

Springoree Chairman Steve Owens and his wife, Keri, standing at left, compare outfits with banker Mike Cornett and his wife, Lisa, at Space Center Rotary benefit party at Bailey's American Grille in Seabrook.

DOWN IN Seabrook, mariachi music filled the air the other evening as Springoree Chairman Steve Owens and his wife, Keri, welcomed one and all to Space Center Rotary's annual benefit dinner party at Bailey's American Grill. And, before the evening was done, the Rotarians raised some \$35,000 to fund their various community projects while just having a grand time.

A champagne reception got the party started with Lisa and Mike Cornett, Karen and Gary Johnson, Shelly and Mark Humphrey, the Alan Wylies, Ted Cummings, Mark and Karen Keesler, Susan and Bill Lowes and Rosie and Mike Hesse among early arrivals signing in with Laura Godwin and welcomed by President Dick Gregg III.

Wasn't long before they were joined by Adrienne and Dr. Vissett Sun, Peter and Pam Culpepper Cronk, Wayne and Marilyn Musial, Ken and Nedra Gurry, Art and Renate Wood, Kippy Caraway, Wayne and Nanci Rutledge, Micki Czarnik, Joe and Cheng Hang, Floyd and Carolyn Bennett, Ina and Roger Donnelly and Carol and Jim Saxe.

Past Rotary District Governor Suzie Howe and her husband, Bill, brought Past District Governor. Andy Smallwood and his wife, Anita, as guests, along with Ronnie and Tracy Hallenberger, Rick and Michel Shanks and Bill and Joan Davis.

Looking around, you might also have spotted Lamar Bowles and his daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Scott Rainey, Marc and Cheryl Schneider, Jayme and Billy Ray Smith, Earl and Terrilee Mauldin, Madeline and John Nugent, Jerry and Nancy Smith, Jerrold and Jessie Dewease, and John Gay and his wife, Becky Reitz. Others in the fun-loving crowd included Judge Louie Ditta, who conducted the silent auction; Lexus-Clear Lake CFO Scot Tyler and his fiancee, Allie Mascorro; Mark and Brenda Rush; Ginger and Mike Brown, Don Kirchoff and his wife, Joyce Peterson; Robert and Belinda Skloss; Jon and Kay McKinnie; and Art and Linda Oswald.