

# Sandra Fay: Arts of Collin County park continues attracting big contributions

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At an Arts of Collin County reception hosted for 200 guests at **Gary Riggs Interiors** in Allen, ACC executive director [Mike Simpson](#) announced \$325,000 in new contributions for the 100-plus-acre arts park. The most recent donors are **Market Street** and **Oncor** at the \$100,000 level; **Strasburger & Price LLP** and **Sue** and **Jim Minyard** at the \$50,000 plateau, and **Texas Health Resources**, \$25,000.

Co-owned by Allen, Frisco and Plano with operational support by Fairview and Melissa, the arts park is supported with \$57 million in bond monies, \$3 million in Collin County Open Space Grant funds, and an additional \$17 million in financial support from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Simpson emphasized the importance of pledging commitment now when construction prices are at their lowest in a decade, adding that maximizing this opportunity could save \$9 million to \$12 million.

In ongoing ACC party news, **Mellie** and **Bob Baggett** and **Dona** and **Terry Timm** joined with Bachendorf Jewelers in hosting an ACC fete at Plano's Shops at Legacy North.

Simpson auctioned a diamond necklace donated by Bachendorf's and Hearts of Fire with the additional incentive that the winning bidder would receive an equal naming right at the new arts park.

Dr. **Leslie Campbell**, a podiatrist at Presbyterian hospitals in Plano and Allen, won the bidding and will use her \$2,900 naming right in honor of her children, **Andrew** and **Chase Haskell**. The necklace is going into a [Christmas](#) stocking for her mother, **Margaret Campbell**.

**Cherie Fruehan** and **Maureen Davis** hosted an ACC reception at Twin Creeks of Allen, adjacent to the arts park site, where it was announced that personalized ACC paver stones are now available.

For more information, visit [www.artsofcollincounty.org](http://www.artsofcollincounty.org).

Octoberfest time

Plano Sunrise Rotary's annual Octoberfest, from 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Bavarian Grill, will feature the usual stellar auction assembled by [Judy Jackson](#) and her team of super-shoppers, a raffle for a trip to Germany or locale of the winner's choice, and a German buffet.

Proceeds from auctions and the \$35 dinner tickets, which include three beers or glasses of wine, will benefit Plano Children's Medical Center at Legacy, the Assistance Center of Collin County and other Plano and international charities.

Visit [planosunriserotary.com](http://planosunriserotary.com) for tickets.

Oh, Christmas tree . . .

Area residents are invited to decorate a themed tree, wreath, centerpiece or gingerbread house for McKinney's fourth annual Festival of Trees during Dickens of a Christmas Nov. 27-29 at McKinney Performing Arts Center on the downtown square.

Proceeds will benefit McKinney ISD's Project Graduation. To participate or attend the preview gala, e-mail [projectgraduation @att.net](mailto:projectgraduation@att.net).

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