

## Funny business

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ANTIOCH – Antioch Junior Woman’s Club (AJWC) Comedy Night participants learned amidst laughs and anecdotes that comedian Dobie “Mr. Lucky” Maxwell wasn’t very lucky at all.

The annual fundraising event, which took place March 1 at St. Peters Father Hanley Social Center, funds the AJWC, **as well as the Open Arms Mission**, Tim Osmond Sports Complex, and two local Antioch scholarships. AJWC president Laurie Stahl said they have a comedy night because there are no other fundraisers like it in the area.

“We are known for it,” Stahl said.

A Hollywood theme was chosen for the AJWC’s 11th annual comedy night. Participants entered the comedy night on a red carpet, surrounded by photos of celebrities. People could even have “paparazzi photos” taken of themselves.

“We wanted to have our own little Oscars night,” Stahl said.

During most of the event, guests dined on food and enjoyed drinks from a martini bar, while donating money through a silent auction. A wide variety of donated items lined the auction tables, ranging from decorative items such as candles and wine racks; sports items such as Chicago Land Speedway and White Sox tickets; and even more adult items such as a martini set and a Victoria Secret gift bag.

“I liked the Sox tickets,” Cindy Jetesar said.

Many Comedy Night participants said comedian Dobie Maxwell’s performance was the night’s climax.

“I liked his humor,” Stahl said. “It hit a funny bone with everyone at my table.”

Since becoming a comedian in 1985, Maxwell has performed all around the United States alongside the likes of Drew Carey, Dana Carvey, Jeff Foxworthy, Rosie O’Donnell, Jerry Seinfeld, and Jay Leno. Maxwell said he got the name “Mr. Lucky” for being so unlucky in real life. He works much of this unluckiness into his act.

“Worst case scenario plus one equals my life,” Maxwell said.

Maxwell said he takes any chance he can to perform at charity events, donating a portion of his CD sales to a veterans hospital.

“There are always people out there more unlucky than me,” he said.

Although ticket sales were slightly lower than normal this year, Stahl predicted that the event will raise roughly the same amount of money as last year’s comedy night – between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Overall, Stahl thought the night went very well.

“They really enjoyed it,” Stahl said, “it’s a great night for people to get out, have a good time, and forget about the horrible weather.”