



## FUND-RAISER JAMS WITH ISLANDFEST THEME

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Denver Active 20 / 30 kicked off its annual winter fund-raiser earlier this month with an event called Islandfest.

A winter fund-raiser in June? Well, there's a reason: Tom Davenport, past president of the nonprofit men's organization and a current board member, was celebrating the grand opening of The Island, a new party venue at Parker Road and East Iliff Avenue, so the organization figured it would use the occasion to bring the tropics to Denver.

"It was such a huge success," said Steve Christopherson, current president of Denver Active 20 / 30. "We will definitely have another one."

The second annual event probably will be in February, a more logical month for a winter fund-raiser. Rest assured it will be at The Island, which has more than 10,000 tons of sand, live palm trees, banana plants, ferns, vines, Guatemalan hammocks and Adirondack chairs. Organizers hope this will be a popular location for the crowd that would rather be sunning than skiing.

More than 1,500 people showed up for the first Islandfest, playing volleyball and dancing the night away to Buster Soul and the Funkbrothers and The Healers. The result was \$10,000 for children's charities such as Denver Kids, I Have a Dream Foundation, Tennyson Center and the Young Fathers Program.

Among the lovers of the tropics were KMGH-Channel 7 anchor Ron Allen, David Wray, Dean Stevinson, Richard Oneslager, Mark Herzfeld, David Barnes, Jack Fox, Victor DiLeo, Greg Sauber and Todd McIntosh.