



**THANKS TO RICK MONTGOMERY, OWNER OF MILLER TAVERN AND HIS STAFF:**

**TONIGHT'S MENU**

- Caprese Skewers
- Vegetable Spring Rolls
- Aged Cheddar & Ham Sliders
- Black Tiger Shrimp Skewers
- Seasonal Tartlets
- Grilled Chicken Satays
- Beef Sliders
- Breads & Spreads
- Freshly Shucked Seasonal Oysters
- Seafood Paella

**BEER PRODUCTS**

Compliments of Molson's

**WHITE WINES**

Pinot Grigio / Sauvignon Blanc / Chardonnay

**RED WINES**

Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot.



**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

- TARGUS COMPUTER ACCESSORIES
- GIFT CERTIFICATE ANY COSMETIC PROCEDURE
- HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS
- HAIR AND ESTHETICS GIFT CERTIFICATE
- WINE BASKET
- GOURMET WINE AND CHEESE SET
- GOLF CLUB GIFT CERTIFICATE
- WOODBINE ENTERTAINMENT GIFT CERTIFICATE
- TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS TICKETS
- SOMERSET FLOWERS AND GIFTS GIFT CERTIFICATE
- TORONTO MAPLE LEAF TICKETS - FEBRUARY 1ST VS. FLORIDA PANTHERS - PLATINUM SECTION 107 - ROW 9 SEATS 17/18
- TORONTO MAPLE LEAF TICKETS - FEBRUARY 7TH VS. ATLANTA THRASHERS - PLATINUM SECTION 107 - ROW 9 SEATS 17/18
- 'PRIDE' PHOTO ART FROM LEXI MITZ (ARTIST = LEXI MITZ (WWW.ILEXI.CA)
- OFFICIAL NHL REFEREE JERSEY SIGNED BY ALL NHL REFEREES
- FLOORBALL SPORTS PACKAGE - INCLUDING 2 STICKS, 2 BALLS AND DVD
- MEZZA NOTTE TRATTORIA GIFT CERTIFICATE
- BOUNCE ENTERTAINMENT INC. GIFT CERTIFICATE
- BRUSHNELL BINOCULARS
- YONGE EGLINTON COSMETIC CENTRE GIFT CERTIFICATES
- JOSE CALDERONE BASKET BALL SWEATER SIGNED OR 2 TICKETS TO A RAPTORS GAME
- NHL SIGNED JERSEY
- ... PLUS MORE!

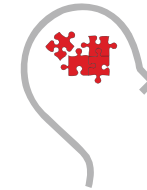


TORONTO'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



**HAWAIIAN OYSTER ODYSSEY**

A **FUN**draiser in support of the



**Brain Injury Association of Canada**  
Association canadienne des lésés cérébraux

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**MILLER TAVERN**

Presenting Sponsor:



Supporting Sponsors:



A PORTION OF TONIGHT'S PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE BRAIN INJURY SOCIETY OF TORONTO AND OTHER BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATIONS ACROSS CANADA



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## Ministers, Doctors, Nurse and Survivor headline Toronto Odyssey - over \$120,000 already donated for BIAC for 2010

### 2010 Hawaiian Oyster Odysseys are off to a great start.

On January 26, 2010 Torontonians cranked up the heat at the 6th Annual Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey in support of the Brain Injury Association of Canada and the Brain Injury Society of Toronto.

The beach-themed event, which has now been held in every province in Canada as BIAC's signature fundraiser, attracted over 125 participants including brain injury survivors such as guest speaker Gary Otsu, a veteran of BIAC national conferences and a long-time volunteer.

This year's Toronto HOO was held at the Miller Tavern, the site of the first in Canada. Owner Rick Montgomery was honoured for his role in starting the HOOs and even picked the name.

The evening was hosted by Beverly Thomson, co-host of CTV's Canada AM and had various special guests, including:



Above: TV Ontario television host Steve Paikin and his 6-year-old daughter, Guilina. Steve is a long-time supporter and BIAC and the HOOs. Steve was also the moderator of the national leader debates in the 2006 and 2008 Canadian elections. He hosts the hour-long daily news program, the Agenda with Steve Paikin, which is shown across Ontario and is available on the internet at [www.tvoo.org/theagenda](http://www.tvoo.org/theagenda).

Right: Presenting sponsor Ralph Palumbo, Ontario Vice-President of the Insurance Bureau of Canada presents this year's donation of \$50,000 to BIAC President Shirley Johnson.



- Shirley Johnson, BIAC president
- Hon. Deb Matthews, Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Ontario's Minister of Transportation
- Dr. Charles Tator, Founder of Think First and Neurosurgeon, Toronto Western Hospital
- Mark Rochon, President and CEO, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and Past Chair, Ontario Hospital Association
- Dr. Barry A. McLellan, President & CEO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Piroska Bata, a neurotrauma nurse at Humber River Hospital who is also a caregiver for her father, who recently suffered a severe brain injury
- Harry Zarins, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Canada

The annual Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey events increase awareness and promote the prevention of brain injuries and raise funds to advocate for survivors such as Gary Otsu, who share their inspirational stories at each of the Odysseys.

This year's HOOs have already raised over \$120,000, which includes \$75,000 in National sponsorships from the Insurance Bureau of Canada for \$50,000, \$15,000 from TD Bank Financial Group and \$10,000 from We Care Home Health Services. A total of over \$600,000 has been raised since the first HOO in 2005.



Above: Ontario Ministers of Transportation and Health Kathleen Wynne MPP and Deb Matthews MPP with BIAC Fundraising Chair Howard Brown. Both are long-time supporters of the work BIAC is doing.



Left: The night's MC was Beverly Thomson, co-host of CTV's Canada AM, who is well-respected across the country for her long-time charity work with organizations like ThinkFirst and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Below: Rick Montgomery, co-founder of the Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey and Howard Stevenson, past Treasurer of BIAC. Rick was honoured for his support for BIAC.



Brain injury is the number one disabling and cause of death for Canadians under 45, despite being a preventable condition. Each year, 50,000 Canadians are affected with a brain injury and incidence rates are continuing to rise.

Supporting sponsors who donated over \$32,000 included five \$5,000 donors (the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation, Bombardier, CIBC, Prism Medical and Scotiabank) as well as Brave Consulting, the Postluns Family Foundation, Air Canada, Alpha Laboratories and Goodmans Law Firm.

Always a great success, HOO events are now being kicked off by passionate volunteers in every province across Canada.

The next HOOs are being held in Ottawa on April 14th and Montreal on April 29th.

By Leanna Karremans

Leanna Karremans is a two-year veteran of the Toronto Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey committee. This year, she was responsible for the marketing materials including the invitation and the program.

### TORONTO HOO COMMITTEE

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Donations can be made using PayPal on the Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey website at:

[www.hawaiianoysterodysseys.ca](http://www.hawaiianoysterodysseys.ca)



2011 TORONTO HOO COMMITTEE

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## BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (BIAC) INITIATIVES

Brain injury is the leading disabler and cause of death for Canadians under 45. Your attendance and zealous consumption of oysters at Odysseys like tonight's helps the Brain Injury Association of Canada implement many important initiatives such as:

### ANNUAL SURVIVOR CONFERENCE

A national conference fully funded by BIAC. It brings together survivors, families and leaders to plan programs and services for the year. This year, the 7th Annual BIAC National Conference will be held from August 24-26, 2011 at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Everyone is welcome. To register, please visit [www.biac-aclc.ca](http://www.biac-aclc.ca)



DELEGATES FROM ACROSS CANADA AT THE ANNUAL BIAC CONFERENCE, IN MONTREAL IN 2009. LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN REGINA.

### RESOURCES

BIAC has developed and continues to upgrade a comprehensive website that serves as a primary source of information and resources for the acquired brain injury community and their caregivers.

### NATIONAL BURSARY PROGRAM

BIAC has successfully implemented a \$2,000 National Bursary Program for acquired brain injury survivors in Canada to pursue educational opportunities in English or French at a post secondary institution or apprenticeship/trades programs

### EDUCATION EVENTS

BIAC has successfully organized and implemented injury prevention and risky behavior town halls which feature premier panelists. In these town halls, discussions have focused on a number of related topics such as multiple concussions and the relationship to dementia to name just a few. Most recently, BIAC's efforts have been rewarded when Intrawest directed that their ski school participants wear helmets and that their instructors do so as well.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATIONS IN PROVINCES

Identifying new ways for national and provincial associations to work in partnership with the common goal of caring for the brain injured.

### HELMET LEGISLATION

Advocating with government bodies for the introduction of a new legislation that would prevent the sale of helmets in Canada unless it meets the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) guidelines. Legislation would identify those products not making the grade as hazardous.

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: **BEVERLY THOMSON** Co-host of CTV's Canada AM

- 6:00 PM** - Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails
- 7:30 PM** - Welcome and introduction from **Beverly Thomson**.
- 7:35 PM** - Greetings from:  
**Howard Brown and Katie Day, Co-Chairs, Toronto's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual HOO**  
**Hon. Kathleen Wynne, MPP, Ontario's Minister of Transportation**  
**Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP, Ontario's Minister of Labour**
- 7:40 PM** - Introducing of Sponsors including:  
**Ralph Palumbo, Vice-President-Ontario, Insurance Bureau of Canada**  
**Larry Carlson, President, Brain Injury Association of Canada**  
**Kent Bassett-Spiers, CEO, Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation**
- 7:45 PM** - Brain Injury Stories from:  
**Dr. Angela Colantonio, Senior Scientist, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, and Research Chair, for the Brain Injury Association of Canada**  
**Brad Cownden, University of Victoria student and Founder of BrainStorm Ride**  
**Rob Ashe, Brain Injury Survivor**
- 7:50 PM** - Cocktails continue
- 8:45 PM** - Silent Auction Closes
- 8:55 PM** - Draw for Toronto Winner for Air Canada Tickets to Hawaii

### TONIGHT'S SPECIAL GUESTS ALSO INCLUDE:

- HON. ERIC HOSKINS MPP, MD, Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration**
- MONTE KWINTER MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade**
- DAVID ZIMMER MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney-General**
- DR. HELENA JACZEK MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment**
- TONY RUPRECHT MPP, formerly Ontario's Minister Responsible for Disabled Persons**
- MIKE PRUE MPP, NDP Disability Critic**
- DR. KELLIE LEITCH, Paediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Toronto's Hospital for Sick Kids and Author of Reaching for the Top: A Report by the Advisor on Healthy Children & Youth, Government of Canada.**
- KAREN STINTZ, Toronto Transit Commission Chair and City Councillor**
- JACK HEATH, Deputy Mayor, Town of Markham**
- JUDI COHEN, Member, Toronto Police Services Board**
- JIM MCKENNY, Former Toronto Maple Leaf and CITY TV Sportscaster**
- HARRY ZARINS, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Canada**
- BARB BUTLER, Vice-President, Brain Injury Association of Canada**
- PIROSKA BATA, BScN, Neurotrauma Nurse Manager, Humber River Regional Hospital**



**MESSAGE FROM DAVID JOHNSTON,  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA**

I am pleased to send my warm greetings to all those supporting the Brain Injury Association of Canada.

While the objectives of this event are, of course, to raise more resources for and awareness of the Brain Injury Association of Canada, they also recognize the hard work, dedication and commitment exhibited by its members and volunteers. You are all beacons of light, contributing to improving the lives of those suffering from serious and often debilitating injuries.

I would like to express my gratitude to the volunteers, members and supporters of the Brain Injury Association of Canada and to wish you all a very successful event.

THE RT. HON. DAVID JOHNSTON, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



**MESSAGE FROM THE RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER,  
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA**

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2011 Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey in support of the Brain Injury Association of Canada (BIAC).

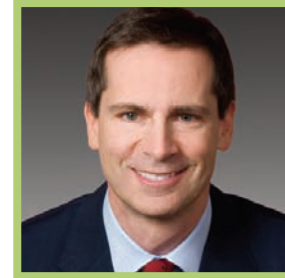
This evening is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the vital role that this organization has played in the community. Established in 2003, the Brain Injury Association provides a wide variety of education, support and advocacy services to the more than 50,000 Canadians who sustain a brain injury

annually. I am certain that everyone in attendance – survivors, their families, medical experts, community leaders and business professionals alike – will benefit from the chance to meet and network, share their stories and lend their support.

I would like to commend all those associated with the Brain Injury Association for improving the quality of life of your fellow citizens. I am sure that you will continue this valuable work for many years to come.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening, as well as every success in meeting your fundraising goals.

THE RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER, P.C., M.P., PRIME MINISTER



**A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey, the annual fundraiser in support of the Brain Injury Association of Canada (BIAC).

I believe that the health and well-being of Ontarians are our province's most valuable resources. Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) is a condition that has potentially huge financial and emotional costs – for the individual, for their families and for our health care system. Prevention, through education and safety advocacy, is one of our most effective weapons against ABI.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend BIAC for its commitment to improving the quality of life of those living with ABI and for promoting ABI prevention. I applaud everyone in attendance for helping BIAC carry out its valuable work. The funds raised tonight will help the association to develop and advance vital initiatives in the brain injury field. Thank you for helping to ensure the success of this event – and for sending out a message of hope to Canadians living with ABI.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and a successful fundraiser.

DALTON MCGUINITY, PREMIER



**A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

It is with pleasure that I extend greetings and warmly welcome everyone attending the 7th annual Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey fundraiser hosted by Brain Injury Association of Canada (BIAC) in Toronto.

Founded in 2003, BIAC was established to improve the quality of the life of people effected by brain injuries. BIAC supports and advocates on behalf of survivors, develops national public information resources, facilitates education and promotes injury prevention.

This evening's Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey will raise awareness of brain injury prevention and raise funds to help BIAC continue its support and advocacy work for all patients nationwide.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I thank the organizers, sponsors and volunteers who made this event possible. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening and continued success.

MAYOR ROB FORD, CITY OF TORONTO