and social support for patients.”

No major event appears complete without Radio OneMallorca’s, Richie Prior and Ayesha Wood, who not only promoted the evening on their breakfast show but also attended the event to run the raffle and auction in their normal professional and lively fashion! Among the items auctioned, three brave men offering to be slaves for a day.

The evening included an emotional presentation to honour Sue Burrows, a feisty courageous lady, who had used the time left to her before succumbing in her battle against cancer, to improve the lot for other sufferers in Majorca by creating a support structure around the island. After much deliberation her devoted friends asked a renowned Majorcan sculptor Jeroni Bosch to design a unique sculpture in memory of Sue to be presented to her husband Mike. Despite never actually meeting Sue, Jeroni created an uncanny

resemblance to her, down to her particular graceful feminine poise and posture. “I can’t explain it” said Jeroni. “I just let my hands be guided.”

More aware

“We are still waiting for some funds to come in but it looks like we will have 11,000 euros for the charities! Yet it is not only the funds that have been raised, but the fact that now people are more aware that there are groups on the island to help. Having had my own fight over the last two years with breast cancer, I know how important it is for this help. I am lucky to have stunning friends and family but a lot of the people on the island don’t have the same support network around them, which is where the groups are there to help,” concluded Helen. The support group websites are: www.cancersupportmallorca.com and www.unlazoenvivimiento.org