

CALM: Celebrity Author's Luncheon A Really Good Read

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FOR THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MIX WITH THE LOCAL LITERATI, nearly 600 people gathered at Fess Parker's DoubleTree Resort for CALM's 24th Annual Celebrity Authors' Luncheon. Featured celebrity authors included Elizabeth Berg, Sandra Brown, Kate Jacobs, and Carol Leifer, while Santa Barbara's own Jack Canfield celebrated his 13th year as Emcee for the event.

"I love supporting CALM. It's been my way to contribute to Santa Barbara and be part of the community," said Canfield. "I have a personal stake in ending child abuse. I was abused myself as a child. Every child has the right to be loved."

After meeting with the local and celebrity authors for personal book signings, guests were invited to the Ballroom for a luncheon and event presentation, which included a raffle-style, opportunity drawing for the chance to win one of seven deluxe gift baskets packed with goodies. Each of the baskets was themed with a matching book title, such as *Santa Barbara Fun* or *The Portrait of A Lady*.

Before the screening of a moving, short film sharing CALM's services and impact on local families, Kathy Gallegher was invited

on stage to present a tribute to Margo Chapman, who was this year's recipient of the Claire Miles Award. "Margo is a powerful force, an amazing woman, and most deserving of this reward," said Gallegher. "She is a person of action, having given generously of her time and contributions, and a passionate ambassador for CALM."

Debby Davison and William Hermann then spent time interviewing each of the celebrity authors, who both inspired and entertained guests while they enjoyed a decadent dessert.

All proceeds from the event and a percentage of book sales support CALM, the only non-profit agency in Santa Barbara



Jane Honikman; Margo Chapman, CALM Auxiliary Member; Ely Rumelt, CALM Clinical Director



Back: Celebrity Authors: Sandra Brown (*Rainwater*), Elizabeth Berg (*Home Safe*), Carol Leifer (*When You Lie About Your Age, the Terrorists Win*), and Kate Jacobs (*Knit the Season*). Front: Event Co-Chairs: Stephanie Ortale and Sharon Bifano.



Jack Canfield, Celebrity Author and Emcee, and Marty Silverman, CALM Auxiliary Member



Celebrity Author Interviewers Debby Davison, Former KEYT anchorwoman, and William Hermann, senior writer for *The Arizona Republic*



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