

Laguna Blanca School's An Evening In Covent Garden

LAGUNA BLANCA'S ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION THEME was inspired by the arrival of the School's new Headmaster Paul Slocombe. *An Evening in Covent Garden* welcomed Slocombe in proper English style and celebrated all things British.

"The great thing about our Covent Garden theme was the diversity it offered," noted



Headmaster **Paul Slocombe**

Auction Chair Daryl Stegall. "From its Royal Opera House, trendy restaurants and nightclubs; to its entertaining buskers (street performers) and outdoor markets, Covent Garden is one of London's most vibrant districts."

British-inspired cocktail attire was the



Denise Schipper, Daryl Stegall, Event Chair; and **Greg Schipper**

theme for the festive fundraiser with subjects taking inspiration from any of the English traditions from James Bond to The British

Invasion; from The Royals to the Beefeaters!

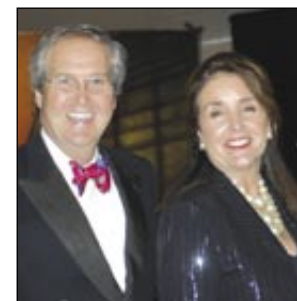
The event netted well over \$300 thousand for Laguna Blanca School, about a 30 percent increase over last year's net revenue.

Dedicated volunteers transformed the Santa Barbara Polo Club into a British paradise. Guests began their evening in a pub-like room, featuring pints and pasties (appetizers). From there they strolled through the outdoor markets featuring silent auction items before taking the Tube to the Garden for dinner and live auction. The live auction was organized by Ginger Woolf and the silent auction by Isis Castañeda. After dinner, guests were invited to join British DJ Rawdon Messenger, a regular at London's Take it to the Bridge, New York City's Boom Boom Room, and Los Angeles' Bar Marmont, to dance the night away.

"I was utterly impressed and honored by An Evening in Covent Garden," said Headmaster Slocombe. "A remarkable group of parent volunteers worked hard and did a brilliant job planning this gala event – and it went off seamlessly!"



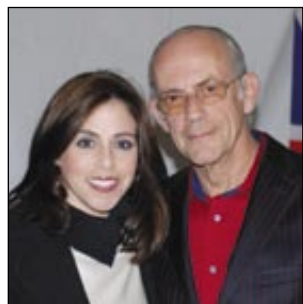
Ann Bankhead and Barbara Mullaney, Décor Co-Chairs



Richard Weston-Smith, Auctioneer, and **Ginger Woolf**, Live Auction Chair



Ana and Kate McHale, Mark Jensen, and Trish McHale



Lisa Loiacono and Christopher Lloyd



Vele Keyta and Charles Redding



Tanya and Alan Thicke



Sarah McFadden, and Maria Arroyo



David and Dawn Ligon with Anne and Michael Towbes

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