

CARIN: Pearson Signs Autographs, Visits With Banquet Guests

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 Magic jersey, a Joe Montana autographed Notre Dame jersey or an original Busch Stadium seat back, signed by St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Famers Ozzie Smith, Lou Brock, Bob Gibson, Stan Musial and Bob Schoendienst.

According to Executive Director Missy Shanklin, the event grew about \$40,000 from last year, bringing in approximately \$150,000 for the organization focused on giving kids chances to participate in sports. They help disadvantaged youth by providing scholarships for sports camps and lessons, seasonal sports and equipment.

John George served as the evening's master of ceremonies, and Shanklin announced the volunteer(s) of the year as JB and Mary Briggs. She told me they have always been willing to help in whatever manner they can. She said, "They've probably touched each piece of mail when we do a big mail-out!"

Drew Pearson was the key-

note speaker and Missy said she was delighted at the way he was able to tell his story and weave it so that it incorporated and encouraged what Pagnozzi Charities is working on.

Pearson told everyone the best way to appreciate what Pagnozzi Charities does is to try to imagine life without it.

Pearson then spent a great deal of the evening with a line formed behind wherever he was of long-time fans waiting patiently for his autograph and to tell him how much they enjoyed his days as a Dallas Cowboy wide receiver. He graciously talked with all of them, sometimes signing multiple items.

Board vice president Norm DeBriyn and Caroline, Janie Chambers, John and Mary George, Luis Martinez and Matt and Missy Shanklin were among the sports fans and Pagnozzi supporters on hand.

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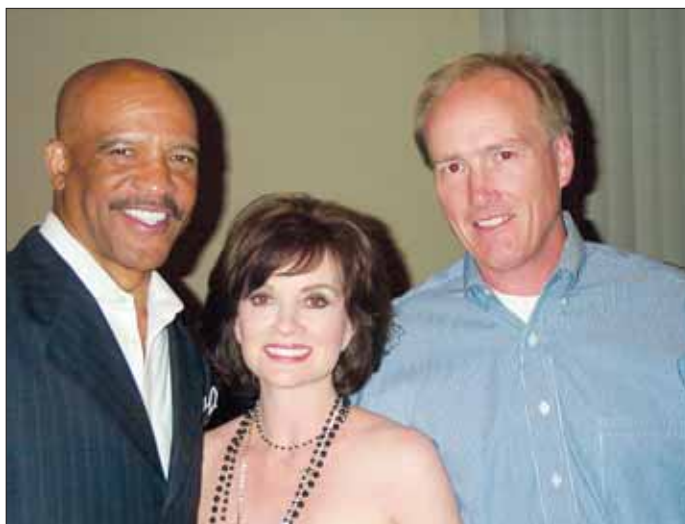


"Flockers Unite!" party sponsors Carrie and Dennis Nelms talk with hosts and Arts Live Theatre executive director Ginger Bowen and her husband, Yancey.

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Mary and master of ceremonies John George enjoy the Pagnozzi Charities banquet and sports memorabilia auction.



Drew Pearson, left, takes a break from signing autographs to talk with Janie Chambers and Pagnozzi Charities endowment board member Miles Johnson.



Pagnozzi Charities executive director Missy Shanklin, left, talks with board member Norm DeBriyn and his wife, Caroline.



Patrick Woodruff, from left, Rhonda Woodruff, Tom and Colleen Pagnozzi and Erin and Norm Wilcoxson enjoy the sports memorabilia auction to benefit Pagnozzi's organization.



Curt Rom, from left, Aleza and Jay Greene and Ed and Karen Love help Arts Live Theatre wind up their "flocking" fund-raiser at Ginger and Yancey Bowen's home on Oct. 7.

BRIEFLY

Quilts Of Love To Meet Tuesday
 Granny's Quilts of Love will meet Tuesday at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Pea Ridge. The session starts at 9:30 a.m.

At the previous monthly meeting, Sept. 19, the women cut out more than 200 pieces of material. Altogether, 120 quilts were turned in, making the group's grand total of quilts made 2,642.

For more information, phone Mary Margaret Webb at 451-8640 or Pat Patterson at 451-1500.

Columnist To Talk About Plants

Interested in learning what plants will do well in a woodland or shade setting?

Russell Studebaker, a columnist for the Tulsa World, will present that information and more at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jones Center for Families, 922 E. Emma Ave. in Springdale.

Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. in room 217-221.

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