



RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER - CHRIST CHURCH

The Christ Episcopal Church family has, again, completed a most successful season of fun and fund raising for Crisp County's Relay for Life. The fun began with the women of the church hosting their annual "Girls' Night Out" on Feb. 26th.

This year, the theme of the party was "South Pacific." With palm fronds, exotic flowers, and beautiful food provided by the women of Christ Church, Pine Hills Country Club was a vision of the tropics. Attendees were asked to wear flowers in some way. Shirts, dresses, leis and flowers on hats or in the hair were seen everywhere.

A large variety of items large and small were displayed on tables for the silent auction. Guests roamed among the tables bidding on items of their choosing as they sipped wine, ate from plates filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, and chatted with friends.

As the silent auction was concluded, a new element was added to the party - musical entertainment. Several of the men of Christ Church performed two Broadway selections. The program was developed and directed by Sonny Burt with choreography by Susu Burt. The first number was "Let Me Entertain You" followed by "There Is Nothing Like A Dame." This number brought down the house as the musical rendition was accompanied by interpretive dance by Ernie Rhodes appropriately dressed as a South Seas dancer (female). Thanks go out to Ernie, Sonny, Susu, Alex Stripling, Gary Perkins, Jack Roche, James Hurt, Mark Boike, and Robbie Stripling for their hard work and nerve.

The evening was concluded with a live auction conducted by our always successful auctioneer, Col. Billy Hancock of the Crisp County Sheriff's office. With his charm and congenial encouragement, Billy has always helped us raise unexpectedly large sums of money during the live auction. This year was no exception. When the party was over, all the money was counted and all the bills paid, the party had raised over \$7000.00!

The success of this event was due entirely to the creativity and hard work of co-producers, Beverly Sampson and LauraLee Hurt. They were ably assisted by Heather Shepard who coordinated the decor and Susan Barge who handled getting and displaying the food.

Plans are already underway for an even bigger, better and more successful event in 2014!