

Rotary Club fine art auction aids charities

The Rotary Club of Dallas, in conjunction with Ross Galleries of New York, will sponsor an art auction on Sunday, April 10 at the Irem Temple Country Club, Country Club Road, Dallas. Doors will open at 2 p.m. to preview the selections, and bidding will begin at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 per person or \$20 per couple.

Selections include pieces representing a wide range of artistic styles. Sports and music memorabilia and sculptures may also be made available. All artwork is custom framed and matted.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese will be served. Local merchants have donated door prizes which will be given away throughout the day.

For advance tickets and more information, call 477-1350. Tickets will also be sold at the following merchants in Dallas: Dallas Photo Shop, Hilbert's The Tractor Store and Roth Jewelers. All proceeds will support club charities.



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

A lily for Mom

Donna Matcho, Dallas, bought Easter flowers last weekend at Darling's Greenhouse for her mother, Dorothy Jones, before going to paint Easter eggs.

MERIT

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"I'm undecided about my major, but I am leaning toward English," she said. "I think working with writing would be ideal, but becoming a professional writer can be difficult. I'll see where college takes me."

Although high school classes do not focus on preparing for the PSAT and other standardized tests, Nickalls still credits her experiences at school for her success. "Through the study of literature I've extended my vocabulary extensively," the soft-spoken senior explains. "Math classes were really well taught. I've had good teachers. Sandra Weyman taught me literature in ninth, tenth, and twelfth grade. I've always enjoyed her humanities classes."

Family has also been there for Nickalls — from the sister who inspires by her own success to the father who reminds her about deadlines. "My parents have always encouraged me to broaden my vocabulary and work hard in school."

"And my dad urging me to fill out my application on time was a big help," she adds with a smile.

Nickalls clearly treasures this closeness. "My sister Holly has been an inspiration. We're really close. She applies herself and does well — her success has a lot to do with how well I've done in school."

Holly Nickalls was also a National Merit Scholar and now studies anthropology and sociology at NYU.

In addition to balancing school responsibilities, Skye



FOR THE POST/JENNIFER JUDGE YONKOSKI

Skye Nickalls relaxed in a place where she feels very comfortable, the library at Lake-Lehman High School. She is a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Nickalls has also found time to travel. The daughter of Anthony and Jane Nickalls, a couple that moved from England to the United States just before Skye was born, Skye has traveled extensively in England.

"My parents go back every year. I go back every few years," she said. Last year when sister Holly studied abroad, the family also traveled to Prague and Paris. "That was really an amazing experience."

Nickalls has applied to NYU, Brown, Columbia and Harvard and has already been accepted at the University of Pittsburgh and American University. She will find out next month if she has been chosen as a National Merit Scholar.

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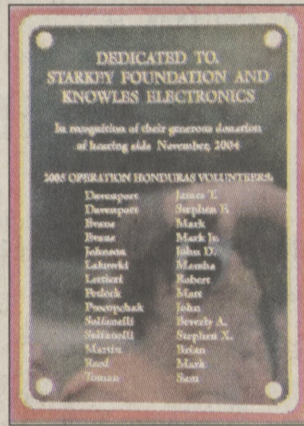
tion fees. Volunteers pay for their own air fare, food and lodging.

"My father paid for my trips so far," said Mark. "This summer I'm going to get a job to earn the money for next year's trip."

Operation Honduras built a three-room kindergarten for a remote village this year. "It's the

children that touched me," said the senior Evans, who now has taken his son with him three times. "It's great for Mark to see how other cultures are and that not everyone has an X-Box or a computer. He fell in love with the place. It's back-breaking, tedious work but he just goes along with it."

Donations for Operation Honduras are always welcome and can be sent to St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Church, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 18703 with a notation in the memo for OH. For more information go to www.geocities.com/operhonduras/.



A plaque is dedicated to the volunteer helpers.

Spring sprung at the Meadows

Art students from Dallas High School stopped by the Meadows Nursing Center last Tuesday, and brightened the surroundings by painting colorful spring themes on windows and doors. The students, under the direction of art teacher Claire Morris, also decorate the center for Christmas.

Clockwise from right, Jill Sarnoski peered out from behind the window she had decorated with in pretty pink; Alli Snyder paints a purple butterfly; Sarah Ruppert paints a duck on the windows at the Meadows Center Dallas.



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Gate House is taking registration

The Gate House Early Childhood Development Center is now accepting registrations for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Primary focus of The Gate House is to enhance a wide range of developmentally appropriate social, creative, cognitive, linguistic and quantitative skills, and to develop self-esteem and social skills in each child. Individual development is monitored by a certified early childhood teacher. Unit themes and field trips will be utilized to expand the learning experience of each child throughout the school year.

Program options are:
4 year olds: Half day or full day, 8:15-10:45 or 11:45-2:15 or 8:15-2:15 with extended day until 5:30 p.m.

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Parents may call Gate of Heaven School's office at 675-6566 or The Gate House at 674-4855 and ask to speak to Mrs. Mary Jane Kozick, director of the Gate House for more information and/or a registration form.

Endless Mt. Habitat seeks coordinator

Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity is conducting a search for a volunteer to serve as project coordinator. The ideal volunteer for the position would have construction experience and free time during normal business hours for phone calls and site visits. Construction on the 2005 home is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring and be complete by early fall. Call 836-3067 if interested.

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