



Don MacMannis gets major seal of approval ages, accompanied by a wide variety of instruments.

He was also music director and songwriter for the PBS hit series *Jay Jay the Jet Plane*.

Don is clinical director of the Family Therapy Institute of Santa Barbara and co-author of a number of highly acclaimed books, including *How's Your Family Really Doing?: 10 Keys to a Happy Loving Family* and *Who's the Boss?* and *The Win-Win Way to Parent Your Defiant Strong-Willed Child*.

His latest award comes from prolific author **Stevanne Auerbach** – known as Dr. Toy – who evaluates toys and children's products, and has named his musical series as one of the 100 Best Children's Products of 2015.

"It's quite an accolade," says Don, who has lived in our rarefied enclave for 27 years.

Next week, he is making another recording, "Kindness and Gratitude", for his popular series at Santa Barbara Sound Design with children aged 8 to 16, which includes a song "Stand Up" about bullying.

Living the Dream

It is without doubt one of the most popular fundraisers in our Eden by the Beach, with high-priced tickets being sold out weeks in advance – and it's no wonder given the oh-so-tony crowd it regularly attracts.

And the 14th annual Dream Foundation's Celebration of Dreams



Tristan Layton, director of Corporate Partnerships and Marketing; with Priscilla Presley, Dream Foundation's ambassador; Kisa Heyer DF executive director (photo by Priscilla)



Santa Barbara Dream Foundation supporters sharing the stage: country/Americana musician Natalie Noone and Platinum sponsor Andy Puzdner, CEO of CKE Restaurants (photo by Priscilla)



2015 Honorary Gala Committee and co-chairs: Andrew and Ivana Firestone, Barry DeVorzon, Hollye Jacobs, Mireille Noone, Jelinda DeVorzon, John Paul DeJoria, Eloise DeJoria, Kisa Heyer, and Sandi Nicholson (photo by Priscilla)



Bill Nicholson and Ivana Firestone presenting Scott Wood with his winning bid of \$20,000 for a Hollywood VIP treatment package (photo by Priscilla)



On the red carpet are Dream Foundation Platinum sponsors Michael Taylor, Colleen Barnett-Taylor, Xander Darling with parents Jennifer and Chance Darling (photo by Priscilla)

gala at the Bacara was no exception with 400 guests turning out honoring the Gentiva Hospice Foundation and saluting supporters of the foundation's newly launched Dreams for Veterans program.

In the cavernous ballroom, spec-

tacularly decorated with a Garden of Dreams theme by Montecito event planner extraordinaire **Merryl Brown**, with flowers from village florists, Hogue & Co., **Natalie Noone**, talented daughter of 60s rocker **Peter Noone**, entertained along with 15-year-old singer **Sara Stevens**, rock group O.A.R., and Grammy-nominated DJ

Chris Cox.

Hollye Jacobs, Holly Murphy, Priscilla Presley, Mireille Noone, Peter's wife, Jelinda DeVorzon, wife of Oscar-nominated composer **Barry**, and **Eloise DeJoria**, wife of tequila tycoon **John Paul**, co-chaired the super soirée, which was expected to raise around \$1 million for the nonprofit, which has helped achieve 23,000 dreams for adults suffering from terminal disease since its founding by **Thomas Rollerson**.

The ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone**, with the help of his wife, **Ivana**, conducted the live auction, which included a private concert for 100 guests with Peter Noone, a gourmet dinner for seven couples at Villa Solana, the Montecito estate of **Bill and Sandi Nicholson**, which went for \$35,000, an 11-day Mediterranean Crystal

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Enjoying the spectacular evening are Jeanie and judge Brian Hill, Nissy and Bob Fuladi, Diane and Tim Brown, Linda and John Paul Beltran, Holly and Bob Murphy, Kris and Bill Foudray, Jeanne and Dave Hoffman (photo by priscilla)



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Symphony cruise from Rome to Venice, and a Two Tickets to Paradise package to New Zealand and Fiji, including the former home of the late New York publisher Malcolm Forbes, whose socially gridlocked Krug-fueled three-day 70th birthday bash at his Palais Mendoub in Tangier, Morocco, in 1989 was undoubtedly one of the best bashes I have ever attended, which sold for \$27,000.

Among the guests at the bustling boffo bash were **Kim and Tammy Hughes**, mayor **Helene Schneider**, **Salud Carbajal**, **Tristan Layton**, **Scott Wood**, **Henry and Dilling Yang**, **Alan and Tanya Thicke**, executive director

Kisa Heyer, **Bryan and Lisa Babcock**, **Bob Murphy**, **Marybeth Carty**, and **KEYT-TV's Alan Rose and Meredith Garofalo**.

Foodbank for Thought

The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County was bowled over when the 18th annual Empty Bowls Lunch took place at the Ben Page Youth Center, next to the Foodbank's Goleta headquarters.

The brainchild of **Danyel Dean**, a longtime ceramics teacher at AdultEd, the event has become enormously popular over the years and more than 1,000 turned out to buy a bowl and

partake of a simple, but nourishing meal of bread and soup donated by many of our tony town's best eateries, including Lucky's, the San Ysidro Ranch, Opal, Downey's, The Nugget, Bouchon. Ca'Dario, Olio e Limone, Benchmark, the Biltmore, and Stella Mare.

I chose a cobalt blue bowl and chili and chicken soup from Toma served by Union Bank executive **George Leis**, a most delicious combination. The bowl, which I was allowed to take home, is now overflowing with Florist potpourri, doing double duty.

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