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SEEN AROUND TOWN

by Lynda Millner

Think Pink

The instructions were to "Think Pink." That came from the Breast Cancer Resource Center (BCRC) for their 13th annual benefit. And everyone did, including the guys. One fellow had on a pink sport coat and others had on pink shirts or pink handkerchiefs in their pockets. Pink pops!

Wynne and Steven Benhayon's Montecito estate had been turned into a magical pink paradise by Merryl Brown Events. There was a pink prom dress on a mannequin at the entrance, pink balloons floated in the pool and pink fabric was draped everywhere, including all of the tables. The coup de grace was when a Marie Antoinette lookalike appeared in the middle of a pink "cake" table. It was on rollers so she walked it all around the party where people could sign up for special classes to benefit the silent auction.

Executive director **Silvana Kelly** gave kudos "to a mighty committee of volunteers led by **Rachael Stein** and **Dinah Calderon.**" The honorary chairs were **Hollye Jacobs** who declared, "pink is my favorite color," and Lady **Leslie Ridley-Tree** who gave a large donation that surprised BCRC. Prior to the evening, \$90,000 had already been underwritten with a goal of \$125,000. **Andrew Firestone** led the short live auction. This year's event was the biggest ever with 300 partygoers.

Long time board member **Andri Beauchamp** introduced her sister **Aimee Arnwine** from North Carolina. Two years ago, Aimee had a suspicious mammogram and was told to wait a year and they'd see. Instead, she immediately called her sister. BCRC recommended a second opinion and found a doctor for her to go to. She had a mastectomy but since it was in the early stages she didn't have to go through chemo or radiation. If she'd waited a year the treatment would have been very aggressive and perhaps too late.

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"Marie Antoinette" scooting around the BCRC "Think Pink" soiree so attendees could bid on some of the silent auction items



Ms Millner is the author of "The Magic Make Over, Tricks for Looking, Thinner, Younger, and More Confident – Instantly!" If you have an event that belongs in this column, you are invited to call Lynda at 969-6164.



Sisters Andri Beauchamp and Aimee Arnwine, who spoke at the BCRC event



BCRC executive director Silvana Kelly with co-chairs Dinah Calderon and Rachael Stein

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"Think Pink" event hosts Wynne and Steven Benhayon by their pool

The sisters call BCRC headquarters the "little house on Junipero."

BCRC dedicated "Think Pink" to all the women who have joined a club nobody wants to be part of but who embrace the sisterhood of support for which it may offer.

ArtWalk

One of our local treasures is the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and one of its exclamation points of the year is the Museum League's ArtWalk. The juried show, this year by **Diane Waterhouse**, is held both indoors in the Fleishmann Auditorium and outside along rambling Mission Creek.

It was the museum's 23rd celebration of art with more than 200 fine artists exhibiting including a group of featured artists: **Rick Garcia, Ray Hunter, Ralph Waterhouse, Ellie Freudenstein, Frank Serrano, Paul Panossian, Ann Sanders and Steve Curry.**

The ArtWalk was honoring Santa Barbara County's unique parks, landmarks and landscapes that make us special. The featured artists highlighted places such as the Douglas Preserve, the Biltmore, the Courthouse and Shoreline Park. There were not only paintings but also sculptures,

glasswork and photography. All works were for sale with the proceeds going to support museum programs.

There was gridlock in the parking lot as fans converged on Friday evening for the Artists & Patrons Reception. Besides wine and goodies, you could peruse all the indoor art. On stage were **Ellie Freudenstein** and **Ralph Waterhouse** doing "quick draws." As one guest said, "They did these in one hour. I couldn't do it in one day." **Palmer Jackson, Jr.** led the auction and Ralph's sold for \$1,100 to **Bobbie and John Kinnear.**

The show continued all day Saturday and Sunday. Co-chairs **Sue Adams** and **Patti Ottoboni** organized the event. People love the park-like atmosphere where they can see fine works, hear live music, eat great food and taste local wines. Put it on your calendar for next year. As the Executive Director **Carl Hatterer** told me, "Our mission statement is 'Inspiring a passion for nature and a thirst for discovery.'"

New Member Luncheon

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art Women's Board's main purpose is to raise funds for acquisitions, exhibitions, special projects or the general fund of the museum. They also make the community aware of all the activities and ongoing programs.

Each year these ladies host a luncheon at the Biltmore to welcome new members and introduce the new slate of officers. This last term, the group, under the leadership of **Gwen Baker**, served for one and a half years due to changing its year to match the museum's, which begins in September.

The new officers are: president **Mary Maxwell**, vice president-membership



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ArtWalk co-chairs Patti Ottoboni and Sue Adams with executive director of the Natural History Museum Carl Hutterer



ArtWalk reception auctioneer Palmer Jackson, Jr. with 'quick draw' artist Ralph Waterhouse and Bobbie and John Kinnear, who bought his piece at auction

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