

A night to benefit the Santa Barbara Westside Boys & Girls Club:

Denim & Diamonds

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COMPLETE WITH A MECHANICAL BULL AND SPARKLING DIAMONDS,

The Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS® threw open their 21st Annual Casino Night Fundraiser. Themed *Denim & Diamonds*, the April 25th event raised funds to directly benefit the United Boys & Girls Club of SB County, Westside Clubhouse, Saturday Program.

"We wanted to give something back to the young people of the community," shared **Stan Tabler**, Co-Chair.

"I can't think of a better way than the Denim and Diamonds Gala." The night of roundups was held at the Santa Barbara Western Carriage Museum.

The evening of festivities was "no lonely ride on the prairie, it was a night of rip roaring fun with about 250 attendees," according to **Chase Enright**, The Association of REALTORS® Event planner.

"The success of a community rests upon the

support of it's citizens," shared **Lindsey Leonard**, Club Director for the Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Club. "With decreased federal and state funding for youth programs, non-profit agencies increasingly rely on individuals and businesses in the community to support Santa Barbara's youth and fill the funding

void. Moreover, today's youth, especially teenagers, need positive options for after school recreation where they are supervised and able to experience a wide variety of programs, such that the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County are able to provide."

The event corralled some of Santa Barbara's most distinguished citizens. Steve Epstein was Master of Ceremonies and kept the party rocking away. Western Buffet by Cliffs & Company catered the event; music was provided by DJ Paul Hurst; and gaming by Lady Luck Casino.

This year's opportunity drawings were for a chance to win a poker party, trips, wine, and spa items. Live



Stan Tabler, Coldwell Banker, Co-Chair with **Teresa Eggemeyer**



Paul Hurst, Prudential California, DJ with **Steve Epstein**, Coldwell Banker, Emcee



Chase Enright, SBAOR Event Planner; **Krista Pleiser**; **Mary Cantello**; **John Chufar**, SBAOR President; **Gina Graham**. Front: **Andrea Chandos**; **Ani Gaspar**; **Kristy Copass**

auction items included a getaway to Costa Rica, a **Barbara Galloway** painting titled *Wine Country Picnic*, a Vegas Party, a one of a kind Denim & Diamonds Levi Jacket designed by Paul Liddle, and stays at Santa Barbara hotels.

"The commitment that the Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS has to it's community should be commended," added Leonard. "Today's youth are the future of tomorrow, and the Association of REALTORS helps ensure that positive places for kids are available."

SBAOR Events Committee members included: **Jon Mahoney**; **Stan Tabler**; **Shane Amburn**; **Christina Bradfield**; **Cristina Calderon**; **Leigh Cashman**; **Ann Chambers**; **Marco Farrell**; **Jeanette Gardner**; **Amanda Grijalva**; **Lee Hung**; **Allison Keenan**; **Marisa Laurel Smith**; **Donna Matsumura**; **Garrett McCaw**; **Kris Randolph**; **Ann Johnson**; **Chase Enright**, the Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS® Event Planner; and **Lindsey Leonard**, the Westside Clubhouse Club Director at the United Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara County, Westside Clubhouse.

Sponsors for the event included: Community West Bank, the Santa Barbara Winery, Hollister Brewery, Cliffs & Company, the Santa Barbara Chocolate Fountain, HUB International and Amherst 1031 Exchange, RABO Bank.

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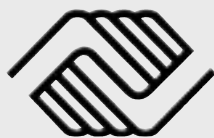
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United Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara, Westside Clubhouse

TODAY THE UNITED BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

serve five communities throughout Santa Barbara County, helping over 8,400 youth. Many children come to the Clubs voluntarily to be with friends, participate in sports, and engage in educational activities.

Children may be referred to the Clubs by schools, counselors, or other agencies as a means to gain a positive experience socially, educationally, physically, and emotionally under guidance of caring adults.

Programs are consistently available on a daily and evening basis, and during school breaks, catering to a population that is in need of care during non-traditional hours. A variety of wholesome, adult-guided activities and services are provided free or at very low cost.

The United Boys & Girls Club believe kids need the following to succeed: A sense of positive Self-identity; Social, Emotional, and Cultural Education; Education in



Kristen Stephens; **Daniel Rothman**; **Lindsey Leonard**, Director of Santa Barbara Westside Club; and **Carlos Guerrero**, Program Director of Boys & Girls Club

Employment and Career Opportunities; Community and Civic Involvement; Health and Well-being; and Moral Compass.

The Westside Clubhouse is a non-profit center for youth which provides programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and influence.

Boys & Girls Clubs are in operation year-round, including all day during the summer months and school holidays. Membership dues are \$20 a year per child, however no child is ever denied for financial reasons.

For more information call 966-2811 or visit www.unitedbg.org.

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