

Charles River Conservancy gala for Renata von Tscharnner's retirement

Annenberg Hall of Harvard University is famous for Hogwarts-esque architecture, but on Saturday, June 2, it wasn't Harry on his broomstick flying through the air, but a puppet of Renata von Tscharnner, founder of the Charles River Conservancy, on her bicycle in her signature yellow jacket.

The 19th-century wooden space hosted over 300 friends, family, and parkland supporters attending the Conservancy's Ribbon of Blue, Ribbon of Green gala marking von Tscharnner's retirement and the inauguration of the new executive director, Laura Jasinski. The celebration honored von Tscharnner's 18 years of leadership and accomplishments, and rallied support for the future of the organization.

Since its founding in 2000, the non-profit has distinguished itself through innovation and advocacy. In addition to the CRC's volunteer program, which enlists more than 2,000 landscaping volunteers annually, the organization is known for converting a brownfield under a highway into the Lynch Family Skatepark in North Point Park, and co-founding "RiverSing" with Revels, an annual musical celebration of the autumnal equinox.

Mirroring the organization's inventive track record, the event program was unique and whimsical, with various artistic elements woven into the evening. Guests could meet and take pictures with Sariel the Charles River mermaid during the reception before a procession of large blue and green banners led guest into Annenberg Hall. After dinner and the program, guests got out of their seats for participatory singing and dancing led by Revels and the Elixir band. "It was a beautiful night in a picturesque location," said C.A. Webb, president of the Kendall Square Association. "The Ribbon of Blue, Ribbon of Green gala was definitely one of the most memorable events I have attended."

Boston City councilor Michelle Wu served as MC.

"I was honored to be a part of this amazing celebration and farewell to Renata," said Wu. "I have treasured my connection to the Conservancy, from serving on the board to joining the exhilarating Charles River swim day. Thanks to Renata's and now Laura's leadership along

with countless volunteers and supporters, we will continue to see activation and access along the beautiful Charles River for generations to come."

DCR Commissioner Leo Roy also attended and spoke about the importance of the partnership between the Conservancy and the State.

The gala program also honored the urban river swimming success of Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo with the presentation of The Urban River Champion Award. French Consul Valéry Freland accepted the award on her behalf. The award recognized her innovative work launching urban river swimming in the Bassin de la Villette that flows into the river Seine, which serves as a major inspiration for the Conservancy's urban swimming work.

Returning swimming to the Charles River has remained a central goal for Renata since founding

the organization. To build community support, the Conservancy began hosting an annual sanctioned river swim, called "City Splash," five years ago. With expert analysis from a feasibility study conducted by Stantec, the group selected a site in North Point Park to pursue building a permanent swimming facility. A master swimmer herself, Jasinski is excited to advance plans for the swim park. She participated in the One Mile Swim put on by the Charles River Swimming Club in the river the same morning of the gala.

The event raised over \$800,000 for the future of the Charles River Conservancy and their mission to make the urban riverfront parks more active, attractive and accessible. Laura Jasinski has over 10 years of experience in the creation and activation of urban open space and will carry on the Conservancy's efforts through

programming, advocacy, volunteer engagement, the arts and partnerships. If you missed the event and still would like to make a contribution for the future of the Charles River Conservancy, you

can donate at www.thecharles.org.

Video and photographs from the event can be found on the Conservancy's website at www.thecharles.org/get-involved/gala/.



Jackie O' Neill (recently retired Marshall of Harvard University) and Kathleen McDermott (known for her imaginative head dresses).



John Corey and Miguel Rosales, who has worked on several bridges over the Charles River.



Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu, who served as the event's MC, handed Renata von Tscharnner an Official City Resolution declaring June 2nd Renata von Tscharnner Day.



Linda Lerner and Jonathan Rotenberg.



Catherine Donaher, a founding board member of the CRC, and Laura Jasinski, CRC's new executive director.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION APRIL - DECEMBER 2018

CITY of BOSTON
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

Blue indicates Leaf & Yard Waste Collection
Red indicates Household Hazardous Waste Collection - see locations below

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Christmas tree collection: JAN 7-18, 2019

7AM CURBSIDE ON YOUR RECYCLING DAY!! BAG, BARREL OR TIE

DO PLACE leaves and yard debris in large paper bags or open barrels labeled YARD WASTE
TIE branches with string: 3' max. length, 1" max. diameter
PLACE barrels, bags and branches curbside by 7:00 AM

DON'T NO PLASTIC BAGS
DO NOT PUT BRANCHES IN BARRELS

NOTE • Have 2 recycling days/week. COLLECTION IS ON THE FIRST RECYCLING DAY of the week.
• Leaf and yard waste WILL NOT BE COLLECTED curbside on non-collection weeks.

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Open 9am-2pm

June 9	UMass Boston 200 Mount Vernon St.
July 21	West Roxbury DPW 315 Gardner St.
Aug 18	West Roxbury DPW 315 Gardner St.
Oct 27	Central DPW Facility 400 Frontage Rd.

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