



The

# Women's Auxiliary

of Nexus



## "An Evening with Groucho" April 24



Angela Gordon, host, Cheryl Brown, Chairman, and Chef Holly Gordon at Angela's Bistro 51

The excitement is building! The Women's Auxiliary of Nexus fundraiser "An Evening with Groucho," presented by Tenet Healthcare Foundation, is set for Monday, April 24th at the Dallas Country Club at 6:15pm. The event, sure to be a showstopper, is being chaired by Cheryl Brown.



In order to build the excitement Cheryl put together a series of fun events starting in November with the announcement party at Angela's Bistro 51. In December auxiliary members and friends gathered at Jones Walker to view the beautiful Carnegie leather chair partners Max Jones and Tony Walker have generously donated for the raffle. The Catalina Room hosted a dinner party in January to celebrate the gift from the Tenet Healthcare Foundation. Also in January, Fossee's Shoes hosted an event to publicly announce the sponsorship from the foundation. All of these events have been leading up to the main event, which is coming to the Dallas Country Club on the 24th of April.



Max Jones, Partner, artist and host, Cheryl Brown, Chairman, Tony Walker, Partner

During the evening in April guests can choose from dinner and cocktails prior to the performance, or the performance and cocktails. They will be treated to the hilarious antics of comedian Frank Ferrante with his rendition of the famed Groucho Marx. Frank Ferrante is an actor, director and playwright described by The New York Times as "the greatest living interpreter of Groucho Marx's material." "Animal Crackers" and "A Night at the Opera" co-author Morrie Ryskind called him "the only actor aside from Groucho who delivered my lines as they were intended."



Cindy Urbanowicz, L.R. Deere host, The Catalina Room, Cheryl Brown, Chairman, Peter Urbanowicz, Tenet Healthcare

Discovered by Groucho's son Arthur, Frank originated the off-Broadway title role in "Groucho: A Life in Revue" (written by Arthur) portraying the comedian from age 15 to 85. For this role, Frank won the 1987 New York Theatre World Award and was nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award. He reprised the role in London's West End and was nominated for the Laurence Olivier Award for 'Comedy Performance of the Year.' Frank played the Groucho role in the off-Broadway revival of "The Cocoanuts" and has played Captain Spalding in several productions of "Animal Crackers" winning a Connecticut Critics Circle Award for his portrayal at Goodspeed and a Helen Hayes nomination in Washington D.C. at Arena Stage. This past year, Frank also starred in, directed and produced the national PBS television program "Groucho: A Life in Revue."



Cindy Urbanowicz, Carolyn Waghorne, and Diane Sealy at Fossee's Designer Shoes

Tables for 10 range from \$1,750.00 to \$25,000.00. Without dinner, guests may pay \$125.00 per person. For further information and to make reservations call Cheryl Brown at 214-729-5048.

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# *Mark your Calendar with these Upcoming Events:*

## *“An Evening with Groucho” - April 24, 2006*

Cheryl Brown, Chairman

Members can help increase the success of the event by selling raffle tickets, which are only \$5.00 each. Contact Cheryl Brown, 214.729.5048 to make arrangements to get the tickets to sell.

## *Annual Meeting and Luncheon - May, 2006*

At the home of Diane Sealy

## *Westapher Golf Charity - October 9, 2006*

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Kathy Donovan and Farrow Gregory Herold enjoy the membership tea in September.

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# News from the Auxiliary

## Membership Tea

Many thanks to Mrs. **Patrick W. (Carol) Tolbert** for hosting the annual new members tea in September. **Elizabeth Newbury** and **Carol Maxwell** were the event co-chairs.



Carol Tolbert and Diane Sealy



Elizabeth Newbury and Carol Maxwell

## Halloween Party

Volunteer Programs Chair **Beverly Barry** organized the annual Halloween party for the Nexus kids and their moms on October 31st. Volunteers **Carol Botefuhr**, **Farrow Gregory Herold**, **Darlene LaBar**, **Kathey Roberts**, and **Connie Smith**, made sure the kids had plenty to eat and plenty to do! Kids and moms enjoyed paint a pumpkin, beanbag toss, story time, temporary tattoos, and make a ghost.



## Holiday Tea and Market

Neither sleet, nor snow ... can stop the Women's Auxiliary from producing an incredible Holiday Tea and Market, which was held December 8th - one of the few icy days Dallas has had this year. We extend a heartfelt thanks to **Barbara Crow**, who hosted the event and who came up with many last minute preparations, including enclosing her back porch, to accommodate the weather. Auxiliary members attending the tea brought gifts for women and their children who are in residence at Nexus during the holiday season. New this year, members also had the oppor-

tunity to donate money so that "the elves" could go shopping for gifts. Approximately \$3,000 was collected for purchasing gifts, and the donated items were valued at \$1,800. The market featured unique gifts from local merchants, just in time for the holiday



Renee Farren, Barbara Crow and Tricia Stammberger



Betsy Whitson and Diane Sealy

season. Proceeds from the market (more than \$4,500) support treatment programs at Nexus.

Approximately ten vendors braved the storm and more than twenty-five volunteers set up, brought food, worked the event and cleaned up afterwards. There names are too numerous to list here, but

please know that co-chairs **Renée Farren** and **Tricia Stammberger** could not have done it without you! Special thanks to **Windy Shaw** of **Morgen Chocolate** ([www.morgenchocolate.com](http://www.morgenchocolate.com)), photographer **Alissa Porter**, and **Aztec World Promotions** ([www.aztecworld.com](http://www.aztecworld.com)) for donating the aprons.



Ann Dyer and Lurline Morrow

## Christmas Party

Volunteers from the Women's Auxiliary made sure that Santa stopped off to see the children at Nexus again this year. There was also a special visit from Mrs. Claus. Volunteers **Beverly Barry**, **Pat Granowski**, **Francy Renz**, and **Carolyn Waghorne** helped the moms and kids make tree ornaments, decorate Christmas cookies, and



make frames for a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. **The next party is Monday April 10 from 3:30 to 4:30pm for Easter. To volunteer call Beverly Barry, (214) 351-2496.**

# Share Your Talents

As a member of the Auxiliary, you can make a difference in the lives of women and children healing from the devastating effects of addiction. There are numerous opportunities to help out. Volunteers who help out on a regular basis are carefully screened and interviewed to determine the best match between the volunteer and the project. For more information contact Volunteer Chair Beverly Barry at (214) 351-2496 or via email at: kebebarry@sbcglobal.net

- Accounting Assistant:**  
The business office needs help with a fixed assets accounting project. This is the perfect volunteer job for an accounting student.
- Admissions Department Helper:**  
The admissions department needs help once a week with filing and making copies.
- Business Office Assistant:**  
The business office needs help once a week with general office duties including filing.
- Classroom Helpers:**  
One to two volunteers are needed per week to help out the DISD teachers in the Adolescent classroom. Volunteers can spend anywhere from one to three hours assisting with individual tutoring and special projects.
- Document Imaging Assistants:**  
Help is needed scanning medical records in the admissions department. One to two volunteers needed once or twice a week, three to four hours at a time. Training will be provided.
- Holiday Parties:**  
Each year the Women's Auxiliary provides a Halloween, Christmas and Easter Party for the children at Nexus. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks, create craft activities, read stories, and purchase goodie bag items.
- Mentors for Teenage Girls:**  
Volunteers needed to provide monthly activities and emotional support. Orientation and training provided. Volunteers must be females over 21. A one-year commitment required. 10 to 15 volunteers needed.
- Outpatient Donations:**  
Each counselor has drawings once a week for "client of the week", perfect attendance awards, punctuality awards, etc. They would love things like toiletry items, journals, meditation books, gift certificates (like for groceries, gas, Target), movie passes, toys and books for small children. The counselors have also requested 12-Step posters; donations of Big Books to both give clients and keep in their group rooms and S.T.E.P. Parenting books for the counselors.
- Outpatient Parties:**  
Volunteers are needed to help with parties, such as decorating the group room and providing some food for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. At Christmas time the counselors could use help before the day of the party wrapping the kids' and clients' gifts, which are received through donations from the Women's Auxiliary Christmas Tea.
- Outpatient Monthly Celebrations:**  
The four outpatient counselors have requested cakes for their groups on a monthly basis for birthdays, celebrations, graduations, etc.
- Parkland Partner:**  
One to two volunteers per week needed to accompany new clients to Parkland. Transportation will be provided by the Nexus van. Volunteers are needed in both the mornings and afternoons and will need to allow for up to four hours of their time.