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Members of the Junior Service League of Brazosport, Inc.'s 2010 Charity Ball committee include, from left, Gina Atkins, Dallas Harlan, Ginger Deal, Anne Bartlett, Lisa Nicks, Heather Melass, Marsha Goodson and Laurie Kidd. Not pictured: Teri Williams.

Dancing with the Cause

CHARITY BALL

The Junior Service League of Brazosport will present its sixth Charity Ball on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Tickets are \$65 each and sponsorships begin at \$325. For information, call Lisa Nicks at 979-299-9987.

Junior Service League's annual ball will benefit the Live Oak Clinic.

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LAKE JACKSON — Junior Service League of Brazosport, Inc. will host its sixth Charity Ball this October with proceeds benefiting Live Oak Clinic of Brazosport.

The event is especially meaningful, as 2010 marks JSL's 40th year of service to the community.

"JSL's mission is to train members for effective partici-

pation in the community through education and volunteer service — and this year's beneficiary exemplifies this mission," President Rachel Wilbanks said.

Mary Fuchs and Alice Campbell, two of the three women who started Live Oak Clinic of Brazosport, are sustaining members of JSL, and credit the organization with helping them become effective leaders in the community.

"Giving back to the community is what JSL is all

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about," said Laurie Kidd, JSL past president. "Charity Ball is an excellent opportunity for our members to learn how their hard work and volunteerism can make a significant monetary contribution to a selected beneficiary organization."

"Live Oak Clinic epitomizes community service. It is so amazing to be celebrating JSL's 40th year by honoring a group of members who took those lessons of volunteerism to a higher level," Charity Ball chairwoman Lisa Nicks said.

Approximately 20 percent of the population in southern Brazoria County is without health insurance, and Live Oak Clinic

exists to help bridge this gap. The clinic provides nonurgent, primary health care for Brazosport residents who do not qualify for Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and can't afford health insurance.

Approximately 50 volunteers provide medical evaluations, prescriptions, lab imaging services, health education, and social service referrals to approximately 16 patients each day the clinic is open.

The clinic recently signed an affiliation agreement with the Brazosport College nursing program, and officials are eager to help train local nurses. "I hope more physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and medical specialists,"

Fuchs said when asked about the clinic's future. "We'll want to be open more often and serve more patients."

This year's Charity Ball, dubbed "Club Ruby" in honor of the gemstone associated with 40th anniversaries, will be Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Individual tickets are \$65 and sponsorship opportunities begin at \$325. For information, call Lisa Nicks at 979-299-9987.

Junior Service League of Brazosport is a 501(c)(3) organization. Begun in 1970, JSL involves more than 200 active and sustaining members in a variety of projects that fill needs in the Brazosport area, including among others the Bargain Box and home-delivered meals.