

'Easy' does it: Mardi Gras gala raises cash for cancer



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They know how to get down on Low Beach Road.

The third annual "Boogie on Low Beach" Friday night at the Siasconset home of business consultant **George Cloutier** and **Tiffany Spadafora** was a Mardi Gras bash with a Nantucket accent.

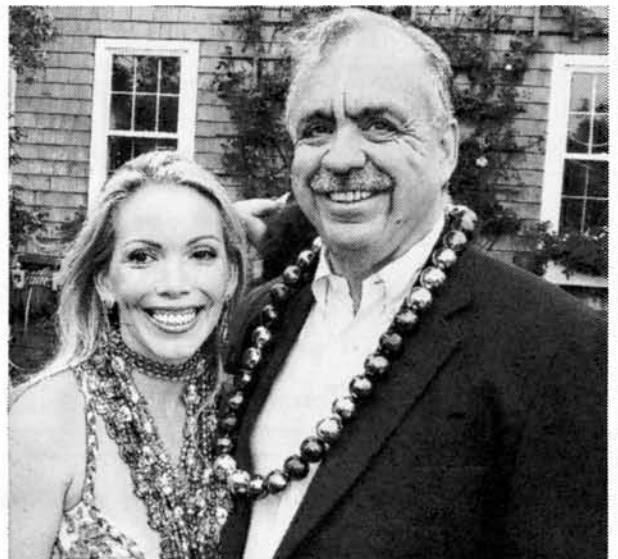
A benefit for the **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**, the event honored three Nantucket cancer survivors — **Irma Anapol**, **Mark Heartfield** and **Carl Jelleme** — and Nantucket Cottage Hospital oncology nurse **Charlene Chadwick**.

Dana-Farber Chief Operating Officer **Janet Porter** and Senior Vice President **Susan Paresky**, with husbands **Jim O'Sullivan** and **Joe Paresky**, were among the 650 people crowding under tents on the front and back yards.

Cloutier said he chose the Mardi Gras theme after a visit to New Orleans three months ago. He imported the **Storyville Stompers Brass Band** from the Big Easy to greet guests on the street.

Arriving guests also were doused with Mardi Gras beads and masks, offered spicy Southern barbecue and imported New Orleans Mardi Gras King Cake.

And while tropical storm **Beryl** was no **Katrina**, it did almost quash the party plans. Tents blown away as the storm grazed the island



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TIFFANY SPADAFORA and GEORGE CLOUTIER

Thursday were fully reconstructed on Friday.

With the airport closed most of Friday due to fog, getting to the party was a hardship. **Michele** and **Howard Kessler** said their private plane circled the island for two hours before seizing a brief landing opportunity.

Heather Kennedy of Boston attended with friends **Lee Bierly** and **Christopher Drake**, while husband **Chris Kennedy** spent most of the night commuting to the party on the late ferry.

WCVB-TV (Ch. 5) anchor **Natalie Jacobson** was emcee. Guests included friends **Diane Allen** of Newton, **Nancy Eckersley** of Sudbury and **Laura Malo** of Cambridge.

Other guests included Nantucket's **Jenny Garneau**, Boston attorney **Bob Crowe**, **Hampshire House** owner **Tom Kershaw**, Brookline's **Jane Forman**, and **Anne** and **Chad Gifford** of Manchester.

Nantucket volunteers included **Paula Maloney** and **Bernadette Maglioni** of **Country Village Real Estate**. Auction donors **Kimberley** and **John Caron** of the **Otto Club**, a North Andover-based exotic-car-sharing club, drove a **Lamborghini** and **Ferrari** across Nantucket's cobblestones to get to the party.



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