

Food & Drink

Party features a good time for a good cause

Party is Thursday

■ **What:** Guest Chef Cocktail Party, an annual fund-raiser for Peaceful Paths, this area's domestic abuse shelter

■ **When:** 6-8 p.m. Thursday

■ **Where:** D'Acosta House, 703 NE 1st St.

■ **Cost:** \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.

■ **To help:** Interested in sponsorships or want to donate an auction item? Call Theresa at 377-5690. Want to be a chef or for tickets in advance, call 377-5690

By **STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ**
Special to The Sun

Women and children too often are victims of abuse. Helping them withstand the trauma of such abuse is the mission of Peaceful Paths, Gainesville's domestic abuse shelter.

And on Thursday night, the Gainesville community once again reaches out to help keep Peaceful Paths operating.

It's the annual Guest Chef Cocktail Party — "a wonderful night and for a wonderful cause," says Donna Cohen, chairperson for the event.

Thursday's party will feature 25-30 local "chefs" who will share their favorite recipes for **PARTY** on Page 6D



From left, Cindy Pauquette, her sister-in-law Donna Cohen and Cohen's mother, Rosina Pauquette, display Caramelized Onion and Bleu Cheese Tarts. Cohen is chair of the Guest Chef Cocktail Party, an annual fund-raiser for Peaceful Paths.

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all who attend the fund-raiser.

Cohen, also a well-known interior designer in Gainesville, will be among the guest chefs along with her mother and sister-in-law.

"It's kind of like a family affair," Cohen says with a laugh.

Cohen will cook caramelized onion and blue cheese squares as an appetizer for the night.

Different people in the community will be cooking in large quantities as their contribution to the fund-raiser and the recipes they use will be included in a cookbook that's given to everyone who attends the evening.

"We asked people who love to cook to make food for 75-100 people," Cohen says. "If other people like the dish, they can always make it themselves by using the recipe from the cookbook."

Other guest chefs who will be attending this year include Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Mike Mironak, Bill Zegel, Deborah



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These Tortellini Skewers with Basil and Sundried Tomato were prepared by Donna Cohen, her sister-in-law Cindy Pauquette and Cohen's mom, Rosina Pauquette, for the Guest Chef Cocktail Party.

Main, Gretchen Howard, Choppy Hodes, Becky Cato, Melanie Shore, Roslyn Levy, and Dennis and Caroline Hines.

The evening will also include a considerable selection of wine, live jazz from

Gosia and Ali and a silent auction.

"It's a way to celebrate the work that's being done [for women and children]," says Peaceful Paths executive director Theresa Harrison. "People have a good time but they don't forget the real reason why they are there."

Harrison says the shelter helps hundreds of victims a year and most of the grants the shelter receives does not cover costs of assisting clients.

Client assistance costs include medication, transportation, lost documentation including birth certificates and IDs, and children's school supplies.

"It's sad because most of them have no means of support," Cohen says of Peaceful Path's clients. "I will do anything to help women and children."

For more information on Peaceful Paths or Thursday's party, go online to www.peacefulpaths.org.

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ANSWERS TO FOOD QUIZ

1. Grapes, pineapple, peaches, pears and cherries
2. Peaches (30 percent to 50 percent) and pears (25 percent to 40 percent)
3. 20 varieties. The most common is Mount Morency red tart cherries
4. Only two days.
5. Dextrose
6. Watermelon
7. Watermelons are 92 percent water
8. At breakfast and as a snack
9. Tomatoes. We produce 60 million tons of tomatoes each year.
10. Bananas.