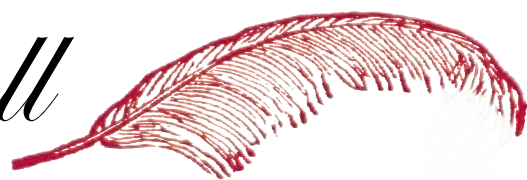


11th Annual United Way

Red Feather Ball



By Andria Watson / CASA

SANTA BARBARA WAS SENT BACK TO THE RED ROARING 1930'S on Saturday, October 13th, with the 11th Annual Red Feather Ball, benefiting the United Way. Rich crimson velvet draped the chandelier lit room as guests, debutantes, and honorees wore exquisite sashed and cinched evening gowns, and immaculate tailored suits with accents of scarlet. Old Hollywood was the theme of the night, and all who arrived at the Doubletree left feeling like stars.

"I've been to this event before, and it just keeps getting better and better," said **John Stampe** of Wolfe & Associates. Presented by the Master of Ceremonies, **Debby Davison Phelps, Christine and Dr. Robert Emmons** were honored by the Santa Barbara Community along with the Accounting Firm **Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner, & Morrisset**, for their continued support of the United Way, and other charities. Honoree **Christine Emmons** served as Chair of the local chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., an international women's pilot organization, and co-founded an Aviation Scholarship Fund for women pilots. She currently chairs the Pacesetter Gifts Committee for the new Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care Serenity House. Honoree **Dr. Robert Emmons** has received national awards including the Herbert Hoover Award in 2001 and the Food for All Humanitarian Award in 2004.

Lavish jazzy blues and Sinatra - sounding scores were belted by **Stew & the Crew**, the band for the evening. While performances by **Erin Graffy's Musical Mischief Players** in "Philanthropy: the Sequel!" got the audience's attention. Dance troop "The Hollywood Hotshots" revamped swing dance, and **Rusty**

Frank tap danced the crowd into a trance.

"I thought the beauty of the event was exceptional. The entertainment provided something special to the evening, and infused it with something extra," said

Karen Knight, the Red Feather Ball Coordinator. For dinner, baby lettuce bundles with savory tart champagne vinaigrette were served as a starter, while the main entree included a succulent filet minion, sole, and scallop roulade served with a bearnise sauce. For dessert, a creamy chocolate crust cheesecake with strawberry slices and raspberry coulis was served, all prepared by chef **Kirk DeLong**.

Approximately \$250,000 was raised, although **Knight** says "it will be weeks before the exact sum is known for sure." 250 people attended the Red Feather Ball, and not one seat was empty, except when guests made their way to the dance floor. A silent auction included trips to the Bahamas sold for \$5,500, and a custom package to Australia and new Zealand that raked in a whopping \$15,000.

The Red Feather Ball was started in 1997, and has been voted Santa Barbara's Best Non-Profit Party of the Year by a variety of media sources. The event is United Way's annual premiere fundraising event for The Power of Partnership, with a special focus on Fun In The Sun, a United Way of Santa Barbara County collaborative of more than 20 public and private agencies, focused on life changing activities for homeless and poverty level children. For information about United Way, visit www.unitedwaysb.org.



Dr. Dennis Phelps and Master of Ceremonies, **Debby Davison Phelps**



Volunteers **John Stampe** and **Judy Goodbody**



Honorees: **Tom Brooks, John Morrisset, Jim Koopmans, Dr. Robert and Christine Emmons, Rick Nightingale, Laura Ciontea, Chip Turner, and Bob Hammett**



United Way Red Feather Ball Event Coordinator **Karen Knight** and **Pamela Galvin** Event Planner



Rick Nightingale proudly showing his Company's award



Tom Thomas United Way Board President presenting award to **Christine** and **Dr. Robert Emmons**



Back row: **Ryan Emmons** and Honoree, **Dr. Robert Emmons**. Front Row: Honoree **Christine Emmons** with her mother, **Joan Bebb**, and sister, **Laurie Preston**



Clockwise: **Dolly Granatelli**, Red Feather Ball Co-Chairs **Bob** and **Val Montgomery** with **Andy Granatelli**



Hiroko and Baritone-Extraordinaire Captain **Fred Benko**



Jim and Erin Graffy de Garcia (Founder of Musical Mischief Productions), President and CEO of United Way **Paul Didier** with **Linda** and **Jim Armstrong** City Administrator



Stew & the Crew band members **Marc Hugenberger, Cattie Adams, Mark Dreice, Stewart Wilson -Turner, Fernando Harkless, and Rick Craig**



Jane and **Johnston** guests of **Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree**



Alice and **George Krebs** chatting with **Joe** and **Suzi Schomer**

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