

Guests mingled at a 1930s Great Depression theme party in the Belvedere palace outside Berlin this past weekend. Dressed in the haughty salon fashion of the 1920s and '30s, some 500 guests danced to Charleston and Foxtrott in the 19th century Italian style castle.



Dress like a
Star

Earthly hues

Looking sharp in black and tan, actress Scarlett Johansson allows her curves to take the lead in a slender tank dress during a presentation of *Iron Man 2* at the annual Comic Con conference in California.

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1. Add some edge with the Goldmine Ring, about \$26 at Urban Outfitters.

2. Buckle up with this waist-slimming belt, \$15 at Dynamite.

3. Meow! The Naomi Wristlet Wallet (\$10.99 at Payless) brings your animal side out to play.

4. Sexy sophistication, gals on the move can't go wrong with a classic shift dress. Find this one at oldnavy.com. US\$29.50.

5. Metallic python meets velvety suede in this T-strap pump packed with four-inches of daring heel. \$130 from Guess.

6. Are you blushing? The natural colour of TruBlend MicroMinerals Blush from CoverGirl (\$13.99) gives cheeks the perfect flirty hue.

When it comes to bras, size matters

Fashion articles and wardrobe styling shows constantly urge women to have their bra size professionally fitted while breathlessly announcing, "80% of women are wearing the wrong bra size".

I was reluctant to get properly measured — a friend had once been traumatized by an overly handsy fitter — and I wasn't keen to be felt up. Just the same, I was beginning to suspect that my band size was too small and started seeing little telltale back-fat bulges in the mirror. Not exactly a smooth line under clothing!

I had been wearing the same bra size since my early 20s and now in

my mid-30s I had slowly gone up two dress sizes, but it just hadn't occurred to me that my bra size might have changed too. While I adore shopping, I also adore saving time and bra shopping is not fun or quick shopping. It was time to get some help.

My concerns about possible inappropriate touching were dismissed immediately. The fitter at the department store walked me to the change room and simply asked me to take off my top in order to show her what I looked like in my current bra. I told her what size I was wearing, she glanced at my chest and briskly

announced that along with going up a band size, I also needed to go up a cup size!

She brought me a few to try, and she was dead on. Once I tried the proper size, I wasn't sure why I thought my old one was okay. I ended up trying and buying several perfectly shaped bras that afternoon. Rather than being a dreary chore, trying bras that fit was actually fun.

I went home smiling — I was a buxom C cup now! The flat-chested 14 year old in me was delighted.

It's easy to get stuck in an idea of yourself and forget to see what you actually look like until someone

tells you. For example, my husband had no trouble with my C-cup news, quipping, "I could have told you that!"

— Heather Hewer, special to 24 HOURS

