



Barbara Tellefson with Bob and JoAnne Russell, long-time Unity Shoppe supporters

Knitters, quilters, woodworkers, painters, and those assembling care packages were all represented at the boffo bash.

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*Sparks Flying*

Montecito residents near the Biltmore got an unexpected 10-minute fireworks show.

The pyrotechnic display was organized by MetLife Insurance, whose executives had been staying at Beanie Baby billionaire **Ty Warner's** tony beachside hostelry all week.

"It was quite a display and entirely unexpected," says my mole with the martini...

*Nashville Nights*

The Council on Alcoholism and Drugs Abuse's 33rd annual Amethyst Ball at the Ritz-Carlton Bacara was a real gem!

The bold-faced name-filled bash attracted nearly 360 glamorously garbed guests, many in Western outfits, and raised around \$650,000 for 70-year-old CADA, which has an annual budget of \$5.6 million serving more than 8,600 people with 23 programs for youth and adults.

Event co-chairs **Anne Towbes, Diana MacFarlane, Holly Murphy, Dana Mazzetti, Susan Neuman,** and **Betsy Turner** reprised their frequent



Rose Hodge, Bob Seagoe, and Carol Anne Larson at the Nashville Nights event (photo by Priscilla)

roles and pulled out all the stops to make the cavernous ballroom a neon Nashville Night to remember with Montecito event whiz **Merryl Brown** making it a true Tennessee wingding.

After cocktails on the terrace, with "buskers" – *American Idol* contestant **Jackson Gillies** and talent contest winner **Caili Brill** –, guests checked out the silent auction items featuring trips to Aspen, Colorado, Antigua, Utah, Cabo San Lucas, a stay at the Montage in Beverly Hills, and a week at rocker **Eric Burdon's** home in Joshua Tree.

The ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone** conducted the energized auction, which featured a \$10,000 shopping spree at bling king **Bob Bryant's** State Street emporium, a week's stay in



CADA Honoree Peter Hilf with David and Wendy Laub, Terne Whipple, and Nick Zwick (photo by Priscilla)



Nashville Nights event chairs Anne Towbes, Betsy Turner, Dana Mazzetti, Holly Murphy, Diana MacFarlane, and Betsy Turner (photo by Priscilla)



Honorary co-chair Mireille Noone with Bill Nicholson, Wendy McCaw, Richard Cheetham, Sandi Nicholson, host Olivier Leclercq, Arthur "Nipper" von Wiesenberger, and Jelinda and Barry DeVorzon (photo by Priscilla)



Natalie Noone, CADA President/CEO Ed Stonefelt, Peter Hilf, and Bob Bryant (photo by Priscilla)

Fiji, including airfare, and a private party at the Red Piano with five-time Grammy winner **Michael McDonald**.

Entertainment was provided by

Montecito rocker **Peter Noone's** daughter, **Natalie**, who sang a duet with **Justin Fox** of the local rock group **Tripdavon** and **Pryor Baird** from the

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Partygoers at the Council on Alcoholism and Drugs Abuse's 33rd annual Amethyst Ball (photo by Priscilla)

NBC TV show *The Voice*.

The CADA Champion Award was given to businessman-philanthropist **Peter Hilf**, who made a \$70,000 donation to the charity, making a total of \$1.2 million over the years. Peter joined the men's committee co-chairs with Bob Bryant, **Virgil Elings**, **Bob Fuladi**, and **Earl Minnis**.

Among the meleé of movers and shakers, noshing on southern fried chicken and ham braised collard greens, were **Catherine Remak**, **Ed Stonefelt**, **Bob Murphy**, **Patty Bryant**, **John Palminteri**, **Susan Keller**, **Terry Ryken**, **Barry and Jelinda DeVorzon**, **Fred Brander**, **Mireille Noone**, **Janet Garufis**, **Ralph MacFarlane**, **Bill Brown**, **George and Laurie Leis**, **Wendy McCaw**, **David Edelman**, **Bill**

and **Sandi Nicholson**, **Randy and Roxie Solakian**, **Diana Starr Langley**, **Bruce and Judy Anticouni**, **Joyce Dudley**, **Chris and Mindy Denson**, **Thomas Rollerson**, **Lori Luhnnow** and **Greg Huron**, **Chuck and Stephanie Slosser**, **Mara Abboud**, **Arthur von Wiesenberger**, and **Steve Thompson**.

*Rosewood Ribbon Cutting*

Billionaire Los Angeles developer **Rick Caruso** nearly came a cropper at the final hurdle when developing the Rosewood Miramar, he has revealed.

Rick was at a ribbon cutting ceremony at the oh-so tony five star resort and recounted he was in our Eden by the Beach for the final hearing on his

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