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including chocolate biscuit, caramel banana cake and chocolate birthday cake, accompanied by pots of tea .

**Barbara Burger**, honorary chair, was also lauded for her longstanding work with the organization and was presented with a suitably inscribed copy of Darren's best-selling book *Eating Royally*.

The royal chef will be out in our Eden by the Beach again on May 20 for Rockwood Abbey, the society's spring gala at the Rockwood Woman's Club, with yours truly as emcee and the ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone** as auctioneer, including a trip to Provence.

Among the guests masticating on the royal fare were veteran conductor **JoAnne Wasserman**, **Debra Stewart**, **Paul Munch**, **Brooks** and **Kate Firestone**, **Anne Luther**, **Holly Murphy**, **Haley Firestone Jessup**, **Erin Graffy**, **Gail Arnold**, **Karen Williams**, **Deborah Bertling**, and Wedgwood china specialist **Mary Reynolds**.

*Royal Treatment*

A surplus of crowns and kings, not to mention a few queens, descended on the lavishly tented terrace of the Coral Casino for the Pacific Pride Foundation's 5th annual Royal Ball, which also celebrated the organization's 40th anniversary.

The 400 creative guests at the majestic soir e, which was expected to raise



Hannah-Beth Jackson and Monique Limon, with Pacific Pride Foundation Royal Ball talent (photo by David Gala)

around \$500,000 for the cause, were encouraged to be attired in "regal costuming" and many, as the photos attest, took the challenge to heart as

the La Pacifica ballroom was transformed into a shimmering silver wonderland by Montecito event wizards **Merryl Brown** and **Percy Sales**.

The popular event, which took a year off last year and is now biennial, was co-chaired by **Peter Crawford** and **Pieter van Meeuwen**, and fea-

tured a host of sensuous go-go girls and guys gyrating to the throbbing disco beat into the early hours.

Among those enjoying the majestic mayhem were **Leslie Ridley-Tree**, **Hannah-Beth Jackson**, **Perri Harcourt**, **David Edelman**, **Mindy Denson**, **David Bolton**, **Justine**



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Crystal DeLongpre, Courtney Rae DeLongpre, Patrick Lyra, Colette Schabram, and guest (photo by David Gala)

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Marco Antonio Silva, Colette Schabram, and Ralfie Barbosa (photo by Isaac Hernandez)

gift the show has ever given, worth a hefty \$1.6 million.

Tears streamed down the face of the students and teachers from the Summit Academy in Red Hook, Brooklyn, when they heard the news.

The founder and principal at the school, **Natasha Campbell** and **Cheryl Swift** respectively, were brought on the show a few weeks ago when Ellen awarded them \$25,000 for their diligent educational work.

"It is one of Brooklyn's most underserved communities," says Campbell. "Only four percent of adults have obtained a college degree or gone to college. Over 28 percent of the children under 16 live in poverty."

Her school, however, plans to change that record – and boasts 97 percent of their first graduating class is currently enrolled in college.

Their goal this year is to have 100 percent of the graduating class move on to higher education.

"It is important for all of us to hear this story because a lot of us – we take advantage of how easy our life is, and to go the school we want to go to, and to do the easiest of things," says Ellen.

"These kids have to overcome all kinds of things, and they go to school every single day and they work hard every single day – and all they want to do is go to college, and they deserve that."

Brava!

*CALM Balm*

CALM – Child Abuse Listening Mediation – hosted its 31st annual celebrity authors' lunch at Fess Parker's DoubleTree, attracting 500 guests and raising around \$100,000 for the nonprofit that helps 2,000 families annually.

Four best-selling authors, Montecito's **Fannie Flagg**, double-Emmy nominee **Dianne Dixon**, *New York Times* bestseller **Craig Johnson**, and



Opera SB's *Cunning Little Vixen* (photo by David Bazemore)

award-winning, self-taught baker **Kate McDermott**, were interviewed by multi-Emmy Award-winning NBC investigative reporter **Hank Philippi Ryan**, **Susan Gulbransen**, daughter of founder **Claire Miles**, and **Tom Weitzel** of *Entertainment Tonight*, at the bustling bibliophile bash, emceed for the seventh year by the ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone**.

Other authors at the popular event, co-chaired by **Becky Cohn** and **Carolyn Gillio** for the sixth consecutive year, included **Marina Delio**, **Kathie Deviny**, **Judith Groudine Finkel**, **John Gherini**, *Journal* columnist **Erin Gaffy**, **Tom Mielko**, **Kim Hooper**, **Patti Jacquemain**, **Bruce Kirkpatrick**, **Eric Peterson**, and the Double Energy Twins, **Judi** and **Shari Zucker**.

The annual **Claire Miles Award** went to former auxiliary and CALM president **Jeanette Carpenter**.

Among the many supporters were **Rona Barrett**, **Anne Luther**, **Eve**

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Dana White, Hayley Firestone Jessup, and Leslie Ridley-Tree (photo by Isaac Hernandez)



Guest, Alan Rose, Colette Schabram, Bryce D. Corcoran, and Solomon Ndung'u (photo by Isaac Hernandez)

**Roddick**, **Tina Schlieske**, **Milt and Arlene Larsen**, **Hayley Firestone Jessup**, KEYT-TV weathercaster **Alan Rose**, and realtor **Terry Ryken**.  
A crowning achievement.

*Head of the Class*

Former Oscars host **Ellen DeGeneres** would seem to be following in the footsteps of her near Montecito neighbor **Oprah Winfrey**.

The former Chicago talk-show titan funds a school for girls in

Johannesburg, South Africa, and paid for first-year graduates to attend some of America's best colleges.

Now Ellen, whose Burbank-based talk show is celebrating its 14th year, has followed suit with an entire class of seniors from a Big Apple high school receiving a full scholarship to any state university in New York for a four-year course.

The comedienne, who is leading the philanthropic campaign with store giant Walmart, says it is the biggest



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