

13th Annual Angels Wine & Food Festival

Hosted by Embassy Suites Hotel Mandalay Beach Resort and Capistrano's Raises over \$155,000 for the Children of Casa Pacifica!

On Sunday, June 4th, Capistrano's Restaurant at Embassy Suites Hotel, Mandalay Beach Resort and the Casa Pacifica Angels hosted their 13th Annual poolside Wine & Food Festival - a gourmet food and wine tasting event. This year over 2,500 people attended the event making it the largest fundraiser Casa Pacifica has ever had.

Co-chairs Bruce Barrios and Pam and Sonny Grenier and their committee members made this year's event a spectacular afternoon that included over 150 local and Northern California wine-makers, 25 micro-breweries, and more than 75 of Ventura County's top restaurants, caterers, and specialty items. There were so many wonderful wines and foods to taste, festival-goers were hard-pressed to make it to every booth.

Sounds of the day included a variety of entertainment, such as the energy-building **Disco-Inferno - a Tribute to the 70's band, Benise** from the PBS special *Nights of Fire - Feel the Romance, Live the Passion*, the melodic tones of **Steel Drums**, and the smooth jazz vocals of **Jeanne Tatum**. Magic by **Shawn McMaster** and Brazilian dancers entertained and delighted the crowd as well.

Ventura County's favorite Disc Jockey, Bruce Barrios, emceed the day's events that included a large silent auction with over 250 items, and a live auction that included fabulous tropical vacation getaways. Also featured were two Harley Davidson Sportsters from Ventura Harley-Davidson. VIP sponsors were pampered by VIP host Topa Tower Club in their own special area where they enjoyed the excitement of the afternoon.

Guests were given our premier issue of the Wine & Food Festival Restaurant Guide and Tribute Journal, a colorful coffee table magazine featuring cover artwork by local artist Rex Kochel, which provided information about Casa Pacifica and its programs, as well as full-page listings on each participant in the Wine & Food Festival. We hope the journal will be a useful tool to those who attended the Festival throughout the year.

Special thanks go to Ruby Oertle-Jackwerth from Capistrano's, and to Rick Weichert and Susan Koehler from Embassy Suites Hotel Mandalay Beach Resort for hosting the festival for the past 6 years. Their continued support gives strength to the efforts Casa Pacifica makes to provide hope and help for children and families in our community. Once again, thank you to Bruce Barrios and Pam and Sonny Grenier, all of their committee members, the Angel volunteers, as well as the student volunteers for all of their time, commitment, and dedication. Thank you as well to all of the participating restaurants, wineries, breweries, and vendors who participated in the festival. And special thanks to all of the individuals and businesses who donated items for the silent and live auctions. Together you have made the Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival the premier wine and food event in Ventura County. We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

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