

SB Contractors Association and American Institute of Architects

Wintergreen Ball

By Devon Pettengill / CASA

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO BUILD SANTA BARBARA and make it beautiful celebrated the most beautiful season of all at the Santa Barbara Contractors Association & American Institute of Architects Wintergreen Ball at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort on December 10th.

"Both [AIA and SBCA] have an amazing impact on our community, not only in employment but in the quality of the built environment," shared Damon Gregory of Maverick Window Sales, who is a Board Member with both organizations. "It was nice to be able to put it all in perspective and see what we're doing in the community."

This year's party was the first collaborative holiday celebration between AIASB and SBCA. The event's planning committee included Rosa Alvarado, AIASB President; Jorge Machin, AIASB Vice President; Evangeline Benchek, AIASB Executive Director; Karin Perissinotto, SBCA Executive Director; and Brendan Blouin, SBCA Event Coordinator.



Beverly Holliday; Michael Holliday, J.M. Holliday Associates; Keith Rivera, Acme Architecture; Laurie Romano, Arcadia Studio; Marc Fisher, UCSB Campus Design and Facilities; and Kris Miller-Fisher, County of Santa Barbara



Front Row: **Noriko and Patrick Foster, Ivy and Chris Edwards.** Back Row: **Gina and Roger Perry, Richard and Barbara Redmond**



Susette Naylor, Sharon Sumrall, David Burns, and Peter Naylor



Greg Rech, Past AIASB President and Ruth Rech



Rosa Alvarado, AIASB President and Michael Alvarado

Approximately 275 guests attended, enjoying a buffet dinner, a no host bar, and the opportunity to dance to the tunes of the Architects Band, made up of local architecture and planning professionals.

"There was a lot of good energy, positive energy in the room," shared Jorge Machin. "I think everyone appreciated having the chance to be in a casual environment and still have some kind of dialogue about what's going on with their businesses and the chance to network."

"We are hopeful that [this event] is the start of an integral relationship between our organizations, which encourage green technology and sustainable practices," shared Evangeline Benchek, Executive Director of AIASB. "And [that it] initiates a healthy, engaged working relationship between our associations and reiterates a committed dedication of collaborative efforts in enriching our community."

AIASB is the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a national organization that has been in existence for more than 150 years. AIASB supports the community through the Santa Barbara Architectural Foundation and contributions to the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation.

The Santa Barbara Contractors Association was founded in 1948 and its current mission includes emphasizing the construction industry's role in a greener future through the Built Green Santa Barbara program.

For more information on the SBCA, call 884-1100 or visit www.sbcontractors.org. For more information on AIASB, call 966-4198 or visit www.aiasb.com.



Brendan Blouin, Christopher Mattioci, Deena Hetfield, Damon Gregory, and Jorge Machin.



Nancy Caponi, Executive Director of Architectural Foundation of SB with her husband Robert Adams



Members of the AIA Santa Barbara Board of Directors and Officers from left to right: First row: **Nancy Bollay, Marc Fisher, Juliet Crowder, Rosa Alvarado, Jorge Machin, Ellen Bildsten, and Evangeline Benchek.** Second row: **Peter Hunt, Detlev Peiker, Greg Rech, and Joe Moticha.** Third Row: **Damon Gregory.**



Standing: **Mike Yamasaka; Arianna Freschet; Evangeline Benchek, Executive Director of AIA Santa Barbara; Steve Benchek, and Norman Krohn, Krohn Construction.** Front: **Kate Yamasaka; Ed Hurd; Sarah Hurd; Karen Byers; and Jack Byers, Jack N' Tool Box Construction**



The Architects Band: **Robert Pester, Tracy Burnell, Michelle Osborne, Bill Wolf, Chris Hansen, and Scott Branch**



Front Row: **Regina Magid, Ilya Magid, Elizabeth Magid, and Mark Magid.** Back Row: **Andrea Pullman, Ann Nicoletti, and Lynne Alexander**



Back Row: **Allan Green, Patrick Foster, and Alan Aleksander.** Front Row: **Damon Gregory, Bill Parris, John Holehouse, Dan George, Paulo Sifolini, Suzanna Savage-Raffican, and Rodney Utt**

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