



Women of the

March 2004

South

"Growing, building,
and improving
our tomorrow."

NOTES FROM MARY



The sun is shining today! That means spring and Gala are just around the corner. If you have last minute items or donations, get them in quickly. All of the committees have been hard at work. Cindy and her committees have an elegant evening planned and the Burton Band will provide a delightful evening of music and dinner and for dancing. This is shaping up to become another great social event for Oklahoma City and especially south Oklahoma City. Most important of all, this is our major source of funding for all of the good work that we do in providing scholarships and support for important community projects. Don't miss our and be sure to invite your friends. The more the merrier!

MARCH 22ND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

An important meeting for tying together final details for Gala; also the nominating committee will be presenting their recommendations for vice-president and secretary. If you have items to donate to Suited for Success, bring them to the meeting and I will collect them and take them there. For those of you who missed the February meeting, this means clean, pressed professional looking clothes for women who have no suitable clothing for job interviews and first days on the job; also, purses, new hose, good shoes, etc. This is a very worthwhile cause, which coordinates well with our goals.

See you March 22nd.

Mary H.

AUCTION REMINDER

We Need You!!!!!!

The auction committee needs volunteers to monitor the auction tables during the Gala. The time required is only 30 minutes a shift. Please contact Linda Carr at 691-7843 or Nita Johnson at 691-1513.

Calendar of Events



General Meeting: Monday, March 22nd, 6:30p.m., South OKC Chamber Office.

2004 Southern Gala: Saturday, March 27th, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

General Meeting: Monday, April 19th, 6:30p.m., TBA

SOUTHERN GALA NEWS

It's almost here!!!! March 27th!

We want to thank all the Women of the South members for all the auction items they have collected. It's not too late if you have more silent auction items, especially those items for the MEN.....

We still need ladies to sign up for 30 minute spots at the Gala to help with the auction tables, during the actual bid times and at the closing times and also to help the guests pick up those items they have purchased. We will have our calling committee call, so if you can, please help us.

We still need several ladies to help decorate & set up on Fri 26th & Sat. 27th for the Gala. The decorating chairs will be calling!

All our committees are hard at work making the final preparations for the Gala, we can still use your help. Just call Cindy Benson or Michelle Keith.

Just a few of our Live Auction items will be
Lexus Automobile, Ladies Fur Coat,
Dinner Party & Entertainment, Furniture,
Florida Trip and several more surprises.....

Our Silent auction items, just to mention a few:
A stay at Red Mountain Spa, Furniture,
Jewelry, Dinner & Limo, Golf packages
and many more.....

A special Thank You to Steve Buchanan & Albertsons for the paper sacks donated to WOS. We appreciate all the support! There are so many others that have been so generous in their donations we will acknowledge them all next month – but for now WOS says "THANK YOU"

All invitations are mailed!!!

Thank you to all the ladies who helped tie, stuff & seal the invitations. If you have any other guest you would like to have an invitation sent to please fax their names and addresses to Cindy Benson – 692-9355

Thank you for all your hard work!!!

Cindy Benson, Gala Chair
Michelle Keith, Gala Co-Chair



Recipe of the Month

Perfect Breakfast Pizza

Make breakfast exciting with this delicious pizza recipe from the Oklahoma Beef Council.

PREP: 10 minutes
COOK: 20 minutes
SERVINGS: Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 lb. Fully cooked steak strips or fajita strips
1 prepared pre-baked pizza shell (12 inch)
1 can black beans, drained
1/3 cup salsa
4 eggs
1/2 cup tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 Tbsp. Fresh jalapeno, chopped
1 cup Co-Jack cheese, shredded
1 Tbsp. Cilantro, chopped

- Preheat oven to 450 degrees
- In a skillet, scramble eggs. Set aside.
- Heat beef strips according to package directions.
- Set aside 2 Tbsp. Black beans for garnish. In a small bowl, mash remaining beans with fork until smooth.
- Place pizza shell on cookie sheet and layer with mashed beans, salsa, scrambled eggs, steak strips, tomatoes, jalapenos and cheese. Top with cilantro and reserved whole beans.
- Bake at 450 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until cheese melts.

This recipe is brought to you by the Oklahoma Beef Council. Remember... **Beef, It's What's For Dinner!**

Men and Women are equal before God - equally sinners and equally saved. Given this profound and ultimate equality, further debate seems rather unnecessary.

March Birthdays

Lori-Sosenko - 1st
Jean Davidson - 7th
Kathy Dorough - 7th
Dianne Krob - 9th
Candy Hines - 9th
Tiffini Tomlinson - 11th
Antia Ingram - 14th
Amy Linduff - 14th
Dawn Miles - 16th
Ashlee Netmann - 17th
Melodee Wallace - 23rd
Bonita Laske - 30th



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Member FDIC

What is Suited for Success?

Suited for Success provides free professional clothing and on-going career training to assist low-income women in their efforts to achieve self-sufficiency. Their services are provided to low-income women who have completed a job-training program and are actively seeking employment. These services empower clients to successfully obtain and maintain employment thus ensuring economic independence. Clients receive 2 outfits for interviews and 2 additional outfits when they receive a job. If you have any like-new professional looking clothing items and accessories you would like to donate, please bring them to the March general meeting.

SYMPHONY DESIGNERS SHOW HOUSE

Yes, it is almost that time of year again. The 2004 Show House located at 2301 NW Grand Boulevard, Nichols Hills, directly across from the Oklahoma City Golf and Country club and is the home of Judy and Jack Hodges. The theme is "Hollywood and Grand-Elegance of Hollywood Glamour". The house was built by the Sahmbour family in 1974. All proceeds from the Show House benefit the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and the League's education projects.

Women of the South will staff the Show House on the opening date Sunday, April 25th from 11:30-3:00. This should be a fun day and a marvelous home to serve as hosts. We will require approximately 25 members to staff the house. All volunteers will need to purchase a \$3.00 ticket to the Show House, which entitles you to unlimited visits. A complimentary shuttle will be provided, as parking is very limited. The shuttle will run from the Penn Square Mall at the far northwest corner of the parking lot north of UMB Bank. A sign will be posted. Please contact Carol McDonald 799-6529 or 630-2820.

Carol McDonald
Research and Recommendation Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March general meeting is the 22nd, the week after spring break and 5 days before the GALA! We need you there for those last minute details.

Do you have something to share with us? If you have a special anniversary, a new Grandbaby, graduation announcements... We'd love to hear about them. Contact Claudia Todd at 691-3759 or at claudia@todd-engineering.com

WHO DO I CALL?



Time is running out! But you can still help. Please call these members if you know someone who would like to purchase a ticket to the Gala or can help during the Gala. They would love to hear from you!

Silent auction items

Grizelda Kraft 819-4162

Nita Johnson 691-1513

Invitations

Cindy Benson 692-9355 (fax)

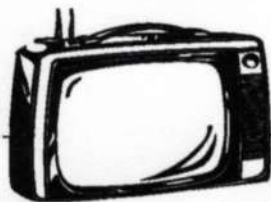
Table Monitors

Linda Carr 691-7843

Nita Johnson 691-1513

Tickets - Individual and couple tickets are available. Ticket price includes dinner, open bar, live entertainment and bidder number for live and silent auction. The tax-deductible amount will be indicated on Gala invitation.

We hope this information is helpful. Thank you for supporting Women of the South in their efforts to provide cultural, educational and civic opportunities for our community.



Too Much Television

A grandmother heard five year-old Christy playing "Wedding" with her friends.

The wedding vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent; You have the right to have an attorney present during questioning. Anything you say may be held against you til' death do us part. You may kiss the bride."

Thanks to Linda Miner for her thought provoking humor!

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

A woman is not just a person; she's a miracle! Like a cosmic shape-shifter of Star Trek, she can transform into anything she needs to be in an instant.

She turns into a nurse at the sight of a scrape or a scratch; in larger emergencies, she's instantly a paramedic.

When trouble comes or the enemy attacks, she becomes the fortress behind which the whole family - even Dad - huddles for protection.

Or she snaps her fingers and changes into a Little League coach, a Girl Scout Leader, a homeroom mother, a corporate executive, a financier, a Sunday school teacher, a playmate, a seamstress, a play director, or a volunteer for the March of Dimes.

She is, all in the same day, a cook, a taxi driver, a boardroom presenter, a maid, a politician, and a referee.

She can be a shrewd merchant at a garage sale, an orator at PTA, a delightful storyteller at the daycare center, and a military genius in organizing the neighborhood against crime.

And, at the wave of a wand, she emerges as Cinderella ready for the ball and waltzes our door on the arm of her prince charming.

In addition, she is after the spiritual heart of the home - guiding, encouraging, leading, teaching, praying. She is God's hands and feet, his laughter and joy, his tears and sorrow. She is the heart of God personified.

There's no doubt about it - a woman is not just a person; she's a miracle!

(taken from the book *Hugs for Women* by Mary Hollingsworth)