

Talking robot hypes haute couture

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If you want someone to talk about fashions of the world, get a commentator that's out of this world. That's just what fashion show producer Leah Marks did for the recent Glamorama event for City of Hope Helen Rosenberg Cancer Fighters. Unique in America, City of Hope was begun 70 years ago in two tents in California and is today one of the most respected research and medical centers in the world dealing in catastrophic diseases. Some 450 donors shopped at glamorous boutiques, lunched on chicken salad in fresh picn-

pic, and then viewed the latest in fashions for sizes 4-22.

Marks, who says producing looks like fun but is "darned hard work" coordinated the building of a special stage and a wide spectrum of arrangements.

"But the robot was the most special thing," the Israeli-born Marks said. "I saw it at a bar mitzvah and I thought it was a great idea — a robot rather than a commentator. It's a first in Detroit."

"THERE'S a man backstage who controls him from behind the curtain with a button," she said. Few in the audience were aware that the show

would begin with a high tech, talking robot, dressed in a swirly cape. Their reaction justified Marks' effort.

The nameless robot drew as much adulation as any of the high fashion frocks that followed him onto the stage.

Four Oakland County entrepreneurs interpreted what the well dressed woman will wear as 1983 wanes. Fashions were from Bettina, Special Lady, Bricker-Tunks Furs, and Leopards Inc.

Models were coliffed by Joseph of the Dior Salon and transportation was by Harper Limousines.

A number of door prizes from area merchants were awarded by City of Hope. Ida Golden was Glamorama chairman.

Bonnie Suder choreographed the fast-paced show which featured body suits, leotards, sweaters, jump suits, dresses, suits and furs.

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