



Gil's wife, Susan, with Leslie Ridley-Tree and Dolly Granatelli at the sing-along



Rosas fans Agnes Asztalos and Sheela Hunt

**Nilsen, and Honorable Mention to Diego Hernandez-Black.**

As Marie says, "We've given hundreds of scholarships to people of all ages in Santa Barbara, from a nine-year-old musician who needed a new instrument to the 80-something artist who needed supplies to finish an art exhibit." Others have published a book, sung in Europe, been a dance intern in New York City, and much more.

As one recipient wrote, "Thank you! The Profant Foundation provided an opportunity of a lifetime for me... The work you do has a profound effect on artists as well as the public, which has benefited from your programs."

Some of those enjoying the sing along were Dr. and Mrs. **Herbert Barthels**, **Silvio Di Loreto**, **Jim**



New members honored by the SBMA Women's Board Miriam Slater, Lynn Brown, Katherine Murray-Morse, Carolyn Vogt, and Lauren Hanson. Unable to attend were Nancy McGrath and Kristin St. John.



Women's Board past presidents Barbara S. Wallace, Deanna Major, Grace Yoon, Sunni Thomas, and Gwen Baker

**Garcia, Stan and Betty Hatch, Judy Hill, Maribell Jarchow, Anne Luther and Julian Nott, Carol Marsch, Tom and Eileen Mielko, Geonine and Kerry Moriarty, mayor Helene Schneider, Joan Tapper, Terry Ryken, Joyce Shaar, and new CEO of the United Boys & Girls Clubs Michael Baker.**

A big shout out to Gil for entertaining us this night and all these many years. To contact the Profant Foundation, call 682-8184.

## New Member Luncheon

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) Women's Board held its annual New Member Luncheon at the Santa Barbara Club. The honorees were Lynn Brown, Lauren Hanson, Nancy McGrath, Katherine Murray-Morse, Kristin St. John, Miriam Slater, and Carolyn Vogt.

Among the many past presidents attending were Sunni Thomas, Barbara S. Wallace, Grace Yoon, Deanna Major, and Gwen Baker. When current president Carolyn Williams asked each of them what meant the most, they "shared a passion for art and wanted to bring people to art and art to people."

As Carolyn reminded us, "The auxiliary has given over a million dollars

to the museum over the years." It was founded in 1951, 10 years after the museum opened. The board's purpose is to raise funds for acquisitions, exhibitions, special projects and educational programs. There are more than one hundred members. Their next big event will be "Mystery in Masterpieces" April 18. This favorite evening is a chase for diabolical clues and clever wordplay hidden in various paintings. Guests have maps that lead them through the galleries, as they compete to win fabulous prizes by finding the most answers in the shortest time. I never win but have great fun trying. Contact **Karen Kawaguchi** at 884-6428 for information.

The Robert and Mercedes Eichholz director and CEO of the SBMA **Larry Feinberg** spoke to the group. "We are getting excited for the upcoming show. The crates have started to arrive. You are the key support to every show we do and you're not afraid of the edge. We are working with some LED lighting for this show. The paintings will be lit like you've never seen before."

The exhibit is titled "Botticelli, Titian and Beyond: Masterpieces of Italian Painting from Glasgow Museums" and opens Sunday, February 8. SBMA will be the only West Coast venue,



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Vice president and luncheon chair Fran Morrow with Robert and Mercedes Eichholz, director and CEO Larry Feinberg, and president Carolyn Williams at the luncheon



LifeChronicles honorees Pete and Gerd Jordano with founder Kate Carter in the center at the pre-event reception

and many of the paintings have never been exhibited outside Glasgow.

Thanks go to vice president **Fran Morrow** for arranging the lovely luncheon for the members. We all benefit from the work these ladies do.

## Remarkable Life Award

LifeChronicles will be giving their third annual "Father Virgil Remarkable Life Award" to **Pete and Gerd Jordano** in February. Meantime, they held a pre-event reception at the charming Community Partners Center (adobe) now owned by Union Bank at 15 W. Carrillo Street. Prior recipients were **Betty and Stan Hatch** and **Sue and Ed Birch**.

LifeChronicles began 17 years ago when **Kate Carter's** friend and young mom was dying of cancer. She had three children she wanted to remember her, so Kate videotaped her friend's life memories and thoughts for her family. Thus began LifeChronicles. As Kate said, "We have now done 1,200 videos in 38 states for the seniors or seriously ill." She remembered, "The first fundraiser was called 'Rebel for a Cause,' and was a sock hop." If a family can't afford to pay for the service, it is given to them.

**Debby Davison** introduced the Jordanos by telling of their many feats

of service and compassion that were also the touchstones of Father Virgil's life. The history of Jordano's company goes back 100 years, and they now have 600 employees whose average time with the company is 16 years. It's obviously a good place to work because that's a lot of longevity for this day and age.

As Pete joked, "My mom used to say, 'If you don't love yourself no one else will.' So I grew up lovin' myself. Our vocation is our vacation." Gerd and Pete met 40 years ago. Event producer **Judi Weisbart** recalled, "I am of the Jewish faith, but Father Virgil had a wisdom that included all faiths."

The dinner will be at the DoubleTree Resort on Thursday, February 12, where LifeChronicles will show parts of a four-hour video that Father Virgil requested to make toward the end of his life.

Some of those enjoying the wine and Fresco tapas were former *NYPD Blue* star **Dennis Franz** and wife **Joanie, June** and **Jorgen Kjaempe**, **David Pintard**, **Hannah-Beth Jackson**, **Salud Carbajal**, **George Leis**, **Randy Weiss**, and newlyweds **Kit and Barry Liker**.

LifeChronicles is, "Memories in the Making." They capture life when it matters most. If you'd like to support this program, call 682-3411 for reservations to Father Virgil Remarkable Life Award event.

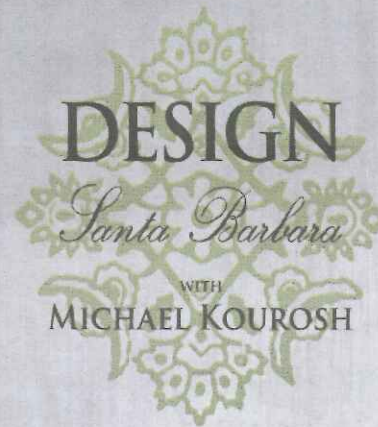
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LifeChronicles board member Maria Arroyo, administrative assistant Mary deLoe, event producer Judi Weisbart, and board member Jeff Martinez

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