

Dear Auxiliary Members,

It has been a great year with lots of activities.

On **October 8th** we met at the estate of **Roxanne Phillips** for our membership tea, chaired by **Chari Singleton** and **Diane Sealy**. Then on **December 3rd** we gathered in the lovely home of **Dee Wylly** for our **Christmas tea**, chaired by **Carol Calder**. Gifts valued at \$9,000 were presented to the women and children of Nexus. Thanks to all the members who brought Christmas gifts to the tea. The view was spectacular as they filled the hall and staircase in Dee's home. The women and children of Nexus had a wonderful visit from Santa Claus because of your generosity.

Our fundraiser this year was held on **May 18** at the **Dallas Country Club**. We honored one of the key founders of the Auxiliary, **Wylodean Saxon**, with a special tribute. Our hearts were saddened this year with the loss of this beautiful, courageous woman and we chose to celebrate her love and contributions to Nexus. **Peggy and Jere Thompson** were the Honorary Chairs for this event -- another couple who has done so much for Nexus over the years.

The luncheon was a fabulous success! Many thanks to **Diane Sealy** and **Tricia Stammberger**, as well as to their committee for making it all possible. The **Auxiliary** was able to donate **\$140,000.00** to Nexus this year. The board approved the money to continue to fund the Medical Director, **Dr. Lenae White**, as well as costs associated with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and partial funding for a Psychiatric Fellow from the **University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**. We were also able to contribute to the client care fund again this year.



Caryl Madison stands next to the photo of Wylodean Saxon in the entrance of the Dallas Country Club.

It has indeed been a year of rejuvenation; strategically we have some long-term plans for the future. Many heartfelt thanks to all the Board members this year -- the best ever! I appreciate you so much. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be the president of the Women's Auxiliary this year. I leave you in the capable hands of **Roxiann Woody** who will serve you as president next year. To all the members of the Auxiliary, I wish you a safe and happy summer.

With sincere thanks,

Caryl Madison
President

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Mark your Calendar with these Upcoming Events:

The Fall Membership Tea

Tuesday, September 28, 2004
at the home of
Mrs. Gene E. Phillips
10300 Gaywood Road
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Roxanne Phillips, Chairman

Christmas Open House - December, 2004

Linda Claycomb, Chairman

Annual Fundraiser - Spring, 2005

Patti Flowers, Chairman

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - May, 2005

Susanne Marley and Karen Cheetham, Chairmen

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"The Miracle of Recovery" Luncheon

The **Women's Auxiliary of Nexus Annual Luncheon** honoring the memory of **Wylodean Saxon** was held at the **Dallas Country Club** on **May 18**. Honorary Chairs, **Peggy and Jere Thompson**, have been dedicated supporters of Nexus for many years. Peggy was one of the founding members of the Women's Auxiliary and also served as President. **Rena Pederson**, the Mistress of Ceremonies and noted author and newspaper columnist, introduced entertainer **Larry Gatlin**. Larry, a personal friend of the Saxon family, flew in for the day to honor his long time friend.



Bill Saxon visits with luncheon attendees, Caroline Rose Hunt (right) and guest.

The invocation was delivered by **Dr. Don R. Benton**, retired pastor of the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. A brief business meeting was called and officers for 2004-2005 were elected. Following this, Peggy Thompson acknowledged the underwriting sponsors. A room full of Wylodean's close friends and family watched a moving video honoring Wylodean's work on behalf of Nexus. Afterwards, Wylodean's son **Steve Saxon** introduced his family and delivered a heartfelt tribute to his mother. He then presented the **Wylodean Saxon Endowment Fund** to Nexus.



Larry Gatlin spoke of his friendship with Wylodean and performed as a tribute to her.

Larry Gatlin entertained the crowd with music and jokes. Rudy, his brother, was brought up on the stage and entered into the fun. Familiar with many of the attendees, they incorporated members of the audience into the merriment. Special recipients of their good-natured joking were **Fin Ewing** and **Joe Hagggar, Jr.** Larry and Rudy also shared their recovery stories.

Special congratulations for an outstanding job to **Diane Sealy** and **Tricia Stammerger** and their committee members including: **Tomye Blair, Carol Botefuhr, Lora Brandis, Karen Cheetham, Ann Diamond, Renée Farren, Joy Gissler, Kathy Howard, Barbara Jones, Caryl Madison, Susanne Marley, Carol Maxwell, Fran McNulty, Barbara Munford, Barbara Nesbitt, Elizabeth Newbury, Karen Otto, Mary Katherine Rawlins, Sherry Ray, Chari Singleton and Roxiann Woody**. The Auxiliary would like to also thank **Perry Henderson** for his Herculean

efforts in procuring vendors and products to create the most fantastic gift bags ever!

The Women's Auxiliary of Nexus would like to thank the following people and organizations for their generous underwriting of the annual Nexus Luncheon Fundraiser. Thanks to their commitment, both now and in the future, Nexus will be able to continue to provide effective recovery programs.

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A Day of Beauty & Encouragement for Women

Indigent women addicts experience inner transformation every day at Nexus Recovery Center. On Monday June 21st they had the chance to experience an outer transformation as well, thanks to the teamwork of Perry Henderson Salon and Watermark Community Church.



Diane Sealy and Perry Henderson discuss styles with a Nexus client.

Paul Schmidh, an associate stylist with Perry Henderson, came up with the idea while helping Perry and Auxiliary member Diane Sealy assemble gift bags for guests at the annual luncheon fundraiser. Paul wanted to do something tangible for the residential clients at Nexus and knew that his church was very community-oriented so he thought it would be a good match.



Stylists prepare for a busy day.

And it was! More than 40 volunteers gathered in the Park Central II building recently purchased by Watermark. They haven't started the renovation project yet, so for one day only portions of the building were transformed into a mini-spa just for the residents of Nexus. Temporary sinks were installed in what was once a kitchen for the building and Nexus clients had the opportunity to have their hair cut, colored and styled; receive manicures, facials, massages and make-up; take a self-defense class; and meet with health and nutrition specialists.



Before and after pictures capture the transformation.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this day of pampering possible. It was a relaxing day-off from group therapy, parenting classes and life skills training. It was a wonderful opportunity for women struggling with the devastating



Paul Schmidh consults with a client on hairstyle.

effects of substance abuse to experience the love and care of a giving community. Thank you all so much.

Hair Stylists

Paul Schmidh
 Perry Henderson
 Scott Schmidh
 Richard Florez
 Darrin Davis
 Shannon Leslie
 Bob Hildi
 Bernie Diamond
 Jan Garza
 Janet Boyd
 James May
 Alexander Antonio
 Mike Mandly
 Mike Murphy
 Jenny Miller
 Deborah Thiessen
 Chris Bailey
 Velma B's Beauty School

Salon

Perry Henderson Salon/Watermark Member
 Perry Henderson Salon
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 Perry Henderson Salon
 The Workshop
 Osgood O'Neil
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 Watermark Member



Preparing the color.



Volunteers help with color selection.

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Stylist Deborah Thiessen begins the process.

Make-up

Jacquey Muhleisen, The Workshop

Manicurists

Tony Delia, Perry Henderson Salon
Sandy Van Nest, Van Nest Coleman
Velma B's Beauty School

Facials

Stephanie Schmidth



Clients learn self defense skills from Navy Seal Clint Bruce.



Self-Defense

Clint Bruce, Watermark Member

Nurse Practitioners

Ann Packard
Kathi Harvey

Suppliers

Van Nest Coleman (Kevin Van Nest) - sinks, shampoo chairs, capes, facial products, towels, etc.

Kerastase - Hair products for day of event and Gift Bags for Nexus and Stylists

Tocco Magico - Hair color for day of event

Elizabeth Showers - Earrings for goody bags

Starbucks Store #6390 Abrams & Royal - Manager Polly Rivera

Chipotle Store #0314 Forest & 75

Volunteers

Nicole Allen

Susanne Marley

Audrey Moorehead

Diane Sealy

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Clients head back to Nexus thankful for the generosity of so many volunteers.

Nexus Recovery Center Children's Christmas Party



Diane Sealy, Roxiann Woody and Bev Milne provided a Christmas party for Nexus children.

On **December 13, 2003** sixteen children, ages 5-12, were treated to a **Christmas party**. **Diane Sealy, Jan Showers** and **Roxiann Woody**, volunteers from the Nexus Women's Auxiliary hosted the party.

The children demonstrated their artistic talent by painting and decorating wooden picture frames as a Christmas gift for their Moms. Santa made a surprise visit bringing much excitement and many smiles. Children had their picture taken with Santa to place in their picture frame. After their photo session, Santa handed out gift bags containing a Christmas musical necklace, holiday pencil, game book, and decorated Christmas cookie. All of the painting, decorating and posing with Santa worked up some appetites so refreshments of cookies, cupcakes, cheese and fruit, candy canes and fruit punch were served.

We all agreed that the volunteers had just as much fun as the kids--maybe more! There was also a consensus that this needed to be an annual event. Special thanks go to the Nexus Recovery Center staff: Director of Children's Services **Kimberly Howard, April Washington, Tasha Curlin, Tiffany Hodges, Keysha McCloud**, and **Kathy Lucas** for assisting with the event and to **Jim Boyd** for being a great Santa.

Hopping Along the Bunny Trail!

The **Easter Bunny** came a little early to Nexus this year. **Roxiann Woody** created dozens of Easter Baskets filled with toys and candy for the children at the center. There were hundreds of eggs scattered all throughout the playground. With much anticipation, the doors were opened and out the children went! In fifteen minutes every egg was collected and it was back inside to have refreshments that were provided by members of the Auxiliary.



Renée Farren made egg-shaped cupcakes, **Lurline Morow** created an Easter Bunny cake and **Carol Botefuhr** made cookies. Ice cream and fruit punch were provided by **Susanne Marley** and her granddaughter, **Caryl Madison** and her grandson Robbie along with **Donna Boyter**. Members of the Nexus staff were on hand with members of their families to assist in the fun including **Lora Brandis** and her daughter **Sarah White**, and **Kimberly Howard** and her parents. Everyone had a fabulous time.

Children Just Want to Have Fun!

The Children's activity center is in need of help. **Kimberly Howard**, Director of Children's Services has made a suggestion and the members of the Auxiliary who have participated in events at the activity center agree. The activity room needs to be brighter and happier, not so institutional. We need volunteers that would be willing to donate paint, brushes and time. Perhaps there is an artist amongst us that would be willing to draw children's fanciful murals on the wall. Does anyone have a child in school that needs community service hours? What a fabulous way to earn some credit! We are calling on all members of the Auxiliary as well as our AI-Anon and AA friends who would like to do some service work. Let show the youngest in our midst that we care.

We also need some generous person or business to donate or underwrite carpet for the childcare center. The total square footage needed is 4,540. We need something durable because it is a high traffic area. Perhaps you may know a builder, either commercial or residential who would have extra carpet and the people to install it, who would be happy to make a tax deductible donation. Let's all put on our thinking caps, rollup our sleeves and get going.

Please contact **Renée Farren - reneefarren@sbcglobal.net or 214-725-7070**.

Worth Collection Donation

A donation of 250 pieces of past season Spring and Summer garments has been made to the clients of Nexus by **The Worth Collection**, a line of custom designed ready-to-wear clothing. The gift was made possible by Women's Auxiliary board member and Worth Associate, **Donna Boyter** who estimated the retail value of the items to exceed \$50,000. Reports from the center indicate the clients are already utilizing the pieces for interviews and appointments. Because those seeking treatment rarely come with the personal items they need to begin a new life, the donation will have a great effect.

In Memoriam

Wylodean Saxon

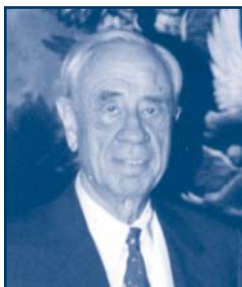
In 1996 the founding members of the Women's Auxiliary joined **Wylodean Saxon** and **Doris Anton** for the first **membership tea**. That first meeting drew compassionate women together from the community who were determined to raise money for Nexus and to change the lives of women struggling to live sober lives. Since that time, the Women's Auxiliary has held annual fundraising events that have provided funding for improvements to the La Prada campus, established the Client Care Fund to extend lengths of stay and supported the salary for the new medical director.



Wylodean first became involved with Nexus when she joined the board in 1979. During her more than twenty years residing in Dallas, Wylodean also served on the boards of the Kidney Foundation, Dallas Theater Center, Godley Lecture Series and TACA. Her husband of 52 years, **Bill Saxon**, and her three children and six grandchildren survive Wylodean.

Nexus is grateful for the many gifts made in memory of Wylodean. At the request of the family, we are establishing the **Wylodean Saxon Memorial Fund**, which is the lead gift in the creation of a permanent endowment to support Nexus Recovery Center. Wylodean's vision was to provide ongoing support for the organization that she so tirelessly supported. The establishment of an endowment allows donors to play a special part in perpetuating that vision and ensuring the Auxiliary's good work will continue in perpetuity.

William M. Reppeto



Bill served on the Nexus board from 1992 to 2001 and was board president in 1997. His wife **Mary Elizabeth** was one of the founding members of the Women's Auxiliary.

During his tenure Bill recruited many hard-working board members including colleague and good friend **Jim Hodges**. "Bill's commitment to helping those struggling with sobriety was truly amazing. Many times he would sit all night with a friend in need and then work a full day in the office the next day," remembers Jim.

According to the **Dallas Morning News**, "Bill was known for his brilliant mind, his accepting and non-judgmental nature, and his uncompromising integrity and character. Bill was also known for his passionate love of family." Three children, seven grandchildren and Mary Elizabeth survive Bill. The many gifts to Nexus honoring Bill's memory are evidence of his compassionate commitment to the organization and his steadfast advocacy for the recovering community.

A Hope Chest for New Beginnings

Many of the women and children entering Nexus are homeless and do not have basic household items such as bedding, appliances, towels and dishes. While they live at Nexus all of their needs are met, but when they leave many are going to temporary housing or new apartments without the basics. We would like to help out these clients with a new project called, "A Hope Chest for New Beginnings." If you would like to participate, please send cash or gift cards for Target, Sam's or Wal-mart. We appreciate your help.

I would like to help by sending a gift to Nexus:

Donor Name: _____ **Amount \$** _____

In Honor of: _____ In Memory of: _____

Please Notify: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Send completed form and contribution to: Nexus Recovery Center, Inc.
Attn: Hope Chest for New Beginnings
8733 LaPrada Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228

Share Your Talents

The Women's Auxiliary of Nexus is a fabulous organization with plenty of room to grow. There is so much to do and so many talented and gracious women who volunteer not only their time but their resources as well. We need to continually search for new members to bring on board. Share your newsletter with a friend...**PASS IT ON!** For your convenience, we have included the Membership Card for you to give to that special person who may want to join us.

Women's Auxiliary of Nexus Membership Card

Please complete and return to:

Diane Sealy, Membership chairman, 4437 Bordeaux Drive, Dallas, Texas 75205, (214) 528-0648

Prefix: (Circle One)

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr. Dr. and Mrs. Other _____

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Home #: _____ Business #: _____ Fax #: _____

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MEMBERSHIP DONATION:

___ Benefactress	\$1,000 and over
___ Angel	\$ 500 - \$999
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___ Sustainer	\$ 75
___ Active	\$ 50

___ Enclosed is my check payable to Women's Auxiliary of Nexus for \$ _____

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