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restaurant to host an inaugural benefit for the Nat King Cole Generation Hope Foundation.

The Foundation was founded by twin sisters Casey and Timolin Cole, Nat Cole's youngest daughters, and his widow Maria. Also on the board are sisters Natalie and Carole Cole.

Casey and Timolin live in Boca Raton and Al and Nancy Malnik in nearby Ocean Ridge, and that's how I came to be invited at the behest of Madelyn Savarick, who is an early supporter of the Foundation that provides assistance to musical programs in schools in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

Madelyn and Maria to go way back, to the early 1960s, when they knew each other in Los Angeles. Madelyn knew the Cole twins as toddlers. Now they are striking, statuesque, beautiful women with children of their own.

Maria Cole is also a stately, elegant woman, tall, imperially slim and straight

of posture. She added a regal presence to the black-and-white themed festivities.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Irie, and award-winning composer-songwriter Dennis Lambert, now a Boca resident and a nominee for a Grammy Award for his film, "Of All the Things." Also performing were R&B singer Melanie Fiona, original Dreamgirl Sheryl Lee Ralph, and producer-songwriter Siedah Garrett. Also on hand were fashion designer Rubin Singer and Palm Beach artist Bruce Helander, sporting a pink derby in defiance of the monochromatic color scheme. Oh, it was so very South Beach.

One thing I can say for sure: that Al Malnik really knows how to throw a party.

Malnik is the founder and owner of the famous Forge Restaurant in Miami Beach.

Malnik allowed his ultra-stylish res-