

American Heart Association of Santa Barbara Go Red For Women

LEADING WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY gathered for a celebration of their hearts at the annual *Go Red For Women* Luncheon last month at the Fess Parker's Double Tree Resort.

"I know my own heart has caused me endless amounts of trouble, embarrassment, and pain, but it has also given me a gift... the gift of passion," shared Hailee Greenberg, local survivor and event guest speaker. "Passion to inspire others to lead a healthy lifestyle, passion to help my grandparents when they both endured extensive heart procedures, and most of all passion for all who have shared similar heart experiences with whom I can relate."

Ten days after Greenberg was born, her parents learned that she had congenital heart defects. Since then, she has been in and out of the hospital and endured ten heart surgeries. Despite all the hardship, Greenberg's story is inspiring, she is now a second year Business student at Cal Poly and is dedicated to helping those with similar conditions.

Go Red For Women also offered health



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Back: Event Co-Chair **Gail Pearl**, **Hailee Greenberg**, Event Co-Chair **Karen Van Horn**. Front: American Heart Association of SB Executive Director **Julia Nagy**, Keynote Speaker **Valerie Ramsey**, and Mistress of Ceremonies **Lydia Pantazes**, KCOY.

exhibits and screenings, educational breakout sessions, and fashion boutique shopping. It presents a unique and timely opportunity to engage women to improve their health by informing them of the important role they have in decisions affecting their health and the health of their loved ones.

The program also included motivational speaker and model, Valerie Ramsey, who presented an empowering speech, followed by a heart-healthy lunch. Event Co-Chairs included Gail Pearl and Karen Van Horn and KCOY's Lydia Pantazes served as Mistress of Ceremonies.



Back: **Linda Gaona**, **Margaret Osuna**, **Valerie Rodriguez**, **Kay Franks**, and **Melissa Henny**. Front row: **Rachel Cooper**, **Carl Wayne**, **Susan Spieler**, and **Dee Dee Barrett**

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