Chocolate for Gogos' cause

Tasting event will help African grandmothers

Chocoholics are invited to chow down on the sweet treat and raise funds to support struggling families in Africa.

Coquitlam Gogos are hosting a chocolate tasting party to celebrate International Women's Day March 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Outlet in Port Coquitlam's Leigh Square. Funds raised will go to support the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Tickets cost \$20 and the event includes chocolate eating lessons and dessert, chocolate sales, a live auction and an artisan marketplace.

The Outlet will be the festive, art-filled location for the Coquitlam Gogos' launch of what is planned as an ongoing series of chocolate pairing and chocolate tasting events. Anyone interested in hosting a chocolate tasting home party with proceeds to the Grandmothers Campaign can contact Coquitlam Gogos for details.

"It's the perfect way to celebrate International Women's Day," Coquitlam Gogos cochair Pam Palmer said in a press release. "We're excited to offer this new event to all our wonderful supporters, and to anyone who loves chocolate."

The Co-operators and the Ted Leung Agency of Coquitlam are helping sponsor the event, which will include a tasting of gourmet chocolate led by expert Linda Baker. She'll offer some surprising facts about chocolate and how it's grown and made, plus desserts and coffee and tea service. Chocolate will also be available to purchase.

Fred Soofi, of Pasta Polo, has donated the desserts.

For information about Greater Vancouver Gogos, visit www.greatervangogos.org, which links to the Grandmothers Campaign website.

To reserve tickets for this event, call Wendy at 604-939-5216 or email coquitlamgogos@gmail. com.

To join the Coquitlam Gogos, or for more information on hosting a chocolate tasting party, call Pam at 604-469-0265 or email coquitlamgogos@gmail.com.



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Pam Palmer, co-chair, Coquitlam Gogos, and Linda Baker, Gogos member and chocolate presenter.