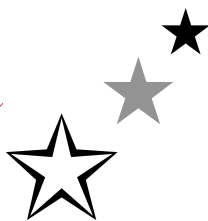


Arthur Murray Dance Studios

Dancing Under the Stars

By ERIN J. SMITH / CASA

THE DANCING STARS CAME OUT TO SHINE for Arthur Murray Dance Studios' 3rd annual Dancing Under the Stars event at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort.

"Dancing is so much fun and such good exercise," said Jacque Petersen, who enjoyed dancing during the evening with her husband Harold, who added, "If you hold a girl that close anywhere else, you'd get in trouble. So you'd better do it on the dance floor!" The Petersens were invited to the event by their granddaughter, Brittany Petersen, an Arthur Murray dancer who performed later in the evening. "I've been ballroom dancing for a year," said Brittany Petersen, who is also a professional ballet



Paul and Karen Hermanson

dancer. "I'm hooked. I love it. It's so much fun!"

The evening started with cocktails and crudites as arriving guests perused the silent auction goodies and changed into their dancing shoes. Paul Hermanson, who runs Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and Santa Barbara with his wife Karen, got the party started by having Arthur Murray instructors invite guests to dance.

One of the highlights of the evening was the celebrity dance-off, where local business owners or public figures are paired off with Arthur



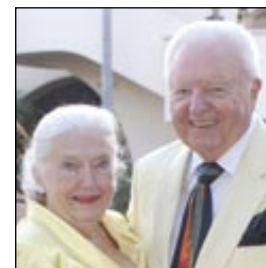
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Celebrity Dancers: Danny Mann and Cherish Fry; Jonathan Masin and Janet Ochoa; David Bagwell and Nicki Day; Cameron Harrison and Mary Johnson; Felipe Castaneda and Becca Solodon

Murray professionals à la *Dancing with the Stars*. This year's roster of celebrity dancers included David Bagwell, President and CEO for Bagwell Construction Services, Inc.; Mary Johnson, who works for KEYT and owns Dulce in Camarillo; Danny Mann, Assistant

wanted to be a dancer," said Janet Ochoa, who danced a spicy Merengue and has discovered a new hobby in dancing. "I didn't think I could do it, but it was a lot of fun!" said Becca Solodon.

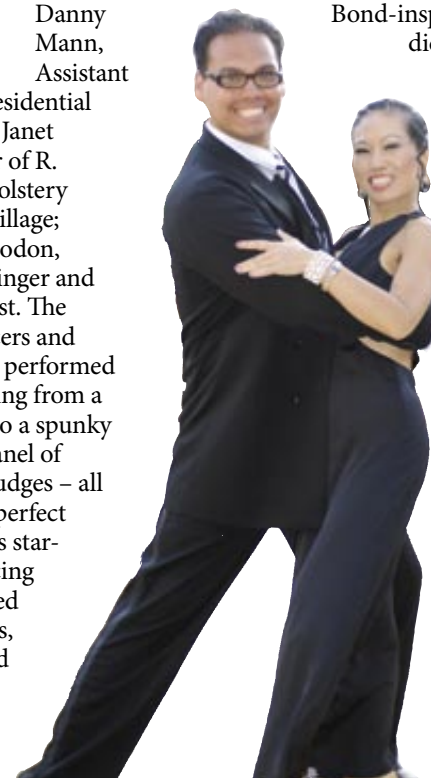


Jacque and Harold Petersen

Danny Mann, who danced a James Bond-inspired Cha-Cha, agreed, "Why did I say yes? After tonight, I'm really glad I did!"

Director of Residential Life at UCSB; Janet Ochoa, owner of R. F. Shaw's Upholstery in Westlake Village; and Becca Solodon, professional singer and recording artist. The celebrity dancers and their partners performed routines ranging from a sultry Tango to a spunky Swing for a panel of professional judges – all vying for the perfect ten. This year's star-studded, dancing judges included Derrick Curtis, Kay Fulton, and David Alvarez.

"I always



Javier Ochoa and Van Anh Chandler

Following the celebrity dance-off, exhibition dancers from the three Arthur Murray studios dazzled with their sparkling costumes and fancy feet. The evening ended with a surprise treat: a live auction of two tickets to see *Dancing with the Stars*.

Proceeds from the event went to two non-profit organizations: Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement and Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara County.

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Arthur Murray Dancers: Randy Melcombe, Catherine Voelker, Javier Ochoa, Daisy Ramirez, Paul and Karen Hermanson, Robert Taylor, Sandy D'Elia, Ricardo Razo, Brittany Petersen, Stephanie Smith, Cherish Fry, Van Anh Chandler, Margo Kowalski, Felipe Castaneda, and Edwin Cabrera

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