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Goombay Bash has Record Turnout to Fight Cancer

The annual event, which originated in La Grange, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research. Check out photos and hear what attendees had to say.



Eric Svandra and his wife, Ann Ross, won the live auction bid for a meet-and-greet with the Chicago Blackhawks.



The live auction by David Goodman was entertaining and touching, as many people donated thousands and thousands of dollars to cancer research.



A winning bidder for an Irish pub crawl with Cheers actor George Wendt.



The Blackhawks auction item included a signed Denis Savard jersey.



Chicago Blues artist Fernando Jones played as **David Goodman** auctioned a blues brunch and gave the crowd a sampling.

A record number of people attended this year's Goombay Bash to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research.

The H Foundation, and the [Goombay Bash](#) event, has raised more than \$4.5 million for the [Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University](#). The funding is used as seed money for basic science cancer research projects.

"It's incredible," said John Rot, who founded The H Foundation after two co-workers were diagnosed with cancer. "This is our best turnout at any Goombay and the room is just full of excitement."

The foundation began at Horton's Ace Hardware in La Grange, and the Goombay Bash has since grown to an annual must-attend event for people throughout the Chicago area.

The event drew a record 1,300 people and, as of Monday, raised \$540,000, according to The H Foundation director Kate Harken.

Besides delicious food and drinks, there's a casino, silent and **live auction conducted by David Goodman of Auction Results**, fireworks and special guests. Former Chicago Bears players Alex Brown, Adrian Peterson and Desmond Clark were joined by current Chicago Bull Jimmy Butler and former Bull Bill Cartwright. White Sox legend Ron Kittle was there, as was *Cheers* actor George Wendt.