



The Women's Auxiliary of Nexus

Nexus Texas Ball



Co-Chairs Misty Smathers and Patti Flowers with host Nicky Sheets.



Roxiann Woody, Marlis Rosetta, Ann Dunn and Misty Smathers.



Advisory Council members Chancellor Lee Jackson and Dr. Richard Voet with Nexus Executive Director Becca Crowell.



Longtime Nexus supporters Tom and Nancy Shutt, and Peggy and Jere Thompson.

The Women's Auxiliary of Nexus announced the details of the Nexus Texas Ball and introduced the Nexus Recovery Center Advisory Council at an event held November 1, 2004. Dallas realtors Eleanor Mowery Sheets and Nicki Sheets hosted the event at a magnificent new, tri-level Highland Park home, 4801 St. Johns Drive. The Nexus Texas Ball will be held at The Ranch Friday, April 8, 2005, and is being hosted by Eddie Deen.

Ball co-chairmen Patti Flowers and Misty Smathers announced that country western singer Britt Hammond will headline the evening. Cheri and Pat Summerall are serving as Honorary Chairmen.

Tickets for the event are \$150 per person. For more information, call Patti Flowers 214.369.7027.

The Nexus Texas Ball is the biggest event the Auxiliary sponsors to raise money for Nexus Recovery Center. Over the past seven years, Auxiliary members have donated more than \$600,000 to Nexus to help disadvantaged women gain sobriety from drugs and alcohol.

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Friday, April 8, 2005
The Ranch at Downtown Dallas

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Mark your Calendar with these Upcoming Events:

Annual Fundraiser - April 8, 2005

Patti Flowers, Co-Chairman
Misty Smathers, Co-Chairman

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - May 17, 2005

Susanne Marley and Karen Cheetham, Chairmen
*The speaker for the luncheon will be Pam Newton,
Program Director at the Betty Ford Center in Dallas.*

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Fall Activities



Nexus Medical Director Dr. Lenae White with Auxiliary members Karen Cheetham and Susanne Marley.

Membership Tea

The Women's Auxiliary had a very busy fall hosting events and volunteering at Nexus. The fall started with the membership tea, held at the home of Mrs. Gene E. Phillips. More than 275 ladies enjoyed fourteen different cakes artistically displayed and lusciously prepared by Tom Lawson.



Halloween

In October, Volunteer Chair Renee Farren led a group of witches, cowgirls and other Halloween creatures in providing a party for the Nexus kids. Auxiliary volunteers Carol Botefuhr, Linda Caruth, Darlene LaBar, Linda Lehner, Carol Maxwell, and Roxiann Woody provided all of the goodies and the games. Activities included apple bobbing, an "eyeball race," a mummy contest, story telling, a sing a long, and pin a face on a pumpkin.



Roxiann Woody and team-mate hope to win the race.



Renee Farren helps a Nexus child create Christmas art.

Christmas

The annual Holiday Tea and Market was held Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at the home of member Jan Brekke. Auxiliary members attending the tea brought gifts for women and their children who are in residence at Nexus during the holiday season. The market featured unique gifts from local merchants, just in time for the holiday season. Proceeds from the market support treatment programs at Nexus.



Roxiann Woody and Linda Claycomb.
Photo by Andy Hanson

Volunteers from the Women's Auxiliary made sure that Santa stopped off to see the children at Nexus this year. Pre-schoolers and school-aged children enjoyed a storyteller, a craft activity, tasty Christmas treats and a visit from Santa. Volunteers also helped the children create a "box of love" to give to their mothers for Christmas.



Roxiann Woody, Beverly Barry, Susanne Marley, Renee Farren and Linda Lehner provided a Christmas party for Nexus children. Nexus staff member Jim Boyd enjoyed portraying Santa.

The Dallas Theater Center generously donated tickets for the adolescent girls to attend "A Christmas Carol." Linda Staley created refreshment bags, and Linda Lehner and Beverly Barry accompanied the girls to the performance.



Virginia Pleckenpol and Jan Brekke at the Christmas Bazaar and Tea, held at Jan's home.
Photo by Andy Hanson



Jan Maise, Kathleen Hampton, Linda Claycomb, Virginia Cook, Sheila Rice, Virginia Pleckenpol.
Photo by Andy Hanson

Share Your Talents

As members of the Auxiliary, we can make a difference in the lives of the women and children at Nexus. Renee Farren, our volunteer chair, has organized the different volunteer opportunities available. Please look over the list below and select one or two that would work for you. Renee can be contacted at 214.351.7070 or reneefarren@sbcglobal.net.

- Admissions Department Helper**
The admissions department needs help once a week with filing and making copies. This much-needed assistance allows the department to keep up with their unending amount of paperwork and frees up staff to focus on their main job of admitting clients.
- 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.
- Day of Beauty**
Four to six volunteers are needed for event sponsored by Perry Henderson Salon and Watermark Christian Church. Exact date and time TBA. Location: 7540 LBJ Freeway, the Park Central II building.
- Easter Party**
Four to six volunteers needed to stuff and hide eggs, provide refreshments and goodie bags for the kids ages two to 12.
- 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. Often the counselors will spend their own money for these. 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 give clients and to keep in their group rooms and S.T.E.P. Parenting books for the counselors.
- Outpatient Monthly Celebrations.**
The four outpatient counselors have requested cakes for their groups on a monthly basis for birthdays, celebrations, graduations, etc. All four would like cakes large enough to feed approx 20 people. Matie: 4th Friday of every month, morning group - La Prada; Sherry: 4th Friday, morning group - La Prada; Dianne: 4th Tuesday, morning group - Lemmon; Kathryn: last Friday of the month, afternoon - Lemmon. If it would be easier, all could be on the same day each month.
- 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.