

Food for the Soul



Dynamic couples use their influence to give back to their community

While Neshevich excels as an entrepreneur, his wife, Kristine Nash, has brought her experience to her past roles on The Oshawa Hospital Foundation (OHF) Fall Gala Committee. “Kristine is also a dominant force in organizing fashion shows to support the new Breast Assessment Centre—she gives a lot of time to healthcare fundraising,” says Neshevich. “We share the philosophy that giving back to your community is part of life—and since healthcare affects everyone, we’re happy to direct our efforts toward OHF.”

From left: Husband and wife Chris Neshevich and Kristine Nash with Sue and Russ Kent.

Chris Neshevich is a seasoned restaurateur. He currently co-owns three restaurants in the Whitby and Oshawa area. Shrimp Cocktail/Sea Lounge in Oshawa (www.shrimpscocktailcafe.com) marked 20 years in December 2010—a remarkable achievement in the vacillating environment of food service. “You have to stay current with changing tastes and needs,” says Neshevich. “We completed a major renovation in 2008 and added the Sea Lounge—it’s a cosmopolitan after-dinner lounge with a DJ and evening bottle service after 9 p.m. We offer a complete soiree that caters to a range of needs and moods where our guest decides how refined or how casual their occasion will be.”

Partnered with Russ Kent, Hot Rocks Creative Diner (www.hotrocksdiner.com) in Whitby recently celebrated 17 years in business. “Hot Rocks is bistro style,” Neshevich says. “Again, the menu is carefully constructed to satisfy a wide range of tastes, moods and price-points.”


The next venture for Neshevich and Kent, The Brock House (www.thebrockhouse.ca) opened in March 2010 and is also located in Whitby. The Brock House design and atmosphere has been described as “Muskoka cottage meets Whistler Chalet.”

“Our success over the past 33 years has been the direct result of the strength, pride and ownership that our staff takes in helping to build the businesses,” Neshevich says.

THOUSANDS RAISED

Those efforts have been significant. “Through a combination of fundraising events, including golf tournaments, fashion shows, and live and silent auction items for the Gala, accumulatively we’ve donated well over \$20,000 to OHF, R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, and the Breast Assessment Centre,” Neshevich says.

Perhaps the most popular corporate donation was a unique auction item at the 10th annual OHF Fall Gala. That gift was a 10-course meal and wine pairing to be prepared in the donor’s home. “We created a mini ‘Iron Chef’ competition,” Neshevich says. “Our red-seal chefs from Shrimp Cocktail and Hot Rocks each prepared their version of every menu item. The feast accommodated 12 people and everyone was very, very happy! We raised \$3,600 for the Foundation and participants tell me it was one of their most memorable evenings.”

The couple are a powerful force whose easy-going charm belies their high-octane energy and razor-sharp attention to detail, and their associates are left feeling grateful, if a little breathless. And while we admire their many accomplishments, our deepest applause is reserved for their selfless good deeds in the community. 

HOT ROCKS CREATIVE DINER

Shrimp Cocktail
AUTHENTIC CUISINE

SEA LOUNGE
at Shrimp Cocktail

The Brock House
KITCHEN — BAR