

Bishop Garcia Diego High School

Dinner and a Movie Gala

Borgatello Family: (L to R) **Mario A. and Judy (Pahler) Borgatello, Mario F. and Peggy Borgatello, Louise and David Borgatello.**

BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL reminisced the 50's with *Dinner and a Movie* as they celebrated 50 years of service to the Santa Barbara community at their annual Gala Dinner and Auction, last month.

This year, the school honored Mario F. and Peggy Borgatello, their children David and Louise Borgatello, Mario A. and Judy (Pahler) Borgatello, and MarBorg Industries. The Borgatello family stands head and shoulders among many who have helped write the rich tradition of Catholic education in Santa Barbara.

In keeping with the 50th anniversary year celebration, the school honored David as a member of the first graduating class of Bishop Garcia Diego High School in 1960 and a current trustee of the school. Mario A. and Judy (Pahler) are both Bishop High graduates from the Class of 1962. The Borgatello legacy continues at Bishop High with the graduation of Peggy and Mario Borgatello's grandchildren. Today their great grandchildren attend Bishop High.

The evening was bustling with bidders, including alumni who recalled good times as they made their transition to the new campus in 1959, from their predecessor school, Catholic

High. Community leaders, alumni, and parents raised \$249,000 for the school, \$152,000 of which will benefit the school's Adopt-A-Student program which provides tuition based assistance to 60% of the student body.



Marisa Grimes and Ruth Sleep,
Acquisition Committee and
parents of Bishop Students

The theme, *Dinner and a Movie* played out through the evening as guests dined family style and images of Elvis and James Dean were intermingled with silent auction items. All heads turned to enjoy the recreation of a drive-in theater, as 320 guests viewed clips of vintage films during dinner and descriptions of live auction items during the bidding.

Classic vehicles of the era dotted the interior courtyard of the school and some guests drove up in their own vintage autos.

Bishop Garcia Diego High School, established in 1959, will continue to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, with events that mark its mission and heritage within the community. For close to 70 years, high school students of all faiths have been educated in a values-nurturing, faith-based learning community. With a strong college prep curriculum, since 2002, 100% of Bishop's graduates have matriculated to college studies. For more information call 967-1266 or visit www.bishopdiego.org.