

IN THE PINK

When Julian de Freitas phoned Krista Hyer saying he wanted to put on an event to raise money for her Cancer Support Group, she didn't exactly jump at the chance. "I had heard an awful story where someone had offered to do the same for another charity, only for the organiser to turn out to be a con man."

The event was a huge success, but the organisers disappeared with all the funds raised. So I wanted to check everything out first" explained Krista. Fortunately all was as it should be and the result last Saturday a truly fantastic evening. Holding the event at the CCA, the huge highly impressive Contemporary art gallery in Andrax, promoted a unique stylish atmosphere to a warm and friendly event.

In line with breast cancer awareness month, guests were encouraged to wear pink. Julian and his wife Anthea had attended to every detail for the magnificent magician mesmerised all with his baffling tricks.

Certainly Frank Leavers and the lovely Julie were as fascinated as I by his deft hands and lively banter. (His South American accent suddenly bringing back long lost memories of Ricky in "Love Lucy") Mike Jones who entertained throughout the dinner was in particularly fine voice receiving enthusiastic applause after every song. Moreover, the food was so outstanding I found myself asking after the chef, who turned out to be borrowed from the Portixol Hotel. If I'm gushing, it was a particularly memorable event that also raised significant funds for Cancer Support.



by Laura Stadler

My column

"So far we have raised 9,500 euros. However, we still have money to come in from the continuing on-line auction which you can access through Facebook," Julian informed me. "Anthea and I are delighted to have put on a charity fundraising event that not only gave enjoyment, but raised much needed funds for Cancer Support. But we couldn't have achieved it without our very generous sponsors. I have to thank the extraordinary generosity of Exclusive Balearic Cars, Villa Italia, Orca Signs and Gloria Events. Such was the bidding for the hire of one of Exclusive Cars that instead of offering the initial single car for auction, they ended up extending their offer to three cars."

I happened to be sitting next to Sakis and Alberto, the owners of the company who were both charming and fascinating dinner companions. Apparently these exclusive models (we're talking Ferraris, Maseratis, Aston Martins and the likes) hire for

around 1,600 euros a day in high season, so we're talking about a pretty huge donation.

As ever I couldn't help but marvel at the intriguing multi-cultural mix of you find in Majorca. Both originated from Greece yet found themselves on our island. "We just love it here and feel very much at home" Sakis's wife told me. "It's a wonderful place to bring up our children." Sakis explained how they had started with three exclusive cars for hire to test the market. "A year later we now have a fleet of 13 cars that range from elegant luxury classics to snazzy sports cars. Many were on show around the gallery. "This Spyker is the actual car Sharon Stone drove in the first scene of *Basic Instinct 2*."

So many new and interesting people at my table. I met Jeanne Laurie (jeannelu@hotnail.com), who told me about her exciting health breast awareness program that she will be starting in the New Year. "I shall be offering my program not only just in Majorca but also taking it to New

York and Barcelona.

The programme covers both prevention and recuperation techniques that incorporate 12 modules. Each deal with a different aspect of prevention: such as breathing, yoga and environment. I also show how to keep healthy or return to health the different systems of the body. I'm really excited about the prospect working with Krista Hyer and helping people fight and recover from this terrible condition," Jeanne told me. All in all a highly successful and informative event.



This special edition Spyker car was driven by Sharon Stone.

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