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Clint who? Anthony Shriver's here

OKAY, SO Clint Eastwood was a no show. Ditto Robert Duvall and Eastwood's ex, Frances Fisher, who was shooting in Vancouver.

But Kirstie Alley was there and Anthony Kennedy Shriver and his parents Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Sargent Shriver showed up, and it was more than enough for the post-screening throng at Aqua in BCE Place.

The Shrivens were in town for a benefit screening for the non-profit Best Buddies organization of *The Stars Fell On Henrietta*, on which Eastwood had a producer credit and Duvall and Fisher co-starred.

Best Buddies was founded by Anthony in 1989 to introduce college kids and other members of the community to people with mental disabilities.

The group encompasses 180 college campuses in the U.S. and has a Canadian chapter at York University, for which the gala raised \$100,000 last night.

There was a huge buzz. They were Kennedys after all. Those chiseled faces. Those jaws. Those Bawston accents.

Pushing 80, Eunice Kennedy still plays touch football with her grandchildren. Her husband regales the encircling adoring women with tales of the family history.

Anthony is a dream. All 6 foot 2 inches of Hollywood matinee idol, even though he says he's never considered being an actor.

"Arnold (Schwarzenegger, his brother-in-law) does a great job of that.



"I got involved with Best Buddies through my mom and my aunt (Rosemary, who is mentally challenged.)"

There was no specific connection to the *Henrietta* movie, except that "It was so touching."



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STAR SHRIVERS: Anthony Kennedy Shriver (left), his mom Eunice and father Sargent make a family portrait after the benefit screening of *The Stars Fell On Henrietta*.

MEZZA LUNACY: The film festival also marches on its stomach.

It was hup two three four, northward bound on Sunday night to Eglinton Ave. and Trattoria Mezza Luna for a "family style" dinner hosted by the incomparable Hollywood Reporter George Christy.

Heading the guest list: Diane Ladd, star/director/screenwriter of *Mrs. Munch*, which co-stars ex husband Bruce Dern, Kelly Preston and Shelley Winters.

"I wasn't trying to play Orson Welles by doing it all," Ladd insisted, "I could hire myself cheaper."

And there was Ivan Fecan & Sandra Faire; Dusty & Joan Cohl; producer Roger Frappier; makeup whiz Richard Blair; Jests For Laughs jester Andy Nulman; Hans & Helga

Gerhardt; p.r. man about town Raymond Perkins; actress Angie Featherstone; and director John Erman, here filming the Hallmark special *The Boys Next Door* with the heavy-weight cast of Nathan Lane, Robert Sean Leonard, Mare Winningham, Tony Goldwyn, Michael Jeters and Courtney Vance.

Kudos to chef Michel Lombardi. The arctic char was a marvel, the pesto pasta pure perfection.

PIZZA DE RESISTANCE: And while we're on the subject . . . chef's hat's off to those tireless folks at Il Fornello on King. Their portable wood oven has been doing overtime, cranking out the goodies for the CITY-TV, *Rude* and Canadian Film Centre parties.

Loved the *Rude* food -- wonderful wings.

And their peerless pizza helped us make it through the night. Mmmmmmm-agnifico.

TABLE HOPPING: A pensive Sean Penn sipped designer water at Bistro Sunday night after his *Crossing Guard* screening. Penn and longtime lady love Robin Wright, mother of his two kids, are finito, which made directing her in the love scenes even more tricky.

Meanwhile, the parties raged 'round Penn.

There was the contingent from *A Month By The Lake*: Vanessa Redgrave, Uma Thurman and her squeeze Timothy Hutton, caught necking like besotted teenagers.