

# Lollapalooza 2007--How WE did

by Leslie Mathews

It was rainy outside on Friday, April 27, but you wouldn't know it inside Good Shepherd's transformed social hall. Denim and Diamonds was the theme with shimmering lights, denim table cloths, festive cowboy hats, tiaras and sparkly vases adorning the tables. It was a spectacular evening of fun and fellowship.

Lollapalooza 2007 grossed over \$195,000 — a record! Doors opened to 320 attendees at 5:30 p.m., with many tables of fabulous items to bid on in the silent auction. Appetizers and drinks were abundant. Guests mingled and had a great time.

First timers' name tags were designated with a colorful sticker on them. If you were a first timer, I hope many people came up and introduced themselves to you. This is a wonderful part of the Good Shepherd Lollapalooza evening. It is a time for fellow parishioners to see old friends and make new ones. There was even a special first timers' drawing with the winner receiving a gift certificate to Saddle Ranch.

The children's projects were displayed beautifully and are always a large part of our fundraising efforts. Sign-up events were available to all and many went fast. There may be an opportunity to still sign up for some of these fabulous events. We will keep you posted in the weekly bulletin.

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and was catered again this year by Paulo and Bill Restaurant. The live auction kicked off at 8:15 p.m., with our very own "Voice of Lolla," **Rick Frederick**, as the emcee. A special thank you goes out to the Nigros family for their help running our auction. Did you know they work an estimated 76 auctions a year?

The live auction was paused midway to raise money for this year's Fund-a-Need, which happened to be for parish-wide unbudgeted emergencies. This fund will help replace much needed heat exchangers. We raised \$42,000 just for this! This is people making a flat-out donation with nothing in return. This typifies the spirit of the Good Shepherd community and the generosity of its parishioners.

New this year was a Diamond Draw Down to go with the Denim

and Diamonds theme. **Ted Freese** won a sparkling ½-carat diamond. Congratulations, Ted!

Also new this year, parishioners held several gift gathering parties prior to the event. All hosts were entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. **Christy Heller** was the lucky winner.

Congratulations also to the winners of the raffle prizes: First Prize to **Jeff and Laurel Sloan** for the stay at the Great Wolf Lodge and \$100 Legends gift certificate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to **Betty Hund** for the Royals tickets and parking passes and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize to **Ann Reynor** for the IPOD Shuffle.

This year, past chairs of Lollapalooza were recognized for leading the way to what has become a fundraising event that benefits every Good Shepherd parishioner. They received "diamonds" from this year's chairs for being such gems. Past chairs include:

1999 Rob Gremminger  
Mike and Jayme Tomlin

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2001 Jeff and Jill Anderson  
Joe and Kathy Reid

2002 Don and Gwen Wilson

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Janet Unrein

2004 Dennis and Karen Maginn

2005 Regent and Pamel Ducas

2006 Carol Koch  
Margie Schaff

As mentioned before, Lollapalooza started eight years ago and is Good Shepherd's largest fundraiser. Over just the last five years (2002-2006), Lolla has netted over \$642,000 for parish-wide operations. This year alone we grossed more than \$195,000; final figures for Lolla 2007 will be released soon.

A special thank you goes to co-chairs **Karen Burton and Cathy Lorino** for all their hard work in organizing this year's spectacular event. It takes a lot of time and effort to fulfill such a tremendous task. This event could not have been accomplished without all the hard work of the many volunteers over the last several months. A lot of behind the scenes things happen to pull off such a great fundraiser. So, THANK YOU to all of the many donors, volunteers, sponsors and parish staff that made Lollapalooza 2007 a success!

