

MARKET

Continued from Page 5



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KAREN LUKIN

TASTE TESTERS: Above, Lisa Nelson with Patrick and Roxanne Pittman.

CUP OF TEA: Top left, Kristin Richens, Judy Davis and Kateri Ewing.

GROCERY GATHERING: Left bottom, Kathy Austin, Nancy Pinnow and Rachel and Alex Stein.

HELPERS

North Dallas Altrusans hand out uniforms at City Park

STAFF REPORT

North Dallas members of Altrusa Dallas delivered a new uniform to every child of the 250 students at City Park Elementary in Dallas ISD as part of its Dallas Uniforms for Needy Kids program Dec. 11. In addition to the clothes, each child received a stuffed teddy bear and a children's book.

"The children were so surprised and happy about their new clothes, but each of them seemed especially excited about receiving their very own book," Altrusa Dallas project chairwoman Sandy May said.

Dallas ISD passed the uniform requirement in 2005, mandating that every elementary- and middle-school child in Dallas ISD must wear a uniform consisting of navy or khaki pants and a white, collared shirt. Some students in the district are unable to meet the uniform policy on their own, so the



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MAY O'NEIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY: Pictured from left are Ernestine Swanson, Betty Lawson, Susie Stephenson, Carolyn Swanson, North Dallas attorney Michelle May O'Neil, Christina Garcia, Sandy May, Christopher Garcia, Rose Lorenz and Phyllis Meyerson.

district provides one free uniform to each qualified child at the beginning of the school year.

"The need for uniforms is so overwhelming — that is how we developed the idea for the D.U.N.K. project," Michelle May O'Neil, North Dallas attorney and president of Altrusa Dallas, said. "We set out to encourage members of the community to sponsor a child's uniform for \$25, and we

sought donations of used clothing items, as well as other children's necessities, for the schools' clothing closets. The book donations from Half Price Books meant so much to the children — several of the children told me that they had never had their own book to take home and keep."

Crest Auto Group in Plano, DJs Cat Daddy and Nate Quick with KKDA K104FM, and the



NEW CLOTHES: City Park students discover books in their bags, as North Dallas attorney Michelle May O'Neil, president of Altrusa Dallas, and Sandy May, D.U.N.K. project chairwoman, hand out uniforms.

Dallas Family Law Bar Association partnered with Altrusa.

"When I heard of the need in the Dallas ISD for the uniforms and the goals of the D.U.N.K. Project, I felt so touched and really wanted to be a part of the project," Rose Lorenz with Academic Outfitters in Plano that donated the uniforms to the D.U.N.K. Project said. "Seeing the joy in the children's faces makes all of the hard

work that went into this project so worthwhile."

Altrusa Dallas continues to collect donations for the D.U.N.K. Project.

■ For more information about the D.U.N.K. Project or Altrusa Dallas, visit www.altrusadallas.org.

Information submitted by North Dallas resident Michelle May O'Neil.

North Dallas abuzz in new year

School is back in session, vacations are likely over and brains are starting to function again now that the holiday season has tucked itself back into our memories. While a hush, albeit brief, fell over North Dallas with all its schools closed for business, last week brought a swarm of new activity to the area, and all feels seems to feel right again.

This week's cover story comes from DeGolyer Elementary mom **Amy Hunt**. The school has a great thing in its annual Run-a-Thon, which encourages kids to stay active with the incentive of raising money for a worthy cause. This year, students, teachers and parents raised more than \$4,000 for the North Texas Food Bank by accepting pledges for miles they would run. With service projects as the crown jewel of several schools in our area, DeGolyer's efforts align them other schools doing something good to help out right in our own area.

Speaking of DeGolyer, the school's Cub Scout Pack 836 traveled to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport last month to greet soldiers passing through to go overseas or arriving on leave for rest and relaxation. The scouts had already been successful



ALLISON WISK

with their popcorn sales this fall, raising more than \$10,000, so they decided to pass on the good will and brought the troops some of the buttery treat when they went to visit them. Many thanks to **Corey Brunson** and Cubmaster **Linda Mikkelsen** for the story and photos.

North Dallas Early Childhood PTA knows how to throw a good party, which might be the secret to their fundraising success. Having hosted events at places like Bugatti Ristorante in the past, the organization put on a brunch that no one will soon forget. With a fashion show featuring finds from Harold's in Highland Park Village, North Dallas moms were able to relax and have fun chatting and feasting on holiday goodies while placing bids at the event's silent auction. The affair raised money for Dallas Child Protective Services.

The Town North YMCA youth and government program is a unique asset to the Northaven Road facility. The club is made up of Hockaday and Episcopal School of Dallas students and meets regularly. The group hosted 35 kids as they competed at the district level. Two Hockaday teams placed in the top 10 for the judicial portion of the competition, allowing them to advance to the state contest in Austin. **Katie Neff** brings us the news.

Michelle May O'Neil, the North Dallas president of Altrusa Dallas, always has a lot on her plate. Her group has helped out numerous beneficiaries this year, including a recent beautification project for Vogel Alcove's staff quarters. North Dallas Altrusans visited City Park Elementary School as a part of the Dallas Uniforms for Needy Kids program Dec. 11. The group partnered with K104 DJs to bring a little liveliness to the day. Each child got a uniform, book and teddy bear and went home with a smile on their faces. The group hopes to continue its efforts at Frank Guzick Elementary sometime in the future.

What is going on in your world? Tell us about it at awisk@dallasnews.com.

Pets of the Week



Name: Jack
Breed: American pit bull mix
Age: 2 years
Sex: Male

Name: Bud
Breed: Domestic short hair
Age: 7 months
Sex: Male

With a smile from ear to ear, Jack is a charming dog with a big heart. He is also strong, active and will need regular exercise to keep him happy and healthy. Sweet and lovable, he is eagerly waiting for his new home. Brought to the shelter as a stray, he has been available for adoption since Dec. 2.



Bud is affectionate and delightful. Remember that most cats live at least 10 years, some much longer. When he begins to purr, you will know he is beginning to relax and feel at comfortable in his new home. His previous owner could not keep him because of health issues so he has been waiting at the SPCA of Texas in Dallas to find a new, loving home since Dec. 14.

Jack and Bud are waiting to meet you at the SPCA of Texas in Dallas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd. near downtown.

■ For more information, call 1-888-ANIMALS (264-6257), ext. 115, or visit www.spca.org.

Furniture - Decorative Accessories - Gifts and More

elephant walk



Antiques - Furniture - Decorative Accessories - Gifts and More

Elephant Walk
After Christmas Sale still going on.
Christmas merchandise marked down
30%-50%



5021 W. Lovers Lane (2 blocks west of Inwood Rd.)
214-351-0115

Furniture - Decorative Accessories - Gifts and More



45 Years of
Proven Academic Distinction



Preschool
Elementary
Middle School

7730 Abrams Road
Dallas
(214) 349-6843

Now Enrolling
scotfieldchristian.org



KD