



*a toast to*  
EAST  
TEXAS

*art provided by*  
**DACE  
KIDD**

Dace Kidd (b. 1987 in Riga, Latvia) is a Latvian-American visual artist working primarily in the media of oil and acrylic on canvas. Dace (pronounced "Dat-suh") completed her degree work at Art Academy of Latvia and received advanced training at Accademia di belli Arti in Palermo, Sicily. After moving to the US in 2011, she began creating murals and has developed a portraiture style. She also designs

graphics for books and has provided the cover art and illustrations for many. She has had successful shows throughout Europe and exhibited artwork in New York City and Miami. Dace works on site-specific projects and regularly shows her work and curates art events in Tyler and Dallas, Texas. The Foundation is grateful for Dace's donation to the Women's Board Project and for the artwork she designed for the A Toast to East Texas invitation.

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invites you to join us for the 2022 Toast to East Texas.  
A series of unique parties and special events at some of the  
most exceptional homes and venues in East Texas.

**SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH  
OCTOBER 6, 2022**

Proceeds will support the 2022 Foundation Women's Board projects, the Trident Specimen Radiography System and the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program.

Message from the  
CHRISTUS TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES  
WOMEN'S BOARD CHAIR

I am honored and excited to be Chairing the 7th Annual **A Toast to East Texas**. Our Women's Board of active and sustaining members are women who are very passionate about serving the women and children in our East Texas community.

We are excited to announce that the Foundation Women's Board has chosen the Trident Specimen Radiography System and the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program as our 2022 fundraising focus. We know these projects will speak to the hearts of you all, and we ask your help to make a difference to women struggling with breast cancer in Northeast Texas.

I sincerely want to thank those who have already pledged their resources and sponsored **A Toast to East Texas 2022**. As you know, 100 percent of your generous donation will go directly to support our 2022 project.

There are seven awesome parties to choose from this year, beginning Thursday, September 22 and ending Thursday, October 6. It will be a fun-filled two weeks, and I hope you will join us!

And now, it is my pleasure to reveal the **2022 A Toast to East Texas Party Line-up!**

Gratefully,



Tomi Ellis  
2022 Women's Board Chair  
CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation



fundraising  
INITIATIVES

“ DID YOU GET IT ALL? ”

Every woman who has experienced breast cancer surgery wants the answer to this question to be “yes!”

The Foundation Women's Board is passionate about providing women in East Texas with the very latest state-of-the-art technology for the utmost assurance during breast cancer surgery that all markers have been captured and all margins are clear.

With your financial support, the surgeons who fight breast cancer will gain a critical tool. The Trident HD Specimen Radiography System is the next-generation of high-definition mobile imaging machines that lets surgeons check – in real time while still in the operating room – that they've successfully removed all cancerous cells from a patient's breast.

The Foundation Women's Board will also raise funds to support a new Breast Cancer Survivorship Program. This patient support program will address the long-term effects of cancer treatment which present unique medical, physical and psychosocial challenges for breast cancer survivors.

The CHRISTUS TMF Foundation Women's Board will designate all funds raised through A Toast to East Texas for this mission.

# HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Enjoy looking through the invitation and selecting your favorite parties!
- Visit our website, [christustmf.org/toast](http://christustmf.org/toast), or scan the QR code to watch the individual party videos.
- Choose a few parties you and your friends would like to attend.
- Fill out the enclosed party request form and drop it in the mail.
- Or fill out the online donation form and add your party requests.
- Guests will be placed in parties and a confirmation will be both mailed and emailed to you.
- List your parties in order of preference and please list several extra parties.
- CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation cannot give refunds on tickets. If your first choice is not available, we will do our best to place you in the next available preference listed.

We hope you will join us for our seventh annual event!

## WOMEN'S BOARD CHAIR

Tomi Ellis | [tkellis1226@gmail.com](mailto:tkellis1226@gmail.com)

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# WATCH T2ET VIDEOS!

Go to [christustmf.org/toast](http://christustmf.org/toast) or scan one of the QR codes below to view A Toast to East Texas 2022 individual party videos. There are three ways to watch!

## SCAN CODES TO WATCH

Position your phone camera over the code, then tap the link that appears to view the videos.



**YouTube**

SCAN CODE TO DONATE



**Donate Here**



**Facebook**

# schedule

**Thursday, September 22  
6:00PM**

Wheels & Heels

**Saturday, September 24  
10AM – 12PM**

Boots & Bling – A Family Fun Event

**Monday, September 26  
6:00PM**

Uncork & Unwind with The Bishop

**Wednesday, September 28  
6:30PM**

Tankards & Tastings – Oktoberfest

**Thursday, September 29  
11AM – 1PM**

Lunch with The Ladies

**Thursday, September 29  
6:30PM**

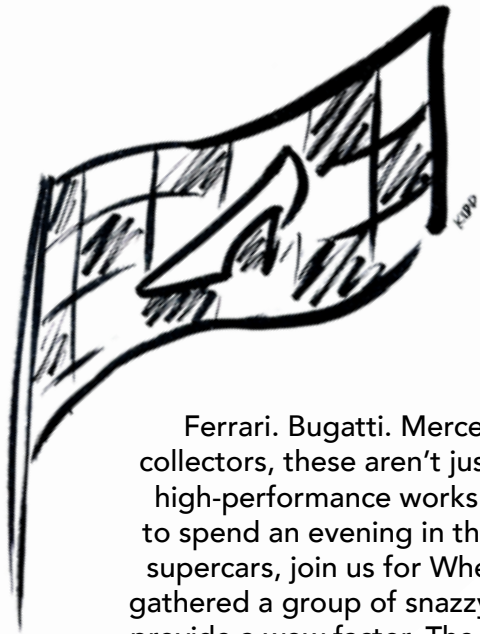
Nashville Bash

**Thursday, October 6  
6:30PM**

Night at the Nursing School

SPONSOR BENEFITS	To Long Life \$50,000	To the Future \$30,000	To Good Health \$25,000	To Happiness \$15,000	To Hope \$10,000	To Friendship \$7,500	To Love \$5,000	To Family \$2,500	To Sweet Memories \$1,500	To New Adventures \$750
Priority Reservations for 2022 A Toast to East Texas	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Number of Available Tickets to 2022 TZET	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Recognition in 2022 TZET Party Brochure (given out at each event and mailed to all donors.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on 2022 TZET Web Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to TZET Preview Party on 7/21 at WBCC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in Spirit of Giving Magazine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poster Recognition at all 2022 TZET Parties	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Prominent Recognition with logo on 2022 TZET Web Page & Social Media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Prominent Recognition in the 2022 TZET Promotional Videos	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

2022 Foundation Women's Board Fundraising Initiative: The Trident HD Specimen Radiography System and the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program. CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift, minus the value of your ticket(s), is tax-deductible.



Ferrari. Bugatti. Mercedes. Porsche. To collectors, these aren't just cars, they are true high-performance works of art. If you'd like to spend an evening in the presence of these supercars, join us for Wheels & Heels! We've gathered a group of snazzy rides that is sure to provide a wow factor. The home of Jeanne and Paul Fanning is the setting for viewing examples of fine classic cars and modern showstoppers. Haute couture heels or your fanciest footwear is the dress code for the evening. Show off your trendy toes while enjoying hors d'oeuvres from Jack's Catering and cast your vote for Best of Show in both footwear and vehicle categories. So, whether you are an enthusiast of Porsche or Prada, Lamborghini or Louboutin, Maybach or Manolo, come out to kick up your heels and examine excellence on wheels.

## HOSTED BY

Tomi and Jim Ellis  
Jeanne and Paul Fanning  
Neena and Harshi Bains  
Sherri and Kurt Reuland

## SPECIAL THANKS

Jack Lewis  
Jack's Catering

# wheels AND heels

**Thursday,  
September 22  
6PM**

50 Guests will wheel  
their way to the home of  
Jeanne and Paul Fanning

14844 Eastside Road | Tyler

Men: Open Collar Attire  
Ladies: Fabulous Footwear

Valet Parking – of course!





# BOOTS & BLING

**Saturday, September 24**  
**10AM – 12PM**

A family fun event for  
50 adults plus children.  
Each ticket admits 1 adult & 1 child.  
One additional child ticket  
per person is \$25 each.

The Arena at Rio Neches Ranch  
Home of Dawn and Harry Leatherwood  
18655 CR 418 | Tyler

Cowboy or Casual Attire  
Shuttle bus from parking area



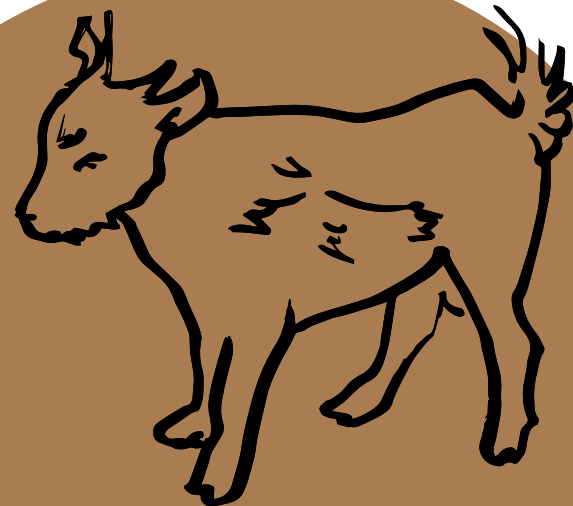
*a fun family event*

Dust off your duds and get ready for some fabulous family entertainment as we gather at the beautiful Rio Neches Ranch for Boots & Bling. This party will delight children and adults with exciting activities that will occupy young and old alike. The thrills begin in the parking area, where you will find a vintage firetruck as your shuttle to the main event. Make new animal friends in the petting zoo. Jump to your hearts' content in the bounce house. Hang on tight and find your 8 seconds of fame on the mechanical bull. Have your face painted or get creative at the jewelry making station. Feeling lucky, try panning for gold! Enjoy some great grub and stop by the photo booth to commemorate the day. Each adult ticket admits one adult and one child, and one additional child ticket will be available for purchase. So, round up a young'un or two and get ready for some serious family fun!

## HOSTED BY

Kaitlyn and Bryan Allgeier  
Elizabeth and Nick Andrade  
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Meagan and Will Doran  
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Valerie and Dan Obesso  
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Katie and David Socia  
Ashley and Michael Westerfield



Over the years, The Very Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, has hosted many creative parties in support of the Foundation Women's Board. He has cooked a Heavenly Italian Dinner; he presented his inspiring account of his travels through Spain, Portugal and the Holy Land; he has introduced us to an artist bringing the beauty of Sacred Art to churches throughout the Diocese of Tyler; and he has twice competed against guests, and refereed, as we played Bocce Ball with the Bishop. **What will The Bishop do next?** Get ready to Uncork & Unwind with The Bishop! Join our licensed Sommelier, who will give a brief expert explanation of the process of winemaking and the transformation of grapes to wine. Guests will experience a wine tasting triad, as they move amongst the three stations of red, white and rose' wine, chef-paired with delectable appetizers. Listen and learn as Bishop Strickland enlightens guests on the meaning of wine in scripture as a Christian symbol for transformation. End the evening with delicious desserts and a champagne toast! It will surely be a truly transformative evening!



### SPECIAL GUEST

Most Reverend Joseph Strickland,  
Bishop of Tyler

### HOSTED BY

Mona and Jack Gabriel  
Don Garrett  
Rose and Terry Giles  
Sandy and Robert Johnson  
Jim and Carol Mazzu  
Bonnie Palmer  
Bonnie and Rick Rayford  
Annalisa and Jay Stenklyft  
Karen and John Williams

# UNCORK

# &

# UNWIND

with  
*The Bishop*

**Monday, September 26**  
**6PM**

A divinely inspired evening for 30 guests  
Home of Annalisa and Jay Stenklyft  
2009 Rose Road | Tyler

Dressy Casual Attire | Valet Parking



# TANKARDS & Tastings

**Wednesday, September 28**  
**6:30PM**

Craft beer and Oktoberfest delights for 60 Guests

True Vine Brewing Company  
2453 Earl Campbell Parkway | Tyler

Casual Attire  
Designated Parking



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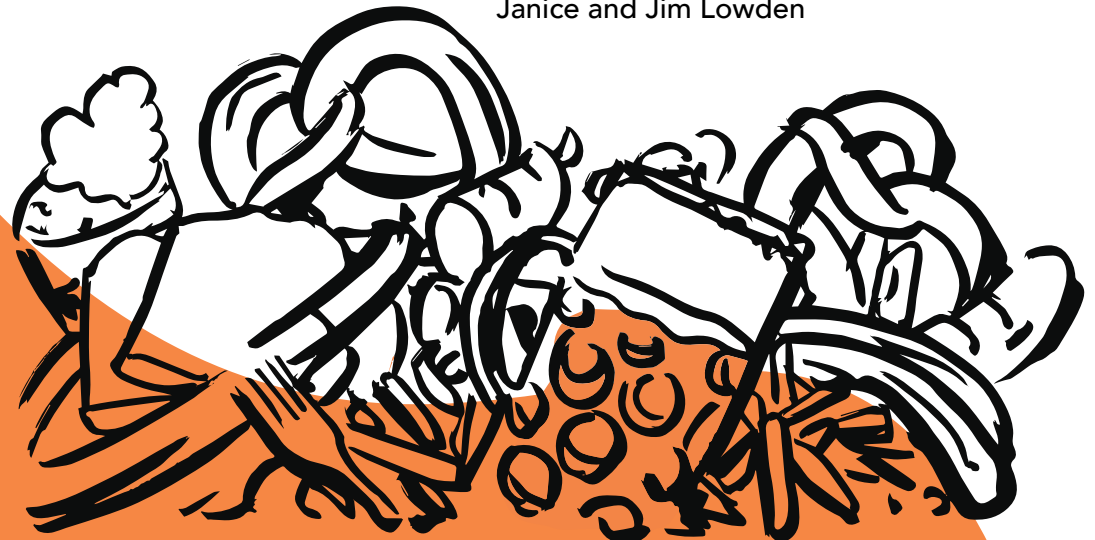
Join us for Tankards & Tastings, a brew party where fun will be on tap!! This year's fan-favorite party will celebrate Oktoberfest, the biggest folk festival in the world where beer is center stage. Brew-master Ryan Dixon of True Vine Brewing Company will share "behind the brew" secrets and will feature seasonal brews such as the limited release "fest bier" Oktoberfest. You will be treated to the "best of wursts," as chef Blaine Davis of The Sola Bread company fires up his grill for roasted meats and traditional sausage delights. You might even find a giant pretzel or two on the menu. So, grab your beer Stein, put on your Polka shoes and get ready to tap into a "wunderbar" craft beer experience. Prost!

## HOSTED BY

Michelle and Brian Allgaier  
Vickie and Paul Cooper  
Karolyn and Jeff Davis  
Jenna and James Gillingham  
Shannon and Chris Glenney  
Michelle and Nicholas Medel  
Holli and Collin Shull  
Jennifer and Kevin Walsh

## SPECIAL THANKS

Ryan and Traci Dixon – True Vine Brewing Company  
Blaine and Karin Davis – Sola Bread Co.  
Janice and Jim Lowden



# Lunch with THE LADIES

**Thursday, September 29  
11AM – 1PM**

A lovely seated lunch for 30 guests\*

At the home of  
Laura and Michael Young  
2001 S. Chilton Ave. | Tyler

Lovely Luncheon Attire  
Valet Parking

\*Seating will be limited to those  
guests with a reservation – not a  
“come and go” event!



This is your chance to spend exclusive time with the amazing “women religious” who are the pulse of CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Come enjoy an incredible fall luncheon in the beautiful Azalea District home of Laura and Michael Young while you hear the heart-warming, life-changing and sometimes humorous stories from this small group of dedicated women who started Tyler’s first major hospital. Visit and dine with these ladies in this intimate setting and you will hear first-hand personal accounts from the Sisters who serve the hospital and the community today, learn about their hobbies and talents, hear their everyday experiences and understand why these dedicated women are considered the heart and soul of healing at the hospital. This event will surely be a blessing!

## HOSTED BY

Cathy Bertram  
Betsy Buchanan  
Darla Childress  
Jan McCauley  
Karen Norton  
Shanda Proctor  
Suzie Rippey  
Laura Young

## SPECIAL GUESTS

The Sisters of the  
Holy Family of Nazareth

# NASHVILLE bash

**Thursday, September 29  
6:30PM**

A Private Lakeside Concert for 100 Guests\*

The fabulous Lake Tyler home of  
Linda Rudd and Steve Hellmuth  
13481 W. Peninsula Road | Whitehouse

Casual Country Concert Attire  
Valet Parking

\*Please note: Only guests listed on  
the reservation list will be admitted  
unless previously arranged with  
Suzie Rippy, Events Manager  
for A Toast to East Texas.



Nashville Bash is back in the saddle again! Award-winning Nashville singer/songwriter Scott Emerick returns to Tyler, teaming up once more with one of his Nashville buddies. He will take the stage for a night of melody at the beautiful lakeside oasis of Linda Rudd and Steve Hellmuth. Get your front row seat now, this party will most likely be a sell-out. Scott has written numerous top country hits for stars such as Toby Keith, Sawyer Brown, George Strait, Billy Currington and Willie Nelson. Grab a drink and sample some amazing appetizers and delicious desserts from Dakotas. Mingle with this down-to-earth "Songwriter of the Year," then settle in for an exclusive private concert that you will not want to miss. Polish your boots and get ready for some world-class entertainment!

HOSTED BY

Linda Rudd and  
Steve Hellmuth  
Dakotas

SPECIAL GUEST

Scott Emerick



# Night at The NURSING SCHOOL

Thursday, October 6  
6:30PM

Rogers Nursing and  
Health Sciences Center  
TJC Campus  
1200 E. 5th St. | Tyler



A night event for 100 guests Bedazzled scrubs  
or other medically-inspired costume attire

Valet Parking

Join us at TJC's Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center for an evening of "sensory surprises" where anything can happen **when the sun goes down!** Put on your blinged-out medically inspired attire and begin this progressive party in the lobby of the School of Nursing, where you will be greeted with cocktails, followed by an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the high-tech facility. You will meet state-of-the-art (**and eerily lifelike**) "human simulators," who provide realistic training experiences for nursing scholars. The exceptionally fun evening continues as the world-famous Apache Belles guide you to the third-floor, where guests will dine on delectable hors d' oeuvres prepared by students from the School of Culinary Arts. Dance the night away in your bedazzled best to lively entertainment courtesy of the college's talented musicians. Fun and amazements await **after hours** at the Nursing School!

## VERY SPECIAL THANKS

Dr. Juan Mejia, President, TJC

Mr. Mitch Andrews

Chef Larry Matson & the  
Students of the School of  
Culinary Arts

Video Stars: Joan Andrews,  
Meela Mejia & Rebecca Wampler

## HOSTED BY

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Tyler Junior College – Mitch Andrews, Juan Mejia & Chef Larry Matson

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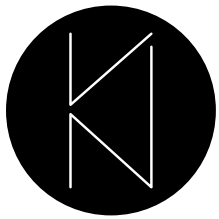
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Laura & Michael Young



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# *a toast* TO THE OUR FABULOUS FOUNDATION WOMEN'S BOARD

CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation is so very grateful for the 2022 Women's Board, led by Chair Tomi Ellis. We applaud you. We thank you for your loyalty, your love and for championing the cause, to improve health care for women and children in Northeast Texas.

Cheers to you all and thank you!

XOXO

*Suzie*

Suzie Rippy  
Communications, Grants & Events Manager  
Foundation Women's Board Liaison  
CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation

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