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**ZUCKERFEST:** Chicago window washing czar Neal Zucker knows how to throw a party — and his 45th birthday bash Friday at Macy’s Walnut Room was no exception. From the multiple Marshall Field’s-esque signature emerald green accents to the classic Walnut Room menu (including Field’s famous chicken pot pie and Frango mint dessert), Zucker said the evening was both a tribute “to all those memories we had coming here as kids, but also a way to look forward” — showcased by some very contemporary acrobatics from “Hephaestus” aerial artists and music from the Cover Girls violinists.

Looking out over the Chicago Who’s Who, Mgsr. Ken Velo jokingly envisioned a church setting, quipping, “Seeing all of you here, I wish I could take up a collection.”

Among the 300-plus “FONZ” (Friends of Neal Zucker) spied toasting their pal with Neal’s family were Mayor, Maggie and Patrick Daley; Nora and Sean Conroy; Bill Bartholomay; Kathy Brock; Valerie Jarrett; Leslie Hindman; Ron Huberman; Juanita Jordan; Linda Johnson Rice; M.K. and J.B. Pritzker; Desiree and John Rogers, Lisa Madigan, and Art Smith.