



Susan Feely with Avery Williams



James and Jennifer Newman



Susan Smathers (president late bloomers) Tommy Platt, Carol Platt and Bruce Smathers



Jillie, Chad and Greg Henson



Tim and Donna Deegan



Nicky and Lindsay Runnels with Kristina Nelson



Marnie Sprague, Judi Hardwick, Ann Carey and Laura Howell

## 'Jockeys, Juleps & Jazz' Root Ball raises funds for Greenscape

Guests enjoyed frosty mint juleps, a Derby-inspired buffet and live jazz for a good cause at "Jockeys, Juleps & Jazz," the 15th annual Root Ball, which raises funds for the ongoing operation of Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc.

The Kentucky Derby watch party was co-hosted with the Late Bloomers Garden Club. "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports" was cheered on under the Live Oak canopy at Bowing Oaks Plantation and included hat and bowtie contests, a wine grab and a silent auction.

"We are so grateful for the support of the community in helping us further our mission to plant, promote and protect trees here on the First Coast," said Lisa Grubba, Greenscape's executive director.

Linda Alexander, a lifelong civic volunteer and member of Late Bloomers, was the honorary chair. Kim Bongiovanni, president of the Board of Directors of Greenscape, along with Debbie Thompson and Dianne Garcia, Late Bloomers Garden Club members, were co-chairs.

Tim Deegan, chief meteorologist at First Coast News was emcee for the evening. The Mark Dickman Jazz Quintet, one of North Florida's premier professional jazz combos, played jazz and pop standards.

Greenscape is one of the nation's longest-running tree groups which has provided education, advocacy and trees in the ground in Jacksonville for 47 years.

The Late Bloomers Garden Club, a member of The Garden Club of Jacksonville and The Garden Club of America, supports a variety of civic improvement projects that stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening.

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## FinFest fundraiser raises most funds ever for Jacksonville Speech & Hearing

Northeast Florida's "best beachy bash," FinFest, returned to Timuquana Country Club on May 21. The dressed-down gala is the premier fundraiser for Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center. All proceeds raised from the event go to help the nonprofit provide the highest quality professional and compassionate care to individuals in the area with speech, language or hearing disorders, regardless of ability to pay.

Chairs Kim and Ken Purcell welcomed FinFest guests. Emcee Katie Jeffries, First Coast News anchor, started off the program and Al Emerick, honorary chair, performed an impromptu rap session.

Michael Howland, president and CEO of Jacksonville Speech & Hearing, and honorary chairs Ashley Carroll, Vickie and Frank Mangin, and Daisy and Mike Davidson expressed thanks to the donors who made the event the biggest fundraiser in the history of the organization with more than \$250,000 raised.



Honorary Chair Vickie Mangin with Jennifer Saenz and former Board Chair Jim O'Leary



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