

## Garden Court Endowment

# Life is Good

**K**ATHY KOHNER ZUCKERMAN, the real “Gidget,” surfed into Santa Barbara to help bring awareness to the Garden Court Endowment at their surf themed annual dinner, “Life is Good at Garden Court,” at the Canary Hotel. The evening also honored The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara for 40 years of dedicated service to low-income seniors, creating more than 3,100 units of subsidized housing in Santa Barbara.

“We were thrilled to have Kathy Kohner Zuckerman as our honorary event chair,” said Tim Durnin, Garden Court Executive Director. “Ms. Zuckerman is a fantastic example of living life to the fullest, and as an American icon her message of successful aging resonates near and far.”

As one of the lone females involved in the fresh new sport of surfing in the 1950’s, Kohner Zuckerman was dubbed “Gidget” or “girl midget” by her male counterparts.



Housing Authority of the City of SB: **Skip Szymanski**, Deputy Executive Director/COO; **Rob Pearson**, Executive Director/CEO; and **Rob Fredericks**, Deputy Executive Director/CAO

Kohner’s real life story was shared with the nation, when her father, Frederick Kohner

penned a book about a young, independent girl surfer he called *Gidget*. The book was a smash and later became a movie, which prompted Gidget mania throughout the country.

The event featured Rick Longpre, President of Latitude, Inc. as Master of Ceremonies and KEYT’s John Palminteri led the lively auction

whose proceeds will directly benefit the Garden Court Endowment.

“Garden Court is a model community that residents can truly call home and

continue to live an active and fulfilling lifestyle,” said Kohner Zuckerman. “I am proud to help raise awareness of this important resource for seniors and to encourage everyone to maintain an active lifestyle for as long as they can.”

Garden Court Endowment is dedicated to assisting frail, low-income SB seniors to live independently for as long as possible by providing grants for housing and support. For more information call 884-0095 or visit [www.gardencourt.org](http://www.gardencourt.org).



Honorary chair **Kathy Kohner Zuckerman**, the original “Gidget” with the “Locals” band members **Daniel Lower**, **Jody Evlitz**, **Gary Sanganitto**, and **Brad Eastman**



**Donna Ibarra**, The JJD Group-Merrill Lynch & Co; **Alyce Parsons**, Chief Operations Officer of Parsons Group; SB City Mayor **Helene Schneider**; **Vladimir Chemadurov**, Brown & Brown; **Janet Garufis**, Montecito Bank & Trust CEO; and **Cathy Aiello**, Canary Hotel Banquet Manager

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