

Mad Hatters Style for Forest Park Forever Benefit

More than 1,000 mostly ladies came dressed-to-the-nines during lunch-time to the World's Fair Pavilion to show their support to Forest Park Forever, an uppity, somewhat diverse, do-good charity, doing a great job in making sure that one of the region's most precious jewels — Forest Park remains "green."

The highlight of this day was hearing that my long-time pal, Lee Liberman, former long-time chair of Laclede Gas Co., (Ann Liberman, standing by him), and a all-around good guy for numerous causes, and the City of St. Louis Park, Recreation and Forestry department under the brilliant direction of Gary Best were recipients of the 19th Annual W. Hiram Leffingwell Award. This year, Roberta Cohen wife of KMOV's Prez Allan Cohen was gleefully standing court in style, as we arrived along with her co-chair Ann Marr. Maze tov — ladies for another great summer of bright, zany and unusual hats for a worthy cause.



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1. Former state Rep. Betty Thompson, First Lady Kim Slay, St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay and Zelema Harris, chancellor of St. Louis Community College sport their favorite "chapeaux." 2. Atty. Catherine Hanaway and KMOV's Rob Smith go hunting. 3. State senator Robin Wright-Jones and Kayla L. Mays-Madkins. 4. Janice Segers is sporting a fireman outfit. 5. Ann Tate or Josephine Baker in the park? 6. Honoree Lee Liberman and wife, Ann. 7. Golden Girls: Emelda Harris and Jeanne Gore stylin'. 8. Delores Broadnax loves some green feathers. 9. United Way's Cheryl Polk is super-dubber. 10. The wind didn't launch Raquelle Wallace or Addie Thompkins. 11. Joyce Balls and Aldores Hudson enjoy tasty reception. 12. Debra Bass of the Post-Dispatch has fun too. 13. Shella Little-Forrest and Redina Medley are rockin' it. 14. Vera Gray is together with grey and black. 15. KMOV's Vickie Newton is MC. 16. David Diener and retired big city cop Rochelle Jones. 17. Dr. Mildred Anderson, (left) and Snookie Robinson (right) congratulate City park, recreation and forestry chief Gary "da man" Best (center). 18. Roberta Cohen and Ann Marr are co-chairs. 19. Beck James Hatter and Spice Queen Vivian Gibson. 20. Dorothy Lewis styles yellow and blue.