



MARGO ROSTON

Around Town

If you were in a gourmand mood Tuesday, you could have eaten your way across town in style, starting and ending at Bon Appétit Ottawa at the Aberdeen Pavilion.

With more than 60 restaurants serving up everything from pasta to seafood, and breweries and vineyards providing ample libations, the seventh annual food fundraiser brought in close to \$100,000, which will be allocated amongst many charities. Making sure that everything ran smoothly were co-chairs **Phil Wasserman**, a well-known restaurateur, and *Ottawa City* magazine's sales diva, **Diane Wing**.

Lobster with fixin's

Judicious nibbling left room for lobster with all the fixin's at the Congress Centre for An Evening in the Maritimes, Citizen Advocacy's popular and well-attended annual fundraiser.

It was an event packed with wannabe Maritimers, including co-chairs **Penny Collenette**, just returned to Ottawa after a time as a senior fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and Ottawa police Chief **Vince Bevan**.

"They do a wonderful job for people with disabilities," said the chief as he tried to interest Chief Justice **Beverley McLachlin** in bidding on a police department baseball cap, an item in the evening's silent auction.

Glimpsed in the crowd of crustacean lovers who polished off 800 lobsters were **Dana Conley**, owner and operator of Sobeys Barhaven; **Phil Lind**, vice-chairman of Rogers; MPs **John Finlay**, **Jay Hill** and **Derek Lee**, senators **Celine Hervieux-Payette** and **Lorna Milne**, and **Brian Tardif**, executive director of Citizen Advocacy.