

The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Amethyst Ball's Silver Anniversary

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S PARKLING CRYSTAL CHANDELIERS CASTING PURPLE HUES lit up The Four Seasons Biltmore ballroom for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse's (CADA) glamorous Amethyst Ball. The event celebrated its silver anniversary and honored longtime CADA supporter Peter Hilf.

"The Amethyst Ball is the most lucrative event put on by CADA," shared Andria Kahmann, Women's Committee Chair. "It was sold out. We had over 280 guests." Kahmann along with co-chairs Bob Bryant and Chad Dreier organized the elegant affair. "Working with Bob and Chad was awesome," shared Kahmann. "They are such powerful doers and are so well loved and respected in the community."

The evening started with a patrons reception which was followed by cocktails, hors d'œuvres, and a silent auction.

After dinner, in celebration of the 25th anniversary, CADA presented the first "Amethyst Award" to Hilf for his generous support of the Council. Hilf is a Chilean-born businessman who has been involved in construction since the 70's. For the last 25 years he has been involved in the development, re-development, construction, management, and ownership of commercial and industrial real estate.



Andria Kahmann, Amethyst Ball Chairwoman; **Peter Hilf**, Honoree; and **Susanne Robinson**



Chad Dreier, Amethyst Ball Chairman; **Penny Jenkins**, President CEO, CADA; and **Bob Bryant**, Amethyst Ball Chairman



Don Lafler, CADA Board Member and **Sherry Lafler**

Hilf helps provide scholarships for prevention and treatment for the kids at the Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Treatment Center. He also made a great contribution to CADA, donating \$150,000 that night.

The program also touched on the significance of the Teen Court program, an innovative approach to juvenile justice. Teen Court acts as an early intervention for first time offenders by diverting them out of the traditional juvenile system. They avoid a criminal record but are still held accountable for their actions.

A short film about Teen Court graduate and program ambassador Jose Lozano reminded the audience of how the program can benefit youth in the Santa Barbara community.

The Amethyst Ball is an annual fundraiser that is mostly underwritten. This year the men's committee held an event at the Dreier Collection to help

raise funds for the Amethyst Ball, so that most of the money raised at the Ball allows the Council to continue its work to build a safer, healthier community by preventing and treating alcoholism and drug abuse.

This year's event garnered \$400,000 and will benefit



Ed Cue, Teen Court Director; **Dolly Granatelli**; **Andy Granatelli**; **Paula Lopez**; **Jose Lozano**, Teen Court Ambassador; and **Judge Frank Ochoa**

CADA's programs, including the Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Treatment, Project Recovery Adult Treatment, Teen Court, FB Mentor Program, and the FB Youth Service System in the schools.

"The Ball is like a big family reunion," shared Kahmann. "Some of the women who founded the event 25 years ago and served in the first committee are still involved and were able to attend."

For more information call 963-1433 or visit www.cadasb.org.



Denny and Bitsy Bacon, underwriters and **Fred Clouch**, Chairman of the Board of CADA



Bob and Christine Emmons

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