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701 Seniors get big outing at Hearts of All Ages

Pete and Marilyn took care of the young ones; **Ernie and Sharon** made sure the elders weren't overlooked.

From an outsider's perspective, at least, that seems to have been the way the chaircouples divided the responsibilities for filling the Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom for Hearts of All Ages, a valentine-themed party benefiting vascular and cardiac care programs at the University of Colorado Hospital.

Pete Coors is the president of the University of Colorado Hospital Foundation, and with six children of their own, all that he and Marilyn had to do was alert the family in order to get a passel of grandchildren, cousins, spouses and significant others out for the big night. Ernie Blake's grown children live in other parts of the country, so he and wife Sharon Magness Blake, a past chair of the Volunteers of America-Colorado board, bought 60 tickets and gave them to seniors living at VOA's Sunset Park apartments and The Argyle nursing home.

To say the seniors were thrilled was an understatement. "Several of them told me they'd never been to something as nice as this," Magness Blake said. The evening included music, dinner and such child-friendly activities as face painting.

And furthermore ...

- Dining in Denver 2008 — not to be confused with Denver Restaurant Week — begins Tuesday with a special supper at Jing, **Charlie Huang's** latest venture in Greenwood Village's deluxe new residential/retail complex, The Landmark. Presented by Event Savant and sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Westminster and Bombay Sapphire, Dining in Denver is a monthly outing designed to acquaint local foodies with the area's newest and most talked-about eateries.

Holly Kylberg and **Jana Rae Olsen** are greeters for the initial outing, and note that the \$40 tickets, available through blacktie-colorado.com,

include a multicourse dinner with wine. Proceeds go to the Junior League of Denver.

- The Junior League's second benefit of the week, Denim & Diamonds, comes down Friday at JW Marriott in Cherry Creek North. There'll be specialty drinks, music, food stations and the chance to bid on items ranging from a four-day trip to Chicago, with shopping at the Windy City Saks Fifth Avenue, to a spa vacation in the Bahamas. **Sarah Holtze**, director of business for the Magnolia Hotels, is the chairwoman; tickets are \$75 each or \$140 for two, with proceeds going to provisional class charities CityWILD and Girls on the Run.

- Meet players and coaches from the four Kroenke Sports teams at the Mile High Dream Gala: Havana Nights, which begins at 7 p.m. March 3 at the Pepsi Center. The price of admission includes Bacardi mojitos, Cuban appetizers and salsa dancing. There's also an auction of sports memorabilia and casino-style games. It's a benefit for children's causes supported by Kroenke Sports Charities and Denver Active 20/30 Club. For details, visit pepsicenter.com/gala.

- Soup, bread, appetizers and desserts from such favorite dining establishments as Alto, Fruition, Elway's and San Lorenzo Ristorante will be served March 6 when Porter Hospice and St. Anthony Hospice present Soup for the Soul at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the \$90 tickets can be purchased by calling 303-715-7612.

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Karl Weiss and Leanna Clark Weiss enjoy Hearts of All Ages with their 5-year-old twins, Luke and Larissa. *Photo by Steve Peterson, Special to The Denver Post*

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