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'An Evening Out!' for Sequoia Hospital Foundation

Sequoia Hospital Foundation's invitations encouraged potential guests to celebrate the start of summer by attending the "Evening Out!" at the Burns family estate in Atherton on June 25 to support the new Sequoia Hospital Women's Health Center. More than 400 guests received fun souvenir passports and literally embarked on a culinary tour of the world with the opportunity to sample specialty dishes and wines, all donated by 35 restaurants and vintners.

It was a night of wonderful memories when gracious hosts Trina and Rob Dean and Tori Burns continued the tradition established by their parents, Harmon and Sue Burns, of donating the garden for the annual auction. "Evening Out!" celebrated both Sequoia Hospital's 60th anniversary and launched a campaign for the new Women's Health Center.

Raising their glasses in a toast to the hospital were Gloria Kennett, Bob Franceschini, Lorry Lokey and Joann Harrington, Steve and Julie San Filippo, Ernie and Joan Ulibarri, Anne Le Zibblatt, Sequoia Hospital District Board Member Don Horsley and wife Elaine, Le and Peter Zibblatt, Eric and Lori Lochtefeld (new owners of the Fox Theatre) and auction Co-chairwoman Dr. Denise Brown.

Evening Co-chairwoman Dr. Lisa Boohar described the ambitious five-year project as being "a warm, visionary, high tech center. We want to provide world-class care to women's health." The first phase — the Breast and Diagnostic Center — is scheduled to open in 2011, and "we will expand to all areas of women's health for all stages of life," she said.

Auctioneer Frank Bizzaro kicked off the live auction with a one-of-a-kind item. Susan Halme, owner of the Solvang Bakery in Solvang, the historic Danish-theme town in Southern California, created a baker's masterpiece: a gingerbread model of the old hospital from a photograph on the Internet. It took three days to make and weighed 300 pounds. She used fondant for windows and awnings and added her touches of whimsy with pastel baby colors, miniature trees, gumdrops and gumballs for architectural interest, a sign that read "Sequoia Hospital, Baby's First Home!" plus a miniature nurse. Trina and Rob Dean made the winning bid and said they planned to donate it to Sequoia for a lobby display.

Lucy and Don Imwalle made the winning bid on a couture package by designers Calvin Tran, Martha Davis and Myrna Lisa Designs; Hospital President and CEO Glenna Vaskelis took home 24 bottles of "Sequoia's own" wine grown by docs and nurses, and Roger Skarston won the raffle for a pearl necklace from Geoffrey's Diamonds and Goldsmith.

The evening raised \$300,000 for the new Women's Health Center. Several donations helped achieve the grand total: the Sequoia Hospital District matched the donors' dollar for dollar; the Danford Foundation gave a \$20,000 grant and Franklin Templeton Investments made a \$5,000 gift.

"Denise and I were so excited to be able to return this year as co-chairs for this event. All of the guests' energy translated into passionate, generous support of Sequoia Hospital and Women's Integrated Health, which is exactly what we were hoping for," Boohar said.

Sequoia physicians supporting the event included Greg Engel, Hardwin Mead, Tomoaki Hinohara, Andy Liu, Dorothy Shoup, Beverly Joyce, Julie O'Callahan and Tanya Spirtos.