

## Guest Column

### Rio Brazos de Dios

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Saturday evening, October 6, saw the annual fundraising dinner for The Friends of the Brazos. It was held on the beautiful grounds of Mary Lee Lilly's Brazos River front property. She is a gracious host and her tree dotted, manicured lawn, home place made a spectacular setting for the soiree. The benefit was attended by about 165 folks and I'm sure all agreed it was delightful.

Music filled the air and a dance patio saw frequent use. A silent auction brought in money as did a golf chipping contest. No one seemed to mind much that the humidity was high and many of us felt the heat.

Once again the Southwestern cuisine was catered by Ed Lowe's Celebration Restaurant. The pork roast and flank steak entrées were complemented by black beans, rice and salad. The appetizers were bacon wrapped shrimp; tortillas filled with various fresh vegetables and meats and of course the requisite tamales. If you are going to a fund raiser you might as well go to one that has great food as this one did.

Speeches were kept to a minimum with Ed Lowe serving as master of ceremonies. He made a few comments about the organizations activities and involvements. He made mention of the scientific studies recently completed to support the contention that there needs to be more sensitivity given to the maintenance of the part of the Brazos between Lake Granbury and Lake Whitney.

The scientist, engineers and attorneys that have to be hired to support this position cost money and thus the reason for the fundraiser. The dinner is just one way this is done, memberships and donations are others. This particular event raised nearly \$14,000.

The Friends of the Brazos Will reads:

- Sponsor river cleanups and habitat restoration programs

- Work to insure that the pending Brazos River Authority water right application provides for Lake Granbury releases that restore ecological integrity and provide recreational opportunities
- Work for the passage of legislation beneficial to the Brazos River
- Strive for increased appreciation and respect for the precious natural resource that is the Brazos River
- Educate our members and the public about responsibilities of river recreationists. We must work together to find a way to stop litter, trespass, and other irresponsible acts on the Brazos River.

You can learn more about the organization and how you can be involved by visiting their website at:

<http://www.friendsofthebrazos.org/>

John 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

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