



Valerie Amparan, Amy Ackerman, Ken Radtkey, Susan Van Atta, Angela Bolea, Michael, and Christi Huntsman, Patrick Lindsey, and Kielle Horton at the Junior League bash (photo by Priscilla)



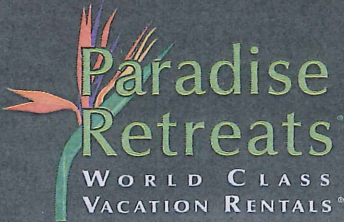
Sarah Styetz, Anders Bergstrom, Kendall Pata, Meghan Huffman, and Eric Behr look glamorous at the polo club (photo by Priscilla)

have been Prohibition, but the drinks were certainly flowing for the record 500 guests, who helped raise around \$100,000 for the cause.

Co-chaired by Amy Ackerman and Valerie Amparan and sponsored by Porsche Santa Barbara, a wide selection of the pricey new autos were on display while guests dressed in the styles of the 1920s and '30s.

"We always held gala-style events, but wanted something more casual as we celebrate our ninetieth anniversary next year," says Amy. "This year we are focusing on youth literacy."

Checking out the retro scene were Noah benShea, Brian Galloway, Jennifer Richards, Caroline Grange, Julian and Francis Lipinski, Chris Clarke, and Kristy Thomas...



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Karen Chin, Larry Feinberg, Diane McQuarie, and Cecilia Hess at Off the Wall (photo by Priscilla)

Chocolate de Vine

Our tony town's Rape Crisis Center threw its 6th annual Chocolate de Vine bash for 224 guests at the Santa Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, raising \$40,000 for the 40-year-old cause.

Cathy Murillo emceed the event while Alicia Williams conducted the auction, which included a trip to Spain.

"These days we are busier than ever," says executive director Elsa Granados. "We deal with 700 people annually, and there is no doubt a lot of it has been to do with the bad economy, which is now improving."

"It adds a great deal of pressure to families and individuals."

Guests included district attorney Joyce Dudley, district supervisor Janet Wolf, and council member Gregg Hart...

Art on the Walls

Easily one of Santa Barbara Museum of Art's most popular fundraisers, the Off the Wall event organized by the women's board, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, was a sell-out for the first time.

The five-year-old bash attracted 132 artists to the Ridley-Tree Education Center for the party, co-chaired by Karen Chin and Diana McQuarie, with Ralph Waterhouse as auctioneer for the colorful selection of contemporary works, including ceramics, collages, photography and sculptures.

Ticket holders were entitled to one work of art as names were drawn randomly and guests chose a work "off the wall" to take home.

Auction winners were Diane McQuarie and Paul Wilson, bidding \$2,300 for the chance to have first pick, selecting the piece "56 Colors" by Rafael Gaete.

Among the crowd making their bids at the bash, which raised \$81,000, were Gwen Baker, Patricia Aoyama, Lois Erburu, Joan Jackson, Jacquelyn Klein Brown, Berta Binns, John and Jane Dailey, Bill and Deanna Major, Joe and Suzy Schomer, Bruce and Tracy Stouffer, Tony and Mallory Van Leeuwen, Bill and Kathy Weber, Henry Weinberg and Kerrie Kilpatrick-Weinberg, James and Sheila Zimmerman, and Diane Waterhouse...



Ron Freese and Kathleen Elsey at SBMA's popular event (photo by Priscilla)

Going Overboard

It was Anchors Aweigh! when the Transition House auxiliary hosted its 17th annual Mad Hatter lunch for a record 260 guests at the Bacara, which raised \$75,000.

The nautically themed beano, emceed for the third time by the ubiquitous Andrew Firestone - dashing in a ship captain's outfit with a white-waisted jacket with enormous epaulets - was co-chaired by Diane White and Kathryn Dinkin.

The boffo bash also featured a fashion show by Montecito's Lana Marmé and a contest with a seven-day Holland America cruise to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean as the main prize.

Among those enjoying lunch on the ocean wave for the charity, which supports 300 homeless families with children annually, were Jane Burkemper, Eileen Mielko, Lynn Burtress, Mindy Denson, Kathryn Dinkin, Jessica Gibbs, Karen Kahn, Kerrie Kilpatrick-Weinberg, Sharon Larson, Christine Riesenfeld, Gayla Visali, Anna Ylvisaker, Missy Sheldon, Alix Rabinowitz, and Jennifer Zacharias.

Lynn McCabe and Ann Case won the most beautiful and creative hats contest...

Bill's Bacara Bash

Just 48 hours later, mega vintner Bill Foley threw a second anniversary party for 500 guests for his eponymous food and wine club at the tony oceanside hostelry, using the Bacara's front courtyard for the pulsing culinary occasion.