

Heart Ball raises \$580,000



Hisashi (left) and Lynn Nikaidoh and Sharon and Chip McElroy enjoy the Heart Ball at Expo Square. BRANDI SIMONS for the Tulsa World.

Talk success and you have to mention the American Heart Association's Heart Ball, which has been a five-star bonanza for 38 years.

This year's go-round at the Tulsa Fairground's Central Park Hall at Expo Square raised more than \$580,000, with some 650 attendees.

Proceeds will go to support research, community programs and education. Currently in Oklahoma the association is funding 10 research projects totaling \$1.45 million.

Event co-chairs Chip and Sharon McElroy joined KRMG's morning talk show host and Tulsa AHA board member Joe Kelley in emceeing the evening.

E2 Worldwide Inc. was in charge of production, and Annie-Up entertained.

A highlight of the evening is always presentation of the Sweethearts and Mavericks, the 72 high school sophomores who spent the months preceding the ball learning about heart-healthy issues and CPR. They also learned the importance of philanthropy as they raised money in support of the American Heart Association and become advocates for good heart health.

St. Francis Health System was the presenting sponsor.

Additional sponsors included Child-

hood Obesity Awareness, Bank of America, Williams, McElroy, American Airlines and Oklahoma Heart Institute at Hillcrest Medical Center.

Also, Bourland & Leverich, Grant Thornton, St. Jude Medical, Inc., the Lewis Family and the Oxley Foundation.

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Special thanks went to Jennifer Anthony and Sheri Stinson, sweetheart co-chairs; Mary Sokolosky and Linda Woodard, maverick co-chairs; Ketrin Boone, Robin Cargile and Nikki Rhoades, auction co-chairs; and the members of the Executive Leader-

ship Team, Ruth Adams, Dr. Jonathan Anthony, Trey Biggs, Dr. Tyler Boone, Timothy Cargile, Ralph Hill, Grant Hinch, Margaret James, G. Scott Lewis, Mac Martin, Joe Moran, Lane Pennington, Don Quint, Ann and Britt Radford, Frank Rhoades, Jim Sedlacek and Linda Woodard.

Others in the crowd were Dr. Raj Chandwaney, AHA Board President, Laura Lundquist, Leigh and Chuck Lamson, Ralph and Melanie Hill, Lynn and Dr. Hisashi Nikaidoh, Barbara and Jim Trecek, Ashleigh and Tony Young, Tom Neff, Toni and Clifford Garrison, Barbara and Bill McEntee, Robyn Rankin and Randy Shorb, Nat and Bruce Torkelson, Nancy and George Shahadi, Claudia and Dr. William Jackson, Perri and Dr. Thomas Craven, Donna and David Dutton, Hester and Ken Mans, Peggy and Dave Tanner, Drs. Allis and Doug Kliever, Becky and Atef Iskander, Cindy and Dr. Mike Spain, Lisa and Andy Johnson, Betty and Stephen Pirnat, Judi and Cal Meier, Nina and Dr. Matthew Cooper, Nikki and Dr. Matthew Parmley, Andrea and Dan Ellinor, Dee Anna and Steve Brown, Venesa and Steve White, Jana Shoulders and Bob Soza, Torre and Robert Waldo, Ruth and Randy Adams, Linda and Daryl Woodard and Doug Williams.



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New Kids back on block, all grown up

BY KIM BROWN
World Scene Writer

They've been around the block several times since the late 1980s and early 1990s.

But fans of New Kids on the Block still remember their favorite T-shirts, posters, jean-jacket buttons and crushes they had on the beantown boy band, which is making a stop in Tulsa tonight on its reunion tour.

More than 20 years after the release of their largest-selling album "Hangin' Tough," the five members are all grown up — they're in their mid- to late 30s — and most have their own kids.

But the frenzy continues, and the underwears is still flying onto the stage. The group released its first studio album in 14 years last fall, called "The Block," and has been touring since September performing all of its old hits, including "You Got It (The Right Stuff)," "Please Don't Go Girl," and "Step by Step."

Danny Wood, 39, is a divorced father of four who calls Miami home. In recent years, he's written and produced several solo albums, including his most recent, called "Coming Home." He said in a phone interview that the tour has been "amazing" and the fans are just as enthusiastic as they were in the New Kids heyday.

Kim Brown: How did the reunion tour come about?

Danny Wood: This really didn't start out about being about going on tour. It was really about making a record. The first thing was to make a great record and see what happened out of that. It was great being creative with the guys and (having) the camaraderie. We're like

concert

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brothers.

What do you think has made the New Kids stand out in terms of boy bands? You guys formed as friends, not as an audition or anything contrived, like some bands are today, right?

I think it's two things: We come from a city that builds character, Boston. And we also come from big families and have that upbringing. We definitely weren't like the overnight success or manufactured or put together.

Do you think you were the model for subsequent boy band successes, such as *NSYNC or the Backstreet Boys, or even the Jonas Brothers?

I don't really give that a lot of thought. I really like what *NSYNC did, they always gave us a lot of credit. We looked up

to New Edition growing up, so we certainly didn't invent the concept.

How did you avoid all the so-called trappings of fame that other pop stars have fallen victim to?

I think most of it has to do with our parents and the way we were raised and also growing up in Boston, you've got to have some streets smarts to come out of there, especially to the level of success we had, and be able to handle it. We stayed away from drugs and we didn't party a lot. We did have a lot of fun, though; nobody was perfect.

When putting this tour together, what were your expectations, and have they been met?

The experience has been amazing. From making the record and from going on tour, it's exceeded any of my expectations.

Has anything surprised you about the fans' reactions?

Yes, they're probably even louder.

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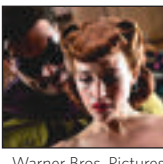
information

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Submit items one week in advance to Events, Tulsa World, P.O. Box 1770, Tulsa, OK 74102, or e-mail at barbara.allen@tulsaworld.com. Events must be in a public place and open to the public. For more information, call 581-8480.

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- Watchmen.....\$55.7
 - Tyler Perry's *Madea Goes to Jail*.....\$8.8
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 - Slumdog Millionaire.....\$6.9
 - Paul Blart: Mall Cop*.....\$4.1
 - He's Just Not That Into You*.....\$4
 - Coraline*.....\$3.3
 - Confessions of a Shopaholic*.....\$3.1
 - Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience*.....\$2.8
 - Fired Up*.....\$2.6



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EYING THE TROPHY: Country singer and songwriter Chuck Wicks teams with girlfriend and two-time champ Julianne Hough, who returns for her fifth season on "Dancing with the Stars." 7 p.m. ABC, channel 8. KATHERINE BOMBOY/ABC

tube picks

Don't miss TV for Monday

The following information was not available when the Sunday TV World went to press.

- 7 a.m.**
9 2 Today Author Jean Chatzky ("The Difference"); Today's Kitchen; recession fashion; Howie Mandel; Joy Fit Club; spring travel deals. (HD) (CC)
- 8 a.m.**
6 3 The Early Show Exotic facials; a woman who forgave her former husband's mistress; monitoring daily sugar intake. (CC)
- 9 a.m.**
5 28 The Doctors New drug dangers.
9 2 Live With Regis and Kelly Dwayne Johnson ("Race to Witch Mountain"); Beautiful Baby Week 2009 kicks off with the announcement of the 10 semifinalists. (HD) (CC)
- 10 a.m.**
5 28 The Martha Stewart Show Chef John Baccicelli; Rashida Jones ("I Love You, Man"). (CC)
8 3 The View Miley Cyrus; talk show host Jimmy Kimmel.
- 11 a.m.**
8 3 Rachael Ray The cast of a TV show serves as mystery tasters; hearty soup with sausage and kale. (CC)
- 3 p.m.**
8 3 The Bonnie Hunt
- 7 a.m.**
9 2 The Ellen DeGeneres Show Paris Hilton; "science guy" Steve Spangler; Hawaiian Game Week kicks off. (HD) (CC)
- 10:35 p.m.**
6 3 Late Show With David Letterman Russell Brand; animal handler Jack Hanna. (CC)
- 9 2 The Tonight Show With Jay Leno** Elisabeth Hasselbeck; comic Demetri Martin; Rocco DeLuca and the Burden performs. (HD) (CC)
- 11:37 p.m.**
9 2 Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Rose Byrne; The Lonely Island performs. (HD) (CC)
- 12:06 a.m.**
8 3 Jimmy Kimmel Live Musicians Jonas Brothers; race car driver Jimmie Johnson; Darius Rucker performs. (CC)
- 12:07 a.m.**
6 3 The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jason Segel; comic Dave Attell. (CC)

Changes

- 59 270 [THC] Gangland** (7-11 a.m. & 1-5 p.m.)
38 [SPIKE] CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
7 47 3HR MRC (7-10 p.m.)
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Tulsa Ballet sets preview party

Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry will be the guest of honor at a reception and preview party for Tulsa Ballet to be held Tuesday at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

Henry will make an announcement regarding Tulsa Ballet's 2009-2010 season and its tour to New York in August.

Other guests will include Marcello Angelini, Tulsa Ballet's artistic director, and Daniela Buson, ballet mistress.

Tulsa Ballet is to present its production of "Cinderella" April 4-5 at



GUEST

Kim Henry: Oklahoma's first lady will be the guest of honor.

the Rose State Performing Arts Theatre in Midwest City.

Filmed excerpts from the company's Tulsa performances of this ballet will be shown during the reception.

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World Staff Writer

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