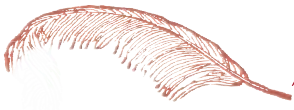


United Way of Santa Barbara



Red Feather Ball

By Kerry Methner / CASA

FROM RED GLASS GOBLETS to a scarlet velvet curtain stretching across the ballroom, the stage was set for an elegant evening at Fess Parker's Doubletree when United Way recently hosted the 13th Annual Red Feather Ball.

Fashioned around the theme *Viva la Red Feather*, the event honored those in the community that have made a significant impact on quality of life for Santa Barbara residents.

Dr. Peter R. MacDougall and Venoco, Inc. were singled out as the 2009 Abercrombie Community Excellence Award Recipients. Dr. MacDougall; Tim Marquez, CEO, Chairman, & Founder of Venoco Inc.; and Bernie Marquez, were present to accept the honors.

"There is a breadth of talent here, of individuals who give so much and are dedicated to community," MacDougall, shared. "Community service is part of the culture in Santa Barbara."

MacDougall's sentiment was echoed in the presentation regarding Venoco's contributions to the community. In addition to supporting dozens of non-profit organizations with millions of dollars, the company's corporate culture encourages volunteerism, according to Tim Marquez, founder.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way's collaborative *Fun in the Sun* program, an award

winning summer day camp.

"We do it for the sake of the children," echoed from table to table when participants were asked why they chose to support the Red Feather Ball. Irma Jurkowitz, who co-chaired the Ball with husband Morrie, explained, "We're happy to support

anything to do with children and education, especially a summer camp for underprivileged children that can't afford it."

"With the work of United Way, we all come together," shared Master of Ceremonies Debby Davison Phelps. "It's team work that works."

Also on the program were Alejandra Perdomo and Jessica Arroyo, two young women who are former *Fun in the Sun* participants and recent Counselors In Training. Each spoke with poise about how the program had turned their lives around.

In addition to a beautiful dinner accompanied by Spanish wines, the evening included a silent auction featuring a range of items from pamper yourself packages to the works of master artists. A live auction led by Andrew Firestone and John Palminteri followed dinner. Entertainment included Musical Mischief Productions' "That's Philanthropic!" and hot Flamenco by Anthony Ybarra & the Sonido Moreno Dancers.

For more information regarding United Way of Santa Barbara, visit www.unitedwaysb.org.



Leslie and Dr. Peter MacDougall, 2009 Abercrombie Community Excellence Award Recipient



Representing Venoco, Inc., Tim and Bernie Marquez accepted the 2009 Abercrombie Community Excellence Award



Paul Didier, President & CEO United Way of SB County; with Fun in the Sun CITs, Alejandra Perdomo and Jessica Arroyo



Greg Hackenthal and Penny Jenkins with Patty and Bob Bryant



Event Co-Chairs & Sponsors Irma and Morrie Jurkowitz with their daughter Jill and son-in-law Neil Levinson



Bob and Chris Emmons, Brian King, and Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree



Debby Davison Phelps, Master of Ceremonies with Karen Knight, United Way Leadership Service Officer



Live Auctioneers: John Palminteri and Andrew Firestone

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