

# Legs give boost to CIS Rock 'n Roll event

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Rick Purdy, second from left, reacts as he is named the winner of the men's "Great Legs" contest at Saturday night's 10th annual Rock'n Roll for Kids event at the New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. Purdy raised \$4,010 for Communities in Schools.

It was a night of clashing decades at the Communities in Schools (CIS) of South Central Texas' 10th annual Rock 'n Roll for Kids event.

Hundreds of guests filled the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center on Saturday evening, most donning the recommended attire of clothing from the 1950s, '60s, '70s or '80s. As one might imagine, the assorted outfits included a potpourri of scrunchies, leather jackets, peace symbol necklaces, poodle skirts and pink nylon.

CIS executive director Chris Douglas, dressed as a flower child, said she could not be more pleased with how the evening turned out.

"Oh, it's going very well — very, very well," she said. "It's wonderful to see everything come together like this. Everybody I have been speaking with has just been thrilled with the event."

Douglas also received a bit of a surprise herself, as she was informed she will be named as the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung's Citizen of the Year for 2011.

The award is presented to a special member of the local community who has taken an active, public role in improving the community or helping its citizens, either during the past year or over a lifetime of achievement.

Douglas will be honored at 5:30 p.m. on April 19 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center and receive mention in a special section of the Herald-Zeitung.

The Rock 'n Roll event featured live music, a catered dinner, and live and silent auctions with trip packages. It's the biggest annual fundraiser for CIS, a nonprofit organization which partners with local businesses and community organizations to support students in need.

Saturday's other big highlight was the announcement of the "Great Legs" winner.

Since early February, a dozen Comal and Guadalupe County men solicited votes from friends, co-workers and other supporters for having the best legs in town. Each vote represented one dollar.

Taking first place was Rick Purdy of New Braunfels, who raised \$4,010. Purdy said he basically harassed all his family, friends and neighbors to vote for him as much as possible.

"Basically, I just made a lot of phone calls," Purdy said. "I couldn't have done this with the help of my family and friends. It was also a lot of fun."

Purdy barely edged out legendary Madison High School football coach Jim Streety, who raised \$3,980, just \$30 short of first place.

Combined, the competitors raised about \$21,000 — the most raised, ever, and shattering Douglas' initial hopes of \$10,000 last month. By far it surpassed the previous record of \$11,500.

CIS staff also honored 10 teachers in Comal and Guadalupe County who they felt had gone above and beyond expectations.

Area teachers recognized included Madonna Binney of Comal ISD's Morningside Elementary; Donna Lemley and Alison Dunn of New Braunfels High School, and Sally Best of CISD's Clear Spring Elementary.

Dana Curry, a kindergarten teacher at Schertz Elementary, was one of five teachers recognized in the Schertz-Cibolo Universal City ISD. Curry said she was surprised and honored to receive her award.

"It was just so amazing," she said. "I had no idea this was going to happen — it's a great honor."