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Coronation fans meet Becky and Sean, Chat Roulette's only for brave

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AS A YOUNG British boy, I learned everything I needed to know from the Street. I wasn't a child runaway, or a cockney pickpocket; I just mean that we all watched the weekly happenings on the TV drama Coronation Street.

Last week, I was as happy as a regular in the Rover's Return pub to get to meet two of the most popular stars of the perennial TV soap, Katherine Kelly (Becky) and Antony Cotton (Sean).

Hundreds of "Streeters" packed the Schooner Showroom at Casino Nova Scotia for an insiders' look at life on the cobblestones. We were thoroughly entertained by hearing about life in front of the camera and behind-the-scenes on this iconic TV show, now celebrating its 50th year. There were even a couple of spoilers (as the U.K. is nine months ahead) that fired up the fanatics.

Those who had splashed out on the VIP tickets were then afforded the chance of posing for a photo with the stars.

What I know about fashion you could fit onto a postage stamp, but that did not stop me from accepting the invitation to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the style blog Fashionable People, Questionable Things. The party was full of those who love fashion and they had taken over the styling restaurant/bar Mosaic, on Halifax's Argyle Street.

The cocktails were flowing fast as the budding Carrie Bradshaws celebrated the blog's first year under the watch of Allison MacLellan Garber and Lesley-Anne Steeleworthy.

They had cake, they had balloons, but most importantly, they all had very expensive and impressive shoes. These folks love shoes. They even have a Shoe Porn feature on their blog, where readers can send in sexy and sensational photos of

their own footwear. It all sounds positively subversive. Check it out at fashionablepeople.wordpress.com.

Speaking of subversive, I wonder if you've heard of the latest thing on the Internet. Move over Facebook. Who even remembers MySpace?

Chat Roulette is not for the faint of heart, but it's what young folks are up to in their



Neptune's artistic director George Pothitos celebrates Peter Pan with cast members Heidi Ford (Tiger Lily) and Jeff Schwager (Smeek).



Comedians Bill Wood and Andrew Bush entice you to try Chat Roulette with them.

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bedrooms and dorm rooms across the globe. It's a game where you log on to the site and are linked to another player for a totally random video chat.

Be warned, people: Chat Roulette is not for those easily offended. Go on the site and you'll see things that would make Pamela Anderson blush. That doesn't stop Halifax comedians Andrew Bush and Bill Wood taking an audience at Jokers' Comedy Club on Spring Garden Road in Halifax on a comedic and very live trip through the site on Wednesday evenings.

Their sketches and comedy involve real people connected by video hook-up who don't know that they are being watched by an audience.

The boys even drafted actress Cheryl Hann to assist with the borderline entrapment, catching dudes from across the Atlantic who thought they were talking to a sweet young thing. It's cruel, but it's funny.

Neptune Theatre is helping people believe that boys can fly and fairies do exist with their season-closing musical, Peter Pan. I had a blast at the opening night party last week, but declined the cast's invite to join them on a Party Pan Bus. The actors and crew piled into a giant stretch limo and cruised the streets of downtown Halifax after the official party, perhaps looking for the Lost Boys.

The show runs until the end of May and is worth seeing for the flying, for Keith Savage's delicious Captain Hook and the sheer energy of the cast.

Invite Off the Leash to party with you at offtheleash@herald.ca, or catch up with Jeremy Webb at www.offtheleash.ca or on Facebook at Off the Leash – Chronicle Herald.

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