

The Buzz

Girls Inc. breakfast puts sparkle into morning meal



Cathy Kightlinger's TALK OF OUR TOWN

Holly Golightly, the daring heroine of the film "Breakfast at Tiffany's," said nothing bad could happen to a person at the famed jewelry store.

That was certainly the case June 7, when about 75 people from Girls Inc. of Indianapolis gathered for a formal breakfast at the Fashion Mall's 3-year-old Tiffany & Co.

White linens, white roses and white-gloved servers offering mimosas greeted the group.

Attendees also got the first glimpse of an exhibit that celebrates Girls Inc.'s 40th anniversary this year.

The exhibit, which is on display at the Fashion Mall through early August, honors the organization's Touchstone Award winners. The honor is given to Central Indiana women who are deemed strong, smart and bold — characteristics that Girls Inc. leaders hope to instill in those involved in their programs.

The exhibit, which includes photos and biographies of Touchstone honorees, will travel to other venues around town this year.

During the breakfast, **Ellen K. Annaia**, president and CEO of the United Way of Central Indiana, and **Alpha C. Blackburn**, president and CEO of Blackburn Architects, were recognized as this year's award recipients.

Tiffany & Co. donated the use of its store for the event.

"We get quite a few requests," store director **Erica Chappell** said. "You can't rent the store. . . . It has to be given to you as a gift from Tiffany."

SEEN SCENE BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S



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Jill Hagan (from left) joined 2009 Touchstone Award winners Ellen K. Annaia and Alpha C. Blackburn and former winner Lorene Burkhardt at a breakfast event June 7 at Tiffany & Co. They will get their awards at a celebration Aug. 6.



Barbara Boyd (left) and Marjorie O'Laughlin are previous award winners.

Former Girls Inc. President Marnie Maxwell (left) posed with Joyce Sommers and Sandy McCune.



School fundraiser was an artful event

From culinary concoctions and guests' attire to auction items, everything at Herron Experience 2009 — Herron School of Art and Design's June 6 fundraiser — included creative flair.

More than 400 people attended the event held in IUPUI's Eskenazi Hall, said **Katie Hutton**, director of external affairs for Herron.

Multiple restaurants donated services, and more than 60 pieces of donated artwork were auctioned off.

Officials hoped to raise about \$40,000 for the school, Hutton said.

Herron's event-planning committee included volunteers **Denise Cordingley**, **Stephen Garstang**, **Cathy Miller**, **Phil O'Malley**, **Petra Slinkard** and **Judy Warren**.

Attending the event at IUPUI were (from left) Steve and Cathy Miller, Ursula David, Murray Firestone and Janet Estes. All are from Indianapolis.



HERRON EXPERIENCE



Frank and Katrina Basilio have a gallery named in their honor at Herron.



Richard and Lisa Hall are from Indianapolis.



Maria Mandel (left) joined Lolin Nagy, who was volunteering at the event.