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Guests kick back, relax at Concours afterglow

The Kelly Services Concours d'Elegance afterglow party on the terrace of Meadow Brook Hall was decidedly laid back late Sunday afternoon. There were happy faces, but there were weary faces. And understandably, since most of the 500 guests were sponsors or exhibitors in the week-long celebration that marked the 30th anniversary of the prestigious, high-end auto event.

Concours participants enjoyed a number of activities, including a welcome reception, an automotive design forum, a black-tie gala and, of course, the exhibition itself, a parade of more than 200 historic and rare automobiles from across the country.

At the end of the event, Kelly Services hosted a by-invitation-only party for exhibitors, sponsors, media and their guests, many of whom were from out of state, giving them a chance to relax and socialize.

The party took place in a huge hospitality tent with softly draped white fabric. About 50 round tables were covered in kelly green linen and topped with delicate orchid plants.

There was an open bar and rows of tables were filled with a variety of foods, mostly deli-type items such as carved turkey, tabbouleh, hummus and a decadent ice cream bar.

The Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance (a French term meaning competition of elegance) is one of the largest in the world, with proceeds benefiting the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall.

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Author Margery Krevsky, left, holds her book, "Sirens of Chrome," with Meredith Brown, both of Bloomfield Hills, at the afterglow Sunday.



Barry, left, and Linda Solomon of Bloomfield Hills join about 500 guests at the party.



Frank Campanale of Orchard Lake, left, and Bonnie Jobe mingle at the event.



Beth Groen, left, and her mother, Sue Groen, both of Rochester Hills, enjoy the party decorated with kelly green linens and orchids.



Malcolm, left, and Natalie Pray of Greenwich, Conn., and Cari Schneider of Pensacola, Fla., attend the Concours d'Elegance party. The celebration marked the 30th anniversary of the auto event.



Bill, left, and Liz Dreist, both of Saginaw, Terry Adderley of Bloomfield Hills, and Leslie Dreist-Joseph and Brian Joseph, both of Troy, at the afterglow. The exhibition featured 200 historic and rare automobiles.

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