

San Clemente Historical Society

"Forward with the Dream"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, SAN CLEMENTE!

by Georgette Korsen, President

The air was crisp, the sky a starlit midnight blue, as the sleek, black limousine carrying Dennis and Kay Barker of San Clemente and their Newport Beach pals, rolled up in front of the Casino San Clemente. It was a scene reminiscent of the time when Hollywood's elite escaped to this seaside enclave to sway to the big band sounds like Sterling Young and his Orchestra. But... this wasn't 1937. This was the 2nd annual "New Year's Eve under the Dome, 2011", where excitement and eager anticipation reigned once again!

Delectable Hors de oeuvres were passed amid the pleasure of a no host bar, where designer cocktails were being created while guests selectively decided into which top hat to drop their recently purchased raffle tickets. One hat display described a romantic getaway at the beautiful Casa Tropicana Bed and Breakfast Inn at the pier bowl; Another, a "Downtown Shopping Spree" with Stanford Court, Erba, Fits and Fashions, Bonnie's Skin Care,



Mike Cotter accepting one of the raffle prizes from Georgette Korsen, and Event's Chair, Deborah Kravitz.

Maui Mermaids Beachwear, Village Book Exchange and OC Tykes participating. Christy Quiggle Designs offered a hand-crafted custom necklace, while The Fisherman's Restaurant tempted with two \$50 dinner certificates. Lowe's contributed a Ceramic Fire Bowl for the patio, with Red Shoes Culinary Services promising to serve up four hours of magical cuisine for a personal party in your home. Meanwhile, in adjacent History Hall, the Home Design Consignment Center was conducting a Silent Auction. Important decisions were



The evening kicks off with a ballad by "Hot Pursuit". (See more photos on p.55.)

underway.

A delicious dinner was served at your table compliments of Carbonara Trattoria Catering, followed by a dessert bar and coffee. Prizes were announced, photos of winners were snapped,

and the band jumped into high gear, playing hit after hit to entice you to dance like never before on the newly refurbished ballroom floor. Latin reverberations of "Hot, Hot, Hot" pierced the air as guest John Dorey led off a spontaneous Conga Line; then, with a clink of the glasses in a midnight champagne toast, followed by that celebratory New Year's Eve kiss,

"2011" was born!

A brief respite from the constant lure of the irresistible dance band, Hot Pursuit (voted #1 in San Diego County - 2010) was the invitation for City Matriarch, Lois Divel with son Fred, to join City Patriarch, Bill Ayer and his wife Elberta, in leading off a dance to the lilting 1930's Cole Porter melody, "It had to be You". Son Fred received hearty applause when it became known that at age 19, in 1973, he'd joined forces with Marion Moon and other city activists to form the San Clemente Histor-

ical Society.

Truly, there is no finer, more exemplary way to demonstrate the importance of heritage to this community, and the resulting prosperity it offers to us all, than to have attended this amazing evening in such an iconic historic building that still echoes the talents of Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney and a host of other stars who've performed there over the years.

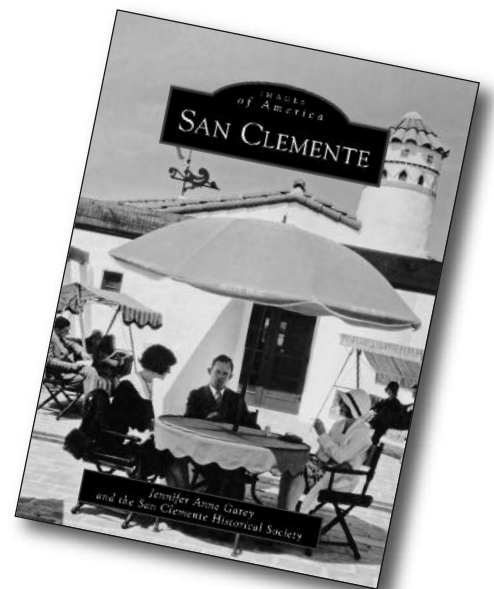
A special thank-you to Image Orthopedic Labs, The Fisherman's Restaurant, and Stanford Court, for being Gold and Silver Sponsors of this local, incredible event!☺

The New Historic San Clemente Book is Here!

"Images of America: San Clemente"

by: Jennifer Garey

A collaboration between Garey and the San Clemente Historical Society, this book tells the story of the town via 190 captioned photographs from the society's archives.



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