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# CHILLS, THRILLS AT BAKER BASH

It was all chills and no frills at **Charlie Baker's** inaugural ball last night at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The non-black-tie "Let's Be Great" party celebrated the 72nd governor of our fine commonwealth. About 3,000 guests braved the unspeakably frigid weather to see and be seen at the soiree.

About 500 VIPs attended a reception where Baker addressed some of his biggest supporters — and where New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie** made an appearance.

Sworn in earlier in the day, Baker looked dapper with his wife, **Lauren**, by his side.



If you weren't among the power-playing donors, schmoozing politicians or Hill hopfuls rubbing elbows with all the right people, the highlight of your night was probably the entertainment.

Local performances from dance troupes, bands and singers added much-needed flavor and excitement to the bland venue (note to planners: save the

pink lighting for a **Madonna** theme party).

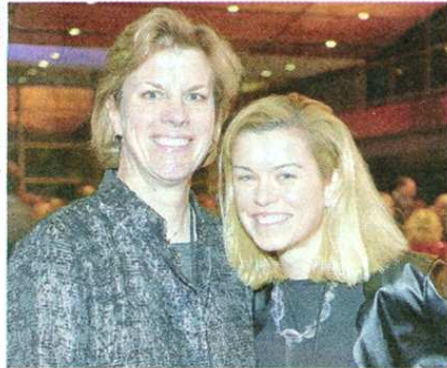
Aside from the light (read: almost nonexistent) bites, the Baker-Polito Inaugural Committee hosted a pretty darn cool party — again, thanks to live bagpipers, a Cambodian dance troupe, a Dominican Carnival group, step dancers, masquerade and jazz performers and more.

Local socials on site included: **Yolanda and Danny Celucci, Ted Cutler, Marlo Fogelman, Don Rodman, Collette Clifford, Caroline Humphrey, Christian Clifford, Pam and John Humphrey, Erin Duggan Lynch, Isaac Garcia-Dale and Shellee Mendes.**

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**Jennifer Street, left, of Newton and Erin Duggan of Milton celebrate the inaugural bash, where former Gov. William F. Weld, below, also mingled with partygoers.**



**Newly sworn-in Gov. Charlie Baker, top right, chats with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, and, above, dances with new first lady Lauren Baker, at Baker's inaugural party at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center yesterday. At left, Christian Clifford, left, Collette Clifford and Caroline Humphrey also enjoy the gala.**

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