

of school yard girlfriends who morphed into 'superhuman' elves, extended unwavering support and energy to get the 'show on the road'. Members of our committee in family and friends generating ideas, donating time and interest in seeking prizes and donations wherever and whenever possible.

Together they all helped me deliver on my promise and determination to 'pay forward' the good fortune I have had in cancer survivorship. There were many compelling reasons to run with this fundraiser and I am relieved and content that my personal mission is now accomplished in wanting to make a difference to those affected by brain cancer.

Whilst, the the LYHO Gala Dinner was a 'one off' event, the formidable Suzanne Peponis Brisimis will be hosting the 4th annual WHITE PEARL BALL at the Hyatt Regency on 10 November. I encourage you to be a part of this event

and help raise monies for much needed research into brain cancer. For more detail contact Suzanne on suzanne@wpfundraiser or call 0418 238 723.

Brain cancer is deadly. The 5-year survival rate is only 20 percent – be mindful that research is required to change this statistic, and this research requires much and continued funding.

My cancer experiences and especially my rare brain cancer experience has highlighted how much we should live life with grace and appreciate all that we have. Whatever one's experience or circumstance, I wish you hope, faith and courage to lead a healthy and happy life whilst riding life's ups and downs.

I also express my extreme gratitude to the team at O KOSMOS for enabling me to pen and print my thoughts and expressions of gratitude and promotion of the LYHO fundraiser.

Martha Rice



1) Donors of talent and time – Billy Billiris and Tom Panos, 2) DEPAS Dancers opening the night with their magnificent dance and feathers, 3) A sold out Ballroom at Doltone House Hyde Park, 4) MC George Kapiniaris and stand up comic Anthony Locascio – helping us Laugh our Heads off!, 5) Martha Rice – Hugely Happy. Totally Grateful. Endless Thanks to EVERYONE for their sponsorship, support, prizes, donations and attendance, 6) Side by side in Family Adam and Nektaria, 7) Brad Blaze wowing the audience with his speed painting show, 8) CEO Pat Wheaton from TBCG and Carer Phil Reynolds – highlighting the needs of brain cancer patient support and care, 9) CXS' Natacha Saba and Mum, 10) Without the unwavering support of these girls, the night could not have run as smoothly and wonderfully as it did!, 11) Specialist Neuro Oncology Nurses – the reason behind our funding and providers of massive support to patients and carers, 12) Michael Mihailidis Key Sponsor from Icon Eyewear and guests, 13) Bank of Sydney Volunteers – delivering banking support and services! Much obliged for your coming on board and helping the cause!, 14) A 'Thank you' setting for all who sponsored, supported, provided prizes and attended the night! Every bit went a very long way!