

Party goes Caddyshack chic

WHAT better setting for Be the Ball, the *Caddyshack*-inspired "anti-gala" benefiting Glasstire and the Fresh Arts Coalition, than the new clubhouse at Hermann Park Golf Course?



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The fundraiser had a stroke of bad luck when snow in Houston — of all things — preempted the original Dec. 4 engagement. But chairs **Julie Kinzelman** and **Christopher Tribble**, **Careen Plummer**, **Karen** and **Harry Susman** and **Lea Weingarten** hit a hole-in-one with the rescheduled event on Jan. 22, when the weather was so perfect revelers could have played a few rounds of golf if they hadn't been so busy kicking up their heels.

Everyone from honorees **Martha Finger**, **Pepper Paratore** and **Michael Landrum** to Glasstire founder **Rainey Knudson** and her hubby, Art Guy **Michael Galbreth**, was looking good and feeling good in *Caddyshack* couture. Think tennis skirts, golf visors, gopher getups and a plethora of plaid.

Guests munched on hot dogs and chicken nuggets and bid in a silent auction of donated artworks — all to back Glasstire, a nonprofit Web site devoted to Texas art, and the Fresh Arts Coalition, a collaborative of Houston arts organizations that promotes the arts' importance to the public.

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1. **Christopher Tribble** and **Julie Kinzelman**
2. **Rainey Knudson**, **Susie Criner** and **Marita Fairbanks**
3. **Tina** and **Hans Chen**
4. **Wayne Gilbert**, **Sanford Criner** and **Michael Galbreth**
5. **John Carrithers**, **Delicia Harvey** and

Phil Hudson
6. **Andrea Grover**, **Carlos Lama** and **Matthew Wettergreen**
7. **Cindy Mylowe**, **Ginny Jackson** and **Susan Berry**
8. **Angeline Dinzik** and **Melissa Montana**

An imperial night at Winter Ball

THERE'S nothing glamorous about Crohn's Disease or ulcerative colitis, but the 2010 Winter Ball benefiting the Houston Gulf Coast/South Texas Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America more than lived up to its "Imperial Grandeur" theme.

Not only did the white-velvet-draped InterContinental Hotel ballroom shimmer and sparkle; snow fell from the ceiling. With temperatures outside in the upper 60s, this was a snowy evening a weather wimp could love. Kudos to chairs **Connie Cooke** and **Phyllis Williams**.

Another thoughtful surprise: the 2010 ABC-Channel 13 Women of Distinction — **Joan Dunlap**, **Harriet Gertner**, **Melissa King**, **Traci Lee**, **Linda Lorelle**, **Carmen Maria Montiel-Lechin**, **Patti Murphy**, **Helen Shaffer**, **Laura Spalding**, **Donna Grace Vallone**, Women of Distinction Ambassador **Jan Carson** and Youth Ambassadors **Abigail Cheney** and **Danielle Nicole White** — were treated to dances with their escorts.

Carson, who will co-chair the 2011 Winter Ball with **Virginia Reisman**, may have had the most dashing escort of all in *General Hospital* star **John York**, who swept her off her feet with soap-opera *savoir-faire*.

I'm not sure she was kidding when she dropped by Cooke's table to tell Reisman they needed to make York, a CCFCA celebrity spokesman, the event's permanent mascot.

Also enjoying the winter wonderland: Emirates Airlines' **Skip Tiedemann**, who donated two fabulous trips valued at upwards of \$40,000 each for the live auction; **Paige** and **Tilman Fertitta**; **Eleanor** and **Corbin Cooke**; **Joanne King Her-ring**; and **Susan Krohn** and **Patrick Gehm**.

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A. Honoree **Harriet Gertner** and **Penny Wright**
B. Honoree **Laura Spalding** and father **Dr. James Hedberg**
C. Honoree **Carmen Maria Montiel-Lechin** and husband **Dr. Alex Lechin**
D. Honoree **Joan Dunlap**
E. Honoree **Linda Lorelle**
F. Honoree **Traci Lee** and husband **Richard Lee**
G. Honoree **Donna Grace Vallone** and husband **Tony Vallone**
H. **Bruce Padilla** and **Shelby Kibodeaux**
I. Chairs **Connie Cooke** and **Phyllis Williams**

Tea toasting the library

THE Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners got a sneak peak of the building's new archival wing and outdoor garden during a Hard Hat Tea on Jan. 23.

Host **Lillie Robertson** welcomed about 75 guests, including former first lady **Barbara Bush**, Houston Mayor **Annis Parker** and Gensler's **Barry Moore**, lead architect. According to JILPP chairman **Phoebe Tudor**, the organization has raised almost \$29.5 million of its \$32 million goal. Restoration of the 1926 landmark begins this spring and will take about a year.

Also among the guests: **Beverly Arnold**, **Minnette Boesel**, **Susan Criner**, **Karen Kelsey Duddleston**, **Dorothy Knox Houghton**, **Susan Keeton**, **Ginni Mithoff**, **Betty Newton**, **Judy Nyquist**, **Cathryn Selman**, **Ann Short**, **Kelley Trammell**, **Andrea White** and **Cyvia Wolff**.

— MOLLY GLENTZER



a. **Lillie Robertson**, **Phoebe Tudor**, **Annis Parker**, **Barbara Bush**, **Kathy Hubbard** and **Andrea White**
b. **Minnette Boesel**
c. **Molly Crownover**, **Ginni Mithoff** and **Kathryn Rabinow**
d. **Elizabeth Kidd**, **Marty Greenberg** and **Cathryn Selman**
e. **Judy Nyquist** and **Betty Newton**
f. **Cathryn Chapman** and **Terry Smith**

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