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The Palmetto Club in Daytona Beach was transformed into a bygone era of film and fashion. The Domestic Abuse Council recently held its fourth annual Top That Red Hat luncheon this year. Over 140 community members attended the luncheon and fashion show.

The models donned fashions from their Thrift shop. Their outfits ranged from a casual jean ensemble to elegant evening gowns. The models are women community leaders and included Joie Alexander, retired county council woman and educator; Linda Bradley-Thacker, vice president of the University of Central Florida Daytona Beach campus; Gwen Azama-Edwards, radio host, prior Daytona Beach city commissioner; Jessica Scott, vice president of Brown & Brown Insurance; Lori Campbell-Baker, Director of Marketing & Community Relations for the Daytona Beach News Journal; Janet Kersey, manager Bruce Rossmeyers Harley Davidson; Nada Manley, freelance fashion writer; Cheryl Coxwell, International Speedway Corporation.

The stage was bedecked with travel trunks, a bicycle built for two and other props and movie posters of the 1940's and 50's. The live entertainers sang period music to set the mood, while "Cigarette Ladies" circulated amongst the tables selling raffle tickets.

Daytona Beach Police Chief, Michael Chitwood was once again the emcee for the event and stated that in a recent 10 day period his department had received approximately 40 calls with domestic abuse claims. Cheryl Fuller, CEO shared that last year local newspapers ran 139 articles that were related to domestic violence and that there were 3,934 domestic violence offenses in Volusia County as reported by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Sponsors for the event were: Bright House Networks, Commercial Coverages, Inc., Daytona International Speedway and International Speedway Corporation, Gordon Russell & Ann Marwick, Rue & Ziffra, John's Appliance City, Prestige Carpet of Daytona Beach and Wholesale Lighting.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to www.domesticabusecouncil.com. The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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Lt William Walden DB Police Dept. Next models: in black gown, Gwen Azama Edwards, behind her with blonde hair, Wendy Peterson, in gold gown, Linda Bradley-Thacker, in pink gown Jessica Scott, in short black dress, Lori Campbell Baker, next is DB Police Chief Michael Chitwood,, model Nada Manley, behind her in boots is Janet Kersey, in brown skirt is Joie Alexander, and Trever Henderson with the Volusia County Sheriff's Dept.



Event Sponsor Wholesale Lighting with guests

From left Blonde hair with light top Jane Lowenger, blond with black print jacket Sylvia Starbuck, in black sweater, RoseAnn Tornatore, Eileen Gaines..



on left Leanne Hansard in black top, Domestic Abuse Council CEO Cheryl Fuller in purple is visiting with luncheon guests, and Diane Dunn in red scarf.

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