NANCY DAVIS FOUNDATION FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Orange you Happy to Erase MS

MS Awareness Campaign
Media Book
ORANGE YOU HAPPY TO ERASE MS
“MONTH OF MAY MS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN”

MAY 2009

(Los Angeles, CA – January 8, 2009) – MS Survivor and advocate Nancy Davis will kick off May’s Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month with the 16th Annual Race to Erase MS event at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles on May 8, 2009. Each year since its inception the celebrity filled gala has raised millions of dollars for the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis and its Center without Walls program, a selected network of the nation’s top seven research centers that operates with one mutual goal: to always communicate and never duplicate medical research. The star-studded evening will feature exciting live performances by legendary recording artists the EAGLES and MICHELLE BRANCH and amazing Live and Silent Auction including the first in the United States of the 2009 Lamborghini LP 560-4 Spyder. SCARLETT JOHANSSON will also be one of the evening’s presenters and TOM ARNOLD will be an emcee during the live auction.

The month of May not only marks the 16th Anniversary of the Erase MS event, but also acts as the MS awareness month. Orange is the vibrant color chosen to represent Multiple Sclerosis and hope. The Foundation also has its own commemorative T Shirt to celebrate MS Awareness designed by Butterfly Dropout. A variety of products will be sold with all or a portion of proceeds to benefit the cause. Tori Burch Orange Polo Shirt, Tommy Hilfiger Orange Wallet/Very Necessary Medical Id Holder, Orange You Lucky Peace and Love Wrap Bracelet, Lisa Hoffman Beauty, Nail Polish by Cosmetic Industries, Inc., The Sports Club, Dermastore.com, EBOOST, and Francis Featherhead are among the fabulous items available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. To purchase any of these items, please visit www.erasems.org.

The Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis is dedicated to the treatment and ultimate cure for MS. Funding research is the core focus of the Foundation and significant strides have been made to find the cause and cure of this debilitating disease. All funds raised support “The Nancy Davis Center Without Walls” program, a unique collaboration of the world’s leading MS research scientists currently representing UC San Francisco, Brigham & Women’s Harvard Hospital, Yale, The Cleveland Clinic, Oregon Health Science University, Johns Hopkins and University of Southern California. This nationwide collaboration of physicians, scientists and clinicians are on the cutting-edge of innovative research and therapeutic approaches to treat MS. It is the hope of the Foundation that in addition to combating MS through research in a clinical environment, awareness will be created by educating the public about this mysterious disease.

For additional information or to request media credentials to cover this event, please call the Nancy Davis Foundation Office at 310-440-4842, or email info@erasems.org.
Shopping for a cure

By Liane M. ROTH Valley Life Editor

Nancy Davis has always had a love for hearts, jewelry and anything symbols of bringing good luck and sentimental messages. In 2002, for her second charity event, she and Tommy Hilfiger came up with the theme, "Peace and Love to Erase MS." The event symbol was a heart with a peace sign nestled in the middle.

As a thank you gift of the evening, Davis made a collection of the symbolic hearts for each celebrity on Deniro Stamos, Sela Ward and Jennifer Holliday. Upon seeing the pieces, the performers wanted to buy them all and the buy from all of their relatives and friends. Davis then started developing this idea into many different pieces resulting in what is now over a 300 piece collection called Peace and Love jewelry by Nancy Davis.

Davis said the Peace & Love collection is the result of her personal journey and struggles with multiple sclerosis. Davis’s dedication in finding research for a cure resulted in the creation of the Center Without Walls, a network of MS centers dedicated to research programs and therapies.

MS symposium slated

By Liane M. ROTH Valley Life Editor

The Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis will present an open forum discussion at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at the Las Vegas Hilton Country Club Plaza, 3910 Avenues of the Stars.

Leading activists and doctors involved in the Center Without Walls program will discuss the latest breakthroughs in MS research and treatment.

Guests from Cleveland Clinic, University of Rochester, Cleveland Clinic, the University of California, San Francisco, and the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, San Francisco, will present their thoughts on treating MS and the future of MS research.

For more information, contact Liane M. ROTH, Valley Life Editor, at 702-383-5800 or visit www.valleynv.com.
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Race to Erase Multiple Sclerosis

Juice up your summer wardrobe with these Orange You Happy to Erase MS items and help support efforts to find better treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

CORAL CUFF
Alexandra Knight's genuine alligator brander brightens any wardrobe. $95; shopersensms.org

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This Alice+Olivia Madison party dress is one of my favorites,” says Lisa Rinna. “I can look good and feel even better knowing proceeds support a great cause.” $540; Alice+Olivia; 310-267-0720

SUMMER SCENTS
100 percent of profits from the Luminous Neroli scent will go to the foundation for the month of May. Must be purchased from Lisa Hoffman Beauty Web site. $35; lishahoffmanbeauty.com

PUT A RING ON IT
G. Neil Lane for Arcades. 100 percent goes to charity. $95; Arcades; 525-SMITH-0018

HOW YOU CAN HELP!
May is national MS month, show your support by buying the items shown above or making a direct donation. Affecting over 400,000 Americans, MS causes the body to attack healthy tissue, which results in the loss of muscle control. Erase MS has raised more than $30 million to fight the disorder, which targets three times as many women as men, typically between the ages of 20 and 50. Davis Center Without Walls, a cutting-edge research and treatment program, continues to work tirelessly in pursuit of a cure.

For more information, visit the Web site erasuresms.org.

‘I LOVE MY T-SHIRT! IT’S MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE AFFLICTED WITH MS. WHAT’S BETTER THAN THAT?’
— AVRIL LAVIGNE
ERASE MS GIFT BAG

White House Black Market’s Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis bag includes this Alice + Olivia dress and items from Tommy Hilfiger, Lisa Hoffman beauty, Tory Burch and more. Erasems.org.

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Race to Erase MS

In honor of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, the Nancy Davis Foundation for MS is hosting its 16th annual Race to Erase MS Gala, a full-fledged fundraising affair with live performances by The Eagles and Michelle Branch and auctions with more than 500 items. On the block? The first U.S. model of the 2009 Lamborghini LP 560-4 Spyder, specially detailed in black and orange, and a weeklong stay at Tommy Hilfiger’s estate in Mustique—right next door to Mick Jagger. Or pick up a brightly colored piece from the “Orange You Happy to Erase MS” line, proceeds of which benefit Davis’ foundation and its Center Without Walls research program. Says MS survivor Davis: “We decided we needed to brand MS with a healthy color [like orange], and I thought of vitamin C…It’s just a happy, healthy color.” May 8, 6:30 pm. Tickets: $1,000. At the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel, 2025 Ave. of the Stars, Century City. erasems.org. —Chun Tu
BETTER WAY...

...to spend your tax refund

Before you blow your cash on a box set of 30 Rock, indulge in some guilt-free shopping: In May, an army of designers, including Tommy Hilfiger, will sell orange-themed goodies—bracelets, tees, wallets—to raise money for the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. It's part of a new campaign, Orange You Happy to Erase MS (owl). Your dollars will help fund research for the disease, which affects twice as many women as men and can cause complete paralysis. "This disease is affecting too many women in their prime," says Nancy Davis, who has battled MS for 17 years. Just go to EraseMS.org and start shopping.

—Jihan Thompson
NANCY DAVIS DEVOTES HER LIFE TO BATTLING MS FOR HERSELF AND OTHERS

I want a cure fast

By Samba Ramo Staff Writer

When Nancy Davis took on the challenge of battling MS with her daughter, she was told by the doctors to go home and go to bed. She refused to heed that advice.

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MS is a chronic, degenerative disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, and its symptoms can range from mild to severe. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million people worldwide have MS.

In the United States, approximately 400,000 people have MS, and the disease is more common in women than men. The cause of MS is unknown, but it is thought to be an autoimmune disorder in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues.

There is no cure for MS, but treatments can help manage symptoms and slow the progression of the disease. The most common treatments include medications, physical therapy, and lifestyle changes.

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For more information, visit www.racetoerase.org.

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Despite her MS, 53-year-old Nancy Davis says she has enough energy to keep up with her daughter Mariella, and Mariella’s twin, Isabella. Davis also runs her foundation for multiple sclerosis and its Center Without Walls.

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bad for No. 1. She also has three adult children from a previous marriage. As the blind, blue-eyed girl became a model and made the Armani train, Davis has raised all her children, she continues to do home, sewing, house and whatever. Although she experienced fibromyalgia from time to time, Davis has managed to control the symptoms of her illness and continue with a normal life despite the early diagnosis.

Some 20 years ago, Davis was diagnosed with the chronic neurological disease multiple sclerosis, or MS. She had no symptoms in her teens, and her vision began to blur. By the time she entered the neurology’s office, she had no sensation in her arms, and her vision began to blur. Ms. Davis, who followed several years ago with the MS, was diagnosed with the disease.

The disease is relatively rare, affecting about 250,000 Americans. Among its symptoms are numbness, weakness, and fatigue. The disease is caused by the immune system attacking the myelin sheath that surrounds nerve fibers in the brain and spinal cord.

Ms. Davis says, “You have a brain tumor, but you do have a disease called multiple sclerosis.”

“My traditional doctors who this day don’t agree with this.” Davis says, adding she’s never been on any of the MS medications. “But, ultimately, you have to do what’s right for you.”

Davis was diagnosed with the initial diagnosis but offered a different program, including “you can live an ON IRS’ and “I don’t take it lightly.”

In fact, research into causes for MS were already understood but the symptoms.

The symptoms had been exacerbated by a lack of communication. And that’s when Davis decided to get involved. “My mother’s a multiple sclerosis,” she says, “and I thought, ‘if I could get the best and the brightest to work as a team we might find a cure for MS.’”

After two attempts at putting something together, the Center Without Walls was born. Money is donated in all different areas of MS, from addressing the problems of depression. The feeling comes of “I see you, people live, MS is real,” which was known, although it wasn’t yet been approved for treating the disease. SCF, we now have a cure.”

One of the benefits of the drug is it creates no side effects. Patients are given a combination of doses, then observed for the individuals they are taking in another two weeks and not again for a year. The only side effect given to Davis in the time of her diagnosis was to take the drugs.

“Since diabetes remains in my family, there was a high probability also to have diabetes from taking aspirin,” she says, “I didn’t want to take aspirin after. She chose instead to go the homeopathic and the changing drug against her doctor’s wishes.”
Nancy Davis is getting Hollywood heavies to join her in the "Race to Erase MS" -- and they need all the help they can get. Find out how to get involved with gifts starting at just $8!

Right now, products like signature nail polish ($8) Eco tote bags ($12) and Tommy Hilfiger T-Shirts ($25) are selling on the EraseMS web site (www.erasems.org) -- where proceeds benefit the campaign, which funds a network of the nation's top MS research centers called the Center Without Walls program.

Additionally, the upcoming month of May is MS Awareness Month. Similar to breast cancer awareness going pink, supporters are encouraged to wear orange to show their unity.

Anybody can get involved by purchasing shopping the web site, as well as making donations or purchasing tickets for the 16th Annual Race to Erase MS gala on May 8. The event will feature performances by the Eagles and Michelle Branch, with special appearances by Scarlett Johansson, Tom Arnold, Teri Garr, Rob Lowe and Blair Underwood.

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Philanthropic Festivities
Singer Avril Lavigne embraces her punk, skater girl image while supporting one of her favorite causes: Multiple Sclerosis. And she’s not the only one becoming part of the cause. On May 8, the annual Race to Erase MS charity event will occur, with Avril and other celebrity guests such as Scarlett Johansson and The Eagles slated to attend. The live auction at the May 8 event will feature an orange Gallardo LP 560-4 Spyder Lamborghini - the first of its kind to be available in the U.S., in addition to other amazing gifts such as a seven day stay for fifteen guests at Tommy Hilfiger’s luxurious house in the Caribbean island of Mustique. Sure to be a star-studded event, this soiree is certainly one you can feel good about going to, even with that post-party hangover.
CELEBS COME TOGETHER TO FIGHT MS

LOS ANGELES - Celebrities will come out in full force on May 8th to support Nancy Davis’s 16th Annual Race to Erase MS at the Hyatt Regency Plaza in Los Angeles with live performances by the Eagles and Michelle Branch. The Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis is dedicated to the treatment and ultimate cure of MS.

This year, in conjunction with the 16th annual Race to Erase MS event on May 8, we are launching the “Orange You Happy to Erase MS” campaign to make the month of May the official awareness month of multiple sclerosis. Orange is the vibrant color of hope which is why it was chosen to represent the campaign to cure Multiple Sclerosis. Brands who are participating include White House/Black Market, Lisa Hoffman Beauty, Tommy Hilfiger, Alice & Olivia, and Tory Burch. On May 8, Lamborghini will also be auctioning off its newest model, the first of its kind to be produced in the North American Market.

Celebrities attending the event this year include: Scarlett Johansson, Dustin Hoffman, Amy Smart, Brittany Snow, Giuliana and Bill Rancic, Reggie Bush, Kim Kardashian, Karina Smirnoff and Maxsim Chmerkovskiy, DJ AM, Mario Lopez, Rob Lowe, Blair Underwood, Drew Lachey, Jon Lovitz, Paris and Nicky Hilton, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden.

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Singer Avril Lavigne
Determined to find a cure for MS

By LUCY R. MURRAY Valley Life Editor

A few weeks ago, Nancy Davis was living the good life in sunny southern California. Born and raised in Denver, Colorado, Davis moved West in 1997 and soon became enamored in many activities - the gym, ballet, and even running marathons. She loved her active lifestyle, but something was missing. The gym, ballet, and running marathons were no longer enough. Davis became intrigued by the idea of finding a cure for MS.

Davis decided to take action. She researched, asked questions, and eventually decided to start her own organization, the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. Davis's dream was to find a cure for MS, and she was determined to make it happen.

For years, Davis worked tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for MS research. Her organization became a leader in the fight against MS, and Davis's dedication inspired others to join the cause.

Davis's story is one of commitment and determination. She refused to accept the diagnosis of MS and instead chose to fight back. Her determination and hard work have made a significant impact on the fight against MS.

If you or someone you know is affected by MS, please consider supporting the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by this debilitating disease.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S TOP 100 EVENTS

Benefits

1. Covenant of Hope. Barbara Davis’s fund raiser is known for attracting celebrities and raising big bucks—more than $8 million since its inception in 1979. Last year’s ball at the Beverly Hilton honored Rosella and Doremus Washington, and included performances by the Isaacs Brothers and Jack Casady.

2. Race to Erase MS. Nancy Davis partners with Tommy Hilfiger to host this event, which last year raised $2.4 million for Multiple Sclerosis research with the help of auction items like a shopping trip to the Milton Sills. The 15th annual benefit is scheduled for May 8 at the Fairmont Century Plaza.

3. Los Angeles Opera Opening Weekend Celebration. Each year, the Los Angeles Opera launches its season with three days of events. Last year’s festivities included a dinner at a private home for donors, as well as a presentation of the season’s new productions at the Music Center.

4. Los Angeles Philharmonic Gala. The premier orchestral opened its 2008-2009 season by setting off fireworks inside the Walt Disney Concert Hall during a September concert led by departing music director Esa-Pekka Salonen. Swiss watchmaker Bulgari sponsored the gala, and Special Occasions handled event design and production.

5. SoHo Fifth Avenue’s Unforgettable Evening. This event benefits the Entertainment Industry Foundation’s Women’s Cancer Research Fund. The February 2008 event at the Beverly Wilshire honored Hillary Swank, featured a performance by Mary J. Blige, and raised more than $5.7 million.

6. UCLA Rosen Bamberg Cancer Center’s Taste for a Cure. This food-centric fund raiser for cancer research took to the Beverly Wilshire last February. 2007’s event included Eva Longoria and chef José Andrés.

7. Chrysalis Butterfly Ball. This June 2008 event at a private Beverly Hills mansion put its previous record, attracting more than 500 guests and raising $1.2 million to help families with children with cancer.

8. The Hollywood Foundation’s DesignCare Benefit. DesignCare founder Colin Cowie and Max Azria raised $1.7 million and $1.6 million, respectively, for their annual benefit.

9. Natural History Museum’s Dinosaur Ball. The museum’s black-tie annual fund raiser returns this year with an “Exploring the Mysteries of Life on Earth” theme, crafted by event producer Timeless Celebrations. The ball is scheduled to take place on April 24.


11. Starlight Fundraiser Gala. Last year’s gala at the Beverly Hilton raised more than $1 million for seriously ill children. High school musicals’ Cotillion Blue hosted the March 2008 evening, which presented Williams and the Starlight Children at the non-profit’s Heart of Gold Award. The 2009 gala will take place March 26.

12. Concern Foundation’s Block Party. For its 39th fund raiser this year, the Concern Foundation will return to its long-standing home at Paramount Studios and stick with its block party formula, which presents guests with more than 50 restaurant stations. Last year’s block party raised $1.5 million.

13. California Science Center’s Discovery Ball. More than 800 guests converged at the Science Center for last year’s annual black-tie fund raiser, which helped the museum raise more than $1.5 million toward educational programs and exhibits. This year’s ball will take place February 26.

14. Fulfillment Fund’s Stars Benefit. Ryan Seacrest hosted the October 2008 benefit at the Beverly Hilton, where more than 800 guests danced to the music of the Black Eyed Peas, and raised a record-breaking $1.9 million. The event drew a sold-out crowd and included performances from Mariah Carey, LeAnn Rimes, and Jordin Sparks.

15. Pasadena Showcase House of Design. This benefit supports a variety of music programs, and has donated $30,000 each year to Pasadena-based groups. This year’s showcase will run April 11 through May 17.

16. Tiger Woods Foundation Block Party. Held at the Grove of Anaheim, proceeds from this annual benefit go toward the golfer’s eponymous learning center. The 2008 fund raiser featured a three-course meal prepared by Mario Batali and a performance by country star Brad Paisley.
Amazing Race

The Eagles played a sizzling five-song set at Friday’s Race to Erase MS fundraiser, after which the band’s Don Henley unleashed his trademark caustic wit. After explaining the band’s song choices, he couldn’t resist admonishing the crowd with, “like the one you just talked through.” The event, held at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, raised $2 million. Teri Garr, who is afflicted with MS, received a standing ovation when she went on stage with the assistance of two young men, and an auction of a 2009 Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4 Spyder topped off at $370,000.

Over in Beverly Hills the following evening, the Noche de Niños Gala at the Beverly Hilton, benefiting Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, brought out Annette Bening, Warren Beatty, Jennifer Lopez and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who presented Jamie Lee Curtis with the Entertainment Industry Courage to Care Award.

—Boys Kit
ORG STRIKES A CHORD

By BILL HIGGS

ough the Eagles’ performance at Friday’s Race to Erase MS event was what the crowd was waiting for, attendees certainly had to wait quite awhile.

The group’s rather somber five-song set was preceded by a massive silent auction; a live auction; a speech by founder Nancy Davis; remarks fromactressTeri Garr (who has MS and whose speech garnered an enthusiastic standing ovation); and Blake Underwood, a set by the “Dancing With the Stars” partners; a port from Michelle Branch; and an award presentation by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who had to tell the crowd — which was by then way ready for the Eagles — to shut up while he spoke.

“I wanted this to be our rock ‘n’ roll year,” Davis said. “After 16 years, you want to keep it fresh and surprise people with something different.”

Including the auction items (one of which was a Lamborghini that went for $270,000) the event raised more than $2 million.
HAPPENING

THE 16TH ANNUAL RACE TO ERASE MS

Recently, supporters from around the world gathered at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza to help raise money for treatment and, ultimately, a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. All funds raised at the event went to The Nancy Davis Center Without Walls program, a selected network of the nation’s top seven MS research facilities. Attendees enjoyed a performance by legendary recording artists The Eagles and Michelle Branch.

Joseph Pappell, Penny Marshall, Robert Knopper

Ken Rickie, Nancy Davis, Isabella Rickie, Marcella Rickie

Barbara Davis

Zach Zahn, Jan Goldman, Joyce and Stanley Black

Elke Sommer, Wolf Walther, Sabine Lesarvey

Alice Evans, Icom Ruffetti

Gaila Puck, Jamie Tisch, Angie Harmon

Pam and Howard Levine

Lynn Potem, Darin Davis

Byron and Jennifer Allen

Bob Davis, Julie Aneckog

Richard Davis, Suzanne Marx

Blair Underwood, Laura and David McKelvin
Hilfiger Helps Raise Funds to Fight MS

By Anne Riley-Katz

LOS ANGELES — Despite the economic malaise, fund-raising was in full swing at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza here Friday night when Nancy Davis and Tommy Hilfiger co-chaired the 16th annual Race to Erase MS gala.

The annual charity event raises millions to support research to find a cure for multiple sclerosis, a chronic neurological disease. Davis, daughter of the late billionaire Marvin Davis, was diagnosed with MS almost 18 years ago.

This year’s event was themed “Rock to Erase MS” and featured performances by the legendary band the Eagles and Michelle Branch.

Hilfiger said organizers revised fund-raising expectations because of the recession, but he and Davis were more than pleased with the generosity of donors and sponsors.

This year’s tally was about $2 million — closer than expected to last year’s $2 million-plus. The galas have raised a total of more than $30 million.

“I was worried, but, in fact, we’ve been surprisingly successful,” Hilfiger said. “Nancy is just relentless about her dedication to this, and that drove me to be a part of it.”

A substantial portion of the money was raised at the evening’s live auction, featuring the first Lamborghini Gallardo sports car in the U.S., which sold for $270,000, as well as a weeklong stays at Hilfiger’s vacation home and even a Maltese puppy that attracted lots of attention and commanded a winning bid of $6,500.

Actress Angie Harmon checked out the canine, but opted not to bid. “My husband would kill me, and I think our other dogs might eat that poor little thing,” said Harmon, who has a French Bulldog and a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog at home with husband Jason Sehorn, the former New York Giants football star. Harmon said her eyes were on footwear, rather than potential pets. “What I’m really coveting are [Amanda Bynes'] gold YSL shoes. Aren’t they amazing?”

Harmon didn’t leave empty-handed. She paid $45,000 for one of the vacation stints at Hilfiger’s beach home, as did Jamie Tisch, wife of New York Giants co-owner Steve Tisch.

Among the other guests were Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Dustin Hoffman, Penny Marshall, Sela Ward, Bill Maher, Anne Heche, Teri Garr, Avril Lavigne, Jewel and Kim Kardashian.
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Taking off for their Saturday night gig in Salt Lake City, the Eagles are a big "get," as said off to Nancy and Tommy.

"We're doing our best to sing some of our songs that are upbeat," announced Don Henley, "since many areas." "Mama" Michelle Branch provided them, and the audience was brilliantly conduct ed by the young Vanessa Amoroso, a recent bride. Auction items included a custom Lambochile, which fetched $375,000 from big-time TV producer Vic Neuman and Nate and Lisa Gold, a stay at Tommy's luxury villa on the island of Montego, and their bibelot, Kelly and Larry Thompson, bid $16,000 for an ultimate party at home for 50 guests.

Mas Artier coutier Al Rahimi and his partner John Barrie were seated with the beautiful Vanessa and husband Terry Thaon. Al created Vanessa's bridal gown, and the dress for her wedding party. He designed for Nancy Davis, her mother Barbara, and her best-dressed performer Patricia Ward Kelly, currently busy with her memoir about her late great husband Gene Kelly. We were seated in various areas of Siberia, and the only celebrity I glimpsed from afar was Penne Marshall, a fashion icon, if ever there was one.

The event raised $2 million. Fortunately, the speeches were edited, and dispensing with the fashion show this year was welcomed and appreciated by folks as they waited in line for the gift bags. Nancy Davis awaits the release of the album, but having been diagnosed 16 years ago, refusing to accept the doctor's 30-day evaluation that, more or less, indicated her life had ended. Self-sufficient, she hired Wes benjamin, Isabella and Marcella, and remains a busy and undying wife to husband Kenney Rickel, a dedicated mom to her three tumultuous sons, Alexander, Brandon and Jason, always a loyal friend, and a powerhouse organizer.

Her Foundation supports the Center Without Walls network for the nation's top research centers devoted to this mystifying disease. A born beauty, Nancy expresses the embodiment of Joseph Campbell's belief that, "If there is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

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April showers bring May flowers, and May brings us the Nancy Davis’ Race to Erase MS dinner, now its 16th season at the Four Seasons Century Plaza. These events have raised millions for the cure for multiple sclerosis. Hosts Nancy and Tommy Hilfiger open their evening as Rock to Erase MS, and last Friday, the Eagles! Don Henley, Glenn Frey, Timothy Schmit, and Joe Walsh, who says he’s from Mars, nixed in a performance before...
Co-chairs Tommy Hilfiger and Nancy Davis arrive at the 16th annual Race to Erase MS fundraising event on Friday at the Hyatt Regency Plaza hotel in Los Angeles.

CELEBRITIES JOIN THE RACE TO ERASE MS

Actress, director and producer Penny Marshall hits the scene Friday right at the Plaza.

Actor Shemar Moore and his mother, Marilyn, show their support.

Reality TV show star Kristin Cavallari adds spice and glamour to the MS event.
Celebs rock her world

Nancy Davis’ annual gala raises $2 million to fight MS

The crowd at the West Regency Century Plaza rocked to the music of the Eagles during a star-studded gala that raised $2 million to fight multiple sclerosis. Nancy Davis and designer Tommy Hilfiger co-chaired the 16th annual Race to Erase MS, a ticketed cocktail reception attended by such luminaries as Oscar-winning actor Dustin Hoffman and singer-songwriters April Lavigne and Jewel. In addition to the Eagles, pop singer Michelle Branch performed at the May 8 gala, themed “Rock to Erase MS.”

The other guests included actresses Angie Harmon, Anne Heche, Virginia Madsen, Elke Sommer and Sela Ward, actors Jon Lovitz and Jeremy Piven, director Penny Marshall and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Boosting the night’s tally toward the $2 million mark was the auction of a 2009 Lamborghini Gallardo sports car for $760,000. Personalities Tom Arnold and Nancy O’Dell also auctioned off luxury vacations, autographed sports memorabilia, a week-long cruise for eight on a yacht in the Caribbean and tickets to the “American Idol” finale.

Proceeds from the live and silent auctions benefit the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis and its Center Without Walls. The network of seven research centers works on finding treatments and a cure for MS.

Davis, the daughter of the late billionaire Marvin Davis, was just 35 when she was diagnosed 18 years ago with the brain-nervous system neurological disease. Since then, she’s raised more than $300 million for research and treatment programs.

“The Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis wanted to build a winning team in The Race to Erase MS so we sought the best and the brightest throughout the world to create The Nancy Davis Center Without Walls,” said Davis, now 52.
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from the editor in chief

When my charming husband, Stephen, told me the freckle on my upper back thigh was starting to "look scary," I thought two things: 1) He noticed the look of my thigh (ewww!) and 2) Time to find a dermatologist I'm going to like spending some time with (sigh).

Of course, I first had to "WebMD" it. I clicked on WebMD.com's Cancer Health Center, selected the "melanoma" link, and found myself wrapping through the slide shows. "That's what it looks like," Stephen pointed to one image. And off I went in search of a new doctor.

Several weeks later after a few visits to different dermatologists, I faced the music. "I was wondering why you didn't call me back on Friday when I called with your test results," my new doc, David Colbert, MD, said when I got back to him the next Monday. I didn't want to ruin my weekend, I explained, and heard him sigh: another patient with an aversion to needles. But I also heard him understand. "The diagnosis is localized squamous cell carcinoma," Dr. Colbert said, gently (and when I checked WebMD again later, I was relieved to learn it is highly curable). He then explained what needed to be done in a way that was so compassionate and comprehensive that I thanked the existence of people smart and disciplined enough to attend medical school. And gentle and articulate enough to be able to converse with a nonmedical person and make it understandable. And able to do all that without causing undue worry or panic.

This past week I flew to Los Angeles from New York (with a sore back thigh, no less) to attend the annual Race to Erase MS fundraising event led by the determined and courageous MS patient Nancy Davis of the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis and its Center Without Walls program. Again, I was deeply touched to hear doctors speak to an audience of patients and their families in a language all could understand. Watching them present their scientific findings in an enlightening, understandable, hopeful, and always truthfully way is, for me, equal to watching great professional athletes perform.

So remember: Never lose hope.

And keep asking questions. Finding what is right for any one person is an individual path and personal process.

Along with the power of love and laughter, I believe that being knowledgeable about health is perhaps the greatest skill we have for living well.

And being able to make the message understandable and personally motivating is worthy of a gold medal.

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