CATWALK FOR A CURE’S EXTRAORDINARY RECORD-SETTING CANCER CRUSADE

THE LOOK BOOK
CATWALK FOR A CURE GALA, YEAR II
WHERE: Royal Sonesta Hotel
WHO: Chairmen Francine and Westy Ballard, Lindley and Jason Arnoldy; founder Missy Amschwand Bellinger; honorees for Survivorship: Lauri Maudlin, Commitment to Care: Dr. Dejka Araujo, Commitment to Cause: Alexandrea and Brady Knight, auctioneer Jeff Smith; emcees Deborah Duncan, underwriter dinner chairs Jana and Scotty Arnoldy;
NOTES: Presented by Saks Fifth Avenue with Marchesa Spring 2015 on the runway, featuring jewels by designer Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig, c/o NYC. The glamorous record-busting evening benefitted research and patient/family support for Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation. Jewelry sponsor Tenerbaum & Co. curated the sparkling champagne pull, Diamonds & Ice, and donated a lavish emerald-and-diamond necklace that went to Stinelli Castaneda in the live auction.

CATWALK’S CHAIR LADIES WEIGH IN
Francine Ballard recalls: “It was such a wonderful evening. Lindley and I enjoyed watching the models primp backstage before the guests arrived. This collection is outrageous — and even more intimidating on six-foot-tall models wearing six-inch heels. Karen and Georgina were lovely — perfect, proper English ladies greeting guests with a smile and mingling during the cocktail hour and after the show. Westy and I sat with Lindley and Jason and Karen and Georgina for dinner. Others at our table were Terri Havens, Anne and Dave Dunlap, Gaylene and Ralph McNpgrale, and Becca Cason Thrash. “The runway presentation was breathtaking, but the most memorable part of the night was Gregory Burk presenting Alex Knight with her award. And Gregory owned the catwalk when it came time to model the Tenerbaum jewels for the auction. All of the auction items were spectacular, thanks to our very generous supporters and sponsors, and everyone was in a benevolent mood. The Tenerbaum Diamonds & Ice bar was flawless. Everyone marveled at seeing jewels suspended in ice.
“My favorite part of the evening was when everything was winding down. Westy and I shared a nightcap with co-chairs Lindley and Jason and some of our good friends who lingered after most people had gone home — Maggie and John Nicholson, Maggie and Rob Vermillion, and Brenda and Brad Jones.

Lindley Arnoldy divulges: “The Houston Symphony musicians playing among the decadence of the Tenerbaum bar — the champagne flow from Veue and jewels set the tone for a beautiful night. Guests were abuzz when Georgina and Karen arrived and mingled for a moment before heading into the ballroom. Deborah Duncan did an amazing job as emcee, breaking out into “Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend” as the final glasses of Veue were auctioned off for the champagne raffle. The Marchesa runway show was off the charts, with one highlight being a blush plunging-neckline tulle gown with floral appliques. Also, the shoe collaboration between Christian Louboutin and Marchesa shown on the runway, was stunning.”

THE NIGHT BEFORE
Founder Missy Amschwand Bellinger writes in: “The Underwriter Dinner was generously hosted by Jana and Scotty Arnoldy at their beautiful home. They tended to every detail and made sure everyone felt welcome. Besides our hosts, charmer Marchesa’s Georgina and Karen, the following made up the dinner party: Stinelli Castaneda and her sister Michelle Delgado; Brady Knight, who represented the Knight family; while Alexandra rented for the next evening, said: Bobby Dees, wife Wzy and Sylvia Forsythe; Tenerbaum & Co. ino Tony Bradfield and Kevin Black with Christina Stith, Dr. Dejka Araujo, Marcia and David Solomon, and me!”

“IT ONLY VISITED DALLAS BEFORE, BUT LADIES IN HOUSTON REALLY DRESS UP THIS OUR TOWN.”
MARCHESA’S GEORGINA CHAPMAN

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