



VIP Variety

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'Shake Your Groove Thing' with the SHARE ladies and 'Disco Duck' at the 63rd Boomtown Gala

The SHARE (Share Happily and Reap Endlessly) ladies' Boomtown shows are legendary. Founded 63 years ago by seven women who wanted to help children and improve the world, SHARE is a fabulous charitable organization that can boast of a stellar roster of entertainers who have headlined the Boomtown gala fundraiser over the years (most at the behest of their wives). Johnny Carson hosted for 10 years and Dean Martin hosted 17 times. Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Judy Garland, John Wayne and Bob Hope are also among the luminaries who have appeared in the SHARE shows.

Recent headliners have included Bruce Willis, Sharon Stone, Jennifer Holliday, Michael Bolton, Michael Feinstein, and Jamie Lee Curtis. Always a highlight of the show is seeing the SHARE ladies

turn into a chorus line of showgirls, dancing feverishly for their cause.

There was a disco fever theme this year with "An Evening at Studios 53" (SHARE was founded in 1953). But guests at the 63rd Annual Boomtown Gala still embraced the tradition of wearing "dressy western attire" to create a fun and comfortable atmosphere for everyone. And a lot of glitzy buckaroos were among the VIPS attending including producers Julie and Roger Corman, Candace and Steve Garvey, Shelby and Tommy Chong, Peter Repovich and Catherine Bach, Dyan Cannon, Kathleen Quinlan, Finola Hughes, George Chakiris, Sandra Taylor, Jen Lilley, Gia Carides, Adrienne Maloff, Lena Jolton, Ericka Joy, Jim Bowden, Dr. Lois Lee, Joanna Carson and Ruta Lee.

SHARE president Ellen Feder thanked the volunteers and supporters, and reported, "Since 1953, the amazing women of SHARE have raised over \$53 million to improve the lives of underserved children." Feder also presented "The Member of the Year Award" to Diane Forrester. Kudos also go to auctioneer Jim Nye for his great job.

A sensational show produced by Gary Smith was enjoyed at the Beverly Hilton with entertainment from Grammy-winning singer Hazel Payne of "A Taste of Honey," who launched the night with "Boogie Oogie Oogie." The hilarious Yakov Smirnoff praised America throughout his comedy routine,