

# Still Life

## Music and good medicine

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The People's Community Clinic medical staff, board and friends were joined by Marcia Ball on Wed., Aug. 28 in thanking and honoring the more than 160 Austin physicians who have volunteered their consultation services to the Clinic's patients. The event, held at Antone's, was made possible by the generous underwriting of Guidant Foundation, Inc., with additional support from Austin Caterers and Astra Zeneca. Marcia Ball and her Band donated their musical talents, which wowed the crowd and had everyone on the dance floor. Kirk Tuck also helped with photography.

Serving on the host committee were: Dr. David and Janice Abrams, Dr. Jim Brand, Dr. Robert Bernstein, Dr. Don and Kathryn Counts, Dr. Jeffrey and Joan Lava, Dr. Linda Prentice, Dr. Nona Niland, Dr. Michael and Sandy Rotman, and Dr. Jack and Ellie Schneider. Thanked for their support and leadership were PCC President Bill O'Brien, event organizer Mary Margaret Farrabee, Rick Geyer, PCC Executive

Director Roseanna Szilak, Scott Hentschel, Carol Robertson and Margot Thomas.

"Every year People's Community Clinic provides quality, affordable primary healthcare to 17,000 patients," said Geyer, PCC chief development officer. "Patients come from low income, under and uninsured working families. During 2001, PCC provided primary care to 19 percent of all uninsured patients who sought care at Austin clinics."

He noted that although PCC averages around 3,000 medical visits a month, it has had to deny 2,000 monthly appointment requests since last summer.

"We are in the quiet phase of a multi-year, multi-million dollar 'Capacity Campaign' to assure and expand core primary care capacity," he added, thanking Westbankers and PCC Board members Drs. Nona Niland and Michael Rotman, for chairing the campaign.

PCC was founded in 1970 by a group of volunteer doctors and nurses and has now become Austin's largest primary healthcare center committed to serving underserved and uninsured working individuals and families. For more information call 478-4939 or go to [www.pcclinic.org](http://www.pcclinic.org).



Having a 'singin' good time are Marcia Ball and Dr. Ed Buster.



Debi Meyer (on left) and Sherry Jacks attended the PCC Doctor Appreciation party.



All smiles are Westbankers Dr. Joe and Peggy Annis.



Roseanna Szilak and Bill O'Brien are the PCC executive director and board president, respectively.



Bill Race, left, is pictured with Dr. Jim Prentice.



Pictured at Antone's on Aug. 28 are (from left) Kim Storrar and Tosca Gruber.