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# Wine, food fest goes tropical for hospital

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Palm trees. A grass hut bar. Margaritas and mojitos.

The Ballantrae Golf and Country Club will be transformed into a tropical paradise for this year's edition of the Wine and Food Festival.

It is the first time the event has had a theme.

*It has raised more than \$100,000 for various charities.*

"We're providing a theme and if people would like to dress in a more casual mood, that would be fine," said Councillor and event founder Phil Bannon.

June 3 marks the eighth annual wine and food festival. It has raised more than \$100,000

for various charities.

Last year, \$15,000 was donated to the Markham Stouffville Hospital buy a bed program. This year, all money raised will once again go the hospital, but a specific program has yet to be chosen, according to Mr. Bannon.

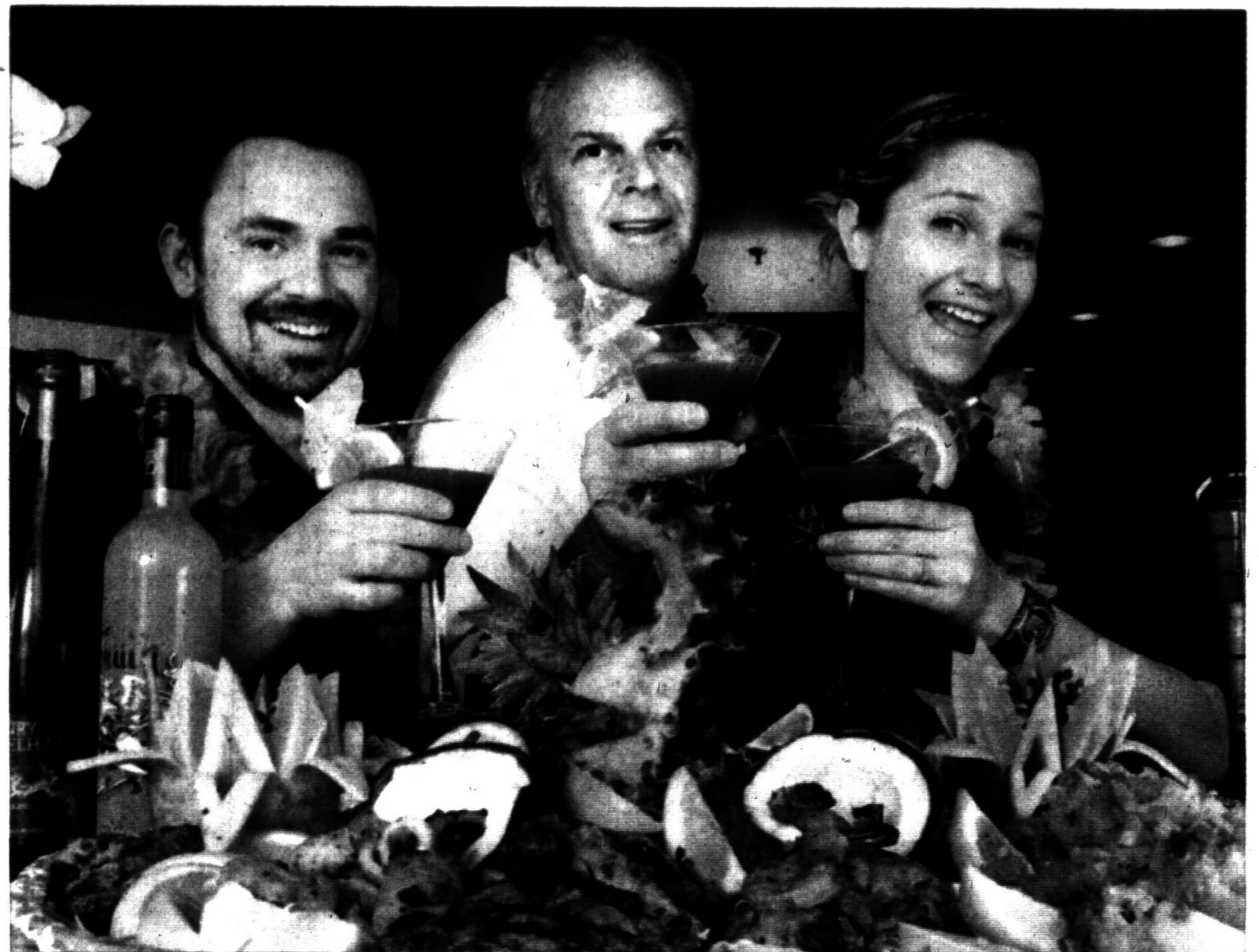
Among the eateries serving up special dishes buffet-style are The Earl of Whitchurch, Stake-out Dining Lounge, Hanson's Restaurant, Fishbone Bistro and Passion for Desserts.

There will also be about a dozen wineries, including Willow Springs and Pelee Island.

Raffle prizes include a Blue Jays' box for 10 people and a 60-inch flat screen TV.

Tickets are \$40 each and available from www.philbannon.ca or 905-640-7422. There is a maximum of 300 tickets available.

The event runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.



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Organizer Phil Bannon is flanked by George Bigelow and Leanna Collins, co-owners of The Earl of Whitchurch, which is taking part in this year's Wine & Food Festival. The June 3 event has a tropical theme this year.

## Who will be Whitchurch-Stouffville's 2013 Sports Person of the Year?

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Nominations are open for this year's award.

We are looking for a person who:

- makes our community a better place to live, work and play
- is involved to benefit more than his or her family or business
- sets a positive example for others

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