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'Night of a Thousand Stars' shines as Junior League fund-raiser

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Katharine Hepburn's famous movie line, "The calla lilies are in bloom again," described The Crystal Ball; some 900 calla lily blooms -- as well as 600 tulips and 600 hydrangeas -- graced the Cannon Center Saturday night.

"Night of a Thousand Stars" was the title of the party, a Junior League of Memphis fund-raiser held every three years. Tickets were \$1,500 a couple for the event, which featured a Hollywood theme.

Movies, including "Casablanca," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," were projected on walls, including one over a 52-foot-long bar, and movie music, including Judy Garland singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," played.

Guests got into the movie theme. **Bridget Trenary**, who wore her hair in curls, said she was Shirley Temple. Carrying a long, white feather boa, **Valerie Morris** identified herself as Jean Harlow.

Sultans of Swing provided the dance music following the live auction.

Decorations chairmen **Christy Muller** and **Mandy Brown** came up with the Hollywood theme. **Weetie Whittemore** was event chairman. **Donna** and **Mike Glenn** were honorary chairmen. **Dee Griffin** and **Jim Eikner** were emcees. **Kim MacQueen** is Junior League president.

Among those attending were **Mitch** and **Meg Stem**, **Alan** and **Susan Graf**, **Richard Vining**, **Matt Weathersby** and **Jan Vining**, **Anne** and **Pat Gamble**, **Ford O'Connell** and **Kendall Arney**, **Bruce** and **Janie Hopkins**, **Anne** and **Evarist O'Neill**, **Nick** and **Jenny Vergos**, **Brooks** and **Emily Brown**, **Rob** and **Leigh Abbay**, **Brandon Westbrook** and **Morgan Hutchison**, **Allison** and **Dr. Preston Miller**, **John Sisinni**, **Pierre** and **Gay Landaiche**, **Barbara** and **John Moore**, **Carol Lee** and **Joe Royer**, **Charles Hamlett Jr.**, **Ron Triplett** and **Madelyn Gray**, **Jennifer** and **Paul Anderson**, **Kim** and **Johnny Pitts**, **Sam** and **Lauren Notowich**, **Ryan** and **Erin Furby**, **Kemp** and **Anne Conrad**.



At the Crystal Ball is Bonnie Voldeng trying to cut out with James Dean.



Also attending was Nayla Nassar



Kindle Nance and emcee Dee Griffin



Event chairman Weetie Whittemore



Bridget Trenary went for the Shirley Temple look.

For Furry Friends



Emily Yellin didn't bring her "secret recipe" mixed breed dog, Sophie, to the Furry Friends benefit Saturday night at David Mah Studio. "She has a hard time being silent at anything," said Emily.

The humans didn't have to be quiet at the fund-raiser. And lively bidding on items in the silent auction was encouraged.

Erin Bower and Penny Bower (right) survey items at the Furry Friends fund-raiser Saturday night at David Mah Studio.

Furry Friends rescues animals from the street and places them in foster care, said **Susan Mah** executive director and co-founder with **Peter Lee**. The group is raising money to buy a shelter. They've already raised \$25,000 but they need a total of \$200,000, she said. Saturday night was their first fund-raiser.

For Art's Sake

It costs more than \$5,000 a year to maintain the Trestle Art Installation over Cooper Street between Elzey and Central, said **Angela Strain**, executive director of the Cooper-Young Community Association. That includes insurance, maintaining old railroad ties and removing graffiti. Art for Art's Sake Auction and Party was held Saturday night at Young Ave. Deli to raise money to care for the installation.



Artists, craftsmen and other retailers in the community donated items for the live and silent auctions. These ranged from a fused glass tray by **Sharon McNamara** to a gift certificate for tattooing or piercing from Underground Art.

Food and art were among the attractions at the Art for Art's Sake Auction and Party Saturday night at Young Ave. Deli

Among those attending were **John 'Bad Dog' McCormack, Kacky Walton, Michelle Johnson, David Gingold, Jean Seagle, Joe Carson and Carole Whitehead, Hunter Smith and Anne Bradley Thomas, John Zeanah, Beth Gunn, Rachel Wright, Edmund and Seetrail Mackey, Didi and Bobby Montgomery;** and **Paul Clarke.**

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Chris Conner and his dad,
Chris Conner, participated in
Art for Art's Sake.