



From left: Denise McGowan and Michelle Durpetti.

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Ante Up

*Buy your tickets now for next month's always-rockin' **Texas Hold 'Em Tourney** benefiting Chicago Gateway Green. The stakes are high: The winner gets airfare to Vegas and a seat at the 2010 World Series of Poker. We chat with Denise McGowan and Michelle Durpetti, the dynamic duo in charge of planning the party:*

Which one of you is better at poker? *Denise: When it comes to poker faces, I clearly am. Michelle doesn't have a poker face about anything! My years of acting, comedy and cabaret help.*

Tell us about Chicago Gateway Green. *It's a nonprofit dedicated to greening local expressways and neighborhoods. As born-and-raised Chicagoans, we take great pride in knowing that we're helping to make our city even more beautiful.*

Any favorites to win? *That's as risky a gamble as betting at the table when you've got players of the caliber of Richard Roeper, Ted Widen and Ben Ponzio from B-96. But we wish everyone equal luck in the spirit of great fun for a great cause. 5:30PM.*

\$150; \$25 for spectators. At Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie St., gatewaygreen.org.

—Veronica Libman