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A Pink Tie Ball hostess with the \$10,000 puppy

"I THINK A CHILD WHO HAS DONE EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE DESERVES A PUPPY."

MONICA KAUFMAN, REFERRING TO ALANA SHUBE, THE "PUNCH OUT" BRACELET DESIGNER, WHO WAS TRYING TO CONVINCE HER PARENTS TO BUY THE AUCTIONED PUPPY



Pink Tie Ball honoree Dr. William C. Warren with wife, Lynn



"Punch Out" bracelet designer Alana Shube with Pink Tie Ball mistress of ceremonies Monica Kaufman

BALL TO BALL

Former Atlanta Hawk Dominique Wilkins, now VP of basketball for the team, enthusiastically opened the season by opening his swanky Duluth home to Hawks brass, media, family and friends. The team's general manager and executive VP, Billy Knight, team co-owner Michael Gearon Jr., Wilkins' brother and former NBA player Gerald Wilkins and their mother, Gertrude Wilkins, turned out for the party, dubbed "A Night with 'Nique." Wilkins left modesty at the door, telling attendees, "Our focus is winning, period." Bernie Mullin, president and CEO of the Atlanta Spirit (which owns the Hawks, Thrashers and Philips Arena), echoed his optimism, predicting that the team will "rise up and take flight like a Hawk this season." Guests dined on hearty fare, but Wilkins passed on the sweets, telling one partygoer, "I can't eat that stuff." ★ Do-gooders gathered at The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead for the fifth annual **Pink Tie Ball**, hosted by the Atlanta affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Platters of pink ties were bustled to the men, while women flaunted pink "Punch Out" bracelets designed by 13-year-old Alana Shube. WSB-TV's Monica Kaufman introduced honorees Dr. William C. Warren and Dr. Janice A. Galleshaw. Later, Kaufman, a breast cancer survivor of six years, revealed that her pink, sequined dress was purchased for \$57 at My Sister's Closet, a consignment shop in Chamblee. The final amount raised (including a Labrador puppy auctioned off for \$10,000) was a record-breaking \$667,000. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS & KERI SMITH



(L-R) Kelly Donlan, Dr. Janice A. Galleshaw and Lila Hertz at the Pink Tie Ball

"PLEASE OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR POCKETBOOKS SO WE CAN PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS..."

MARTY ALTERMAN, BOARD LIASON FOR THE KOMEN FOUNDATION, OPENING BIDDING FOR THE PINK TIE BALL'S LIVE AUCTION



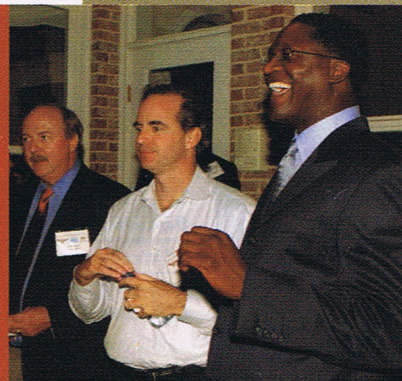
WSB-TV's Jocelyn Dorsey with Dale Ford at the Pink Tie Ball

"WE'RE GOING TO PUT A LOT MORE BUTTS IN THE SEATS."

BERNIE MULLIN, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ATLANTA SPIRIT LLC (WHICH OWNS THE HAWKS, THRASHERS AND PHILIPS ARENA) ON THE HAWKS' PLANS TO DRAW MORE FANS IN THE 2004-2005 SEASON



Atlanta Hawks Director of Broadcast and Corporate Sales, Terri Scalucci-Cameron, with Dominique Wilkins



(L-R) Bernie Mullin, Michael Gearon Jr. and Dominique Wilkins

A NIGHT WITH 'NIQUE: HOLLY CLIFFORD