



1. Michelle O'Neill and Giles Hurley. 2. Noreen Gallagher. 3. Bernadette Parte and Carol McGrath. 4. Sharon Swan and Harold Solomons. 5. Aisling Ryan, Jason Berry, Catherine Walsh, Grattan Boylan and Catherine Forrest. 6. Kate Magennis. 7. Linda Sharma and Libby Garvey.

ALL THAT JAZZ

THE ROARING TWENTIES RETURN AT THE GREAT GATSBY BALL

It wasn't quite East Egg but still, we think F Scott Fitzgerald would have approved of The Shelbourne, with its ever-so-slightly louche charm, as the setting for The Great Gatsby Ball in aid of educational charity Educo. The committee, which included founder **GRATTAN BOYLAN**, had worked on the event over five months and guests, it appeared, had put just as much thought into their ensembles. Would-be Daisy Buchanans, in particular, embraced the 1920s theme - there was enough fur, lace, pearls and paste to bring a tear to a flapper's eye - and even the chaps looked rather dashing, many in white tie. A jazz band set the tone at the champagne reception, with a pre-dinner Charleston performance by dance troupe Rhythm further entertaining the lively thirtysomething crowd. As well as Educo faithfuls like businessman **JAMES LENEHAN**,



KIERAN MURPHY of sponsors Kuvera and Deputy British Ambassador **ANDY HEYN** and his wife **JANE**, the event was also attended by newly appointed Indian Ambassador to Ireland, **HE PS RAGHAVAN**, in recognition of the charity's work with street children in Mumbai (the €100,000 target reached on the evening went directly to building the third Educo school there). RTE's **SHEANA KEANE**, there with husband **JONNO FORREST**, was MC for the evening and had the pleasure of telling **JESSICA** and **AL MC CORMACK** that, against stiff competition, they had scooped the award for Best Dressed Couple. A lively dinner was rounded off by an auction, where a trip to St Petersburg and a diamond necklace were among the lots up for grabs. By the end of the evening, the dancefloor was heaving to the sounds of self-styled 'supergroup' Springbreak, who played a roll-call of 1980s classics - not quite Gatsby's era, but we don't think he'd have objected. He liked a good party after all ...



8. Victoria Balaguer and Caroline Harrison. 9. Julie Carroll and Breda McEnaney. 10. Darina Sexton. 11. Maurice McCarron. 12. Deirdre Clerkin and Irene O'Gorman. 13. Vittoria Colonna and Rachel Lysaght. 14. Roisin Hanley and Claire Duggan. 15. Liz Walsh and Farrah Tayob.