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The Bolded and the Beautiful Spring Shopping and Fun Themes Bring the Crowds

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When the weather is perfect, there is nothing like a party that invites people to participate in the outdoors. And if that doesn't sound like a good idea, a fun theme or the opportunity to partake in some fabulous shopping will surely bring in the crowd.

People couldn't turn down the theme the Crown Ball delivered on a late Saturday night. It was all about knights and ladies, and after a day of St. Patty's celebrations full of too much sun and green beer, the party was a welcome change of pace.

I changed my clothing from green to purple and gold and headed to The Apartment. After being welcomed by a medieval page in costume, I noticed many young partygoers cruising the silent auction table and lining up for specialty cocktails.

Adriane and **Hook Harmeling**, **Brad Nation**, and **James Fontana** helped make the evening a success for The Ryan Gibson Foundation. Other committee members, including **Chad Butler**, **Melissa** and **Ben Eakes**, **Travis McPheron**, and **Andrea** and **John Weber**, worked to produce a party fit for royalty, but still festive enough to thrill younger Dallasites.

But a weekend of Irish revelry and gold crowns changed into a week of pink lemonade and lots of shopping.

The sun peeked through the clouds just in time for Brooks Brothers in West Village to host Shop for the Symphony benefitting the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League. While a string quartet from Booker T. Washington performed, art patrons chatted and shopped, with 10 percent of sales donated to the DSOL.

Party chairman **José Reyes** greeted guests with a smile as they entered the store, and DSOL president **Deborah Brown** and her husband, **Nigel**, lingered nearby to say their hellos. With a pink concoction in hand, I roamed the crowded store, for I never pass on an opportunity to shop. Also looking around at the spring clothing were **Sue Prather** and **Maurice** and **Sharon Ballew**, as well as **Becky Todd** and **Barbara** and **Bob Sypult**.

Most women in Dallas love to shop, and they love to support their favorite charities.

So when **Brock Crawford** invited the women of KidneyTexas to Stanley Korshak for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, they came ready to shop (as did I). Artrageous was the perfect kick-off with the right mix of designer apparel and “dangerous” apple martinis. KidneyTexas president **Charlotte Kimberlin** greeted guest **Wendy Jenkins** as she arrived to support the foundation. **Carmaleta Whiteley** spoke fondly of her son who visited over Easter weekend, and **Teffy Jacobs** roamed the store, ready to use the \$50 off ticket on some stylish items. And just as I was leaving, **Holt Haynsworth** arrived to participate in the sips and shopping.

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