



On stage are navigator and driver Lisa and Tim Couch receiving their "Roads Scholars" trophy from sponsor Michael Hammer for achieving overall goals (photo by Priscilla)

a Viking river cruise on the Rhine or Danube for \$5,000, Ferrari pit crew membership for a weekend for \$3,250, and an exotic car day at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles for \$3,200.

Michael Baker, chief executive officer, declared it "The best rally ever!" as four litesome lovelies, Bella Strings, a classical quartet, entertained, a bathing beauty poured champagne from a giant martini glass, and two giant stilt



Enjoying the evening are Randee Brookins, Corvette "Ed" and Melinda Wittwer, Cecil Kyte, Michael Armand Hammer, presenting sponsor Armand Hammer Foundation; Misty Hammer and Mark Alfano; and sitting are Mike Brookins, John Alfano, Marco Diaz, and Andrea DeRosso with the Bella Strings performing on stage (photo by Priscilla)

walkers, clad in ivy, strutted around the bustling bash.

Among the supporters turning out for the fun fest were **Bruce Heavin, Misty Hammer, Tom Parker, Mark Alfano, Alicia St. John, Chad and Ginni Dreier, Katrina Carl, Debbie Saucedo, Larry Ellison, Brenda Blalock, Robert Lieff, Dana Hansen, and Alex and Maria Mertens.**

One for the Books

Author **Brielle Kelley** is enjoying the sweet smell of success with her first book, which involves a skunk



Author Brielle Kelley launches first book

with self-esteem issues.

The colorful work, *The Little Skunk Who Was Afraid to Stink*, with illustrations by **Mark Wayne Adams**, took the 22-year-old, who hails from Denver, Colorado, 12 months to put together in English and Spanish, with all proceeds donated to children's charities, including a school in Ecuador and another in Guyana, where she will be teaching in due course.

Brielle, who won the Moonbeam book award for inspirational chil-

dren's literature, is now busy with another bi-lingual work, she told me at a bijou book bash at Tecolote, the tony tome temple in the upper village. "It's a butterfly saga about the challenges of changing and growing up."

Ball Haul

The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse's 31st annual Amethyst Ball at the Bacara was a real gem!

The bold-faced name-filled bash attracted 385 glamorously garbed guests and raised around \$400,000 for 67-year-old CADA, which has an annual budget of \$5.6 million serving more than 8,600 people with 23 programs for youth and adults.

Event co-chairs **Anne Towbes, Diana MacFarlane, Holly Murphy, Susan Neuman, and Betsy Turner** reprised last year's roles and pulled out all the stops to make the cavernous ballroom a copper kingdom of chiffon with gold starburst imagery, with Montecito event whiz **Merryl Brown** making a real "Oh, What a Night," a delightful lookback at the 1950s and '60s with the Los Angeles-based **Frankie Valli** and the Four Seasons tribute band **Walk Like A Man** rocking the ritzy hostelry.

The ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone** conducted the auction, which featured a \$10,000 shopping spree at bling king **Bob Bryant's** State Street emporium, a week's stay in Oahu, Hawaii, including airfare, and an alpaca ranch tour in Carpinteria with dinner for 10 guests.

Two alpacas were brought on stage for the big moment, but one unfortunately disgraced itself by urinating during the bidding frenzy.

A silent auction at the beano, whose male co-chairs were **Bob Bryant, Bob Fuladi, and Peter Hilf** with **Richard Weston Smith** as emcee, featured a **Katy Perry**-signed guitar, a ski vacation for 10 in Utah, an 11-day wild-life cruise to the Galapagos, a seven-day Caribbean trip to a choice of Antigua, St. Lucia, Panama, and the

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Tessa Flanagan, Marty and John Daly (photo by Isaac Hernandez)



Lisa and Alan Parsons with Ed and Sally Stonefelt (photo by Isaac Hernandez)



Mark Findley, Jenny Strait, Cynder Sinclair, and Dennis Forster (photo by Isaac Hernandez)



Le Bal Masqué co-chairs Amanda Twining, Kerri Boeddeker, Theresa Borgatello, Celene Borgatello, and Brenda Rosales (photo by Priscilla)



Holly Murphy, Diana MacFarlane, Sue Neuman, and Betsy Turner (event co-chairs) (photo by Isaac Hernandez)

Grenadines, and the presidential suite at a resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Among the tony throng at the socially gridlocked beano, which was dedicated in memory of the late **Michael Towbes**, were **Catherine Remak, Bob Murphy, Patty Bryant, Joyce Dudley, Susan Keller, Terry Ryken, Alan and Lisa Parsons, Ellen Goodstein, Jelinda DeVorzon, Mireille and Natalie Noone, John and Hazell Blankenship, Janet Garufis, Ralph MacFarlane, Wendy McCaw, Robert and Robin Fell, George and Laurie Leis, Rich Block, David Edelman, Arthur von Wiesenberger, Robert and Christine Emmons, Peter and Gerd Jordano, Ed Stonefelt, Brian Hill, Fred Brander, Ken Rife, Marlene Bennett, Paul and Jane Orfalea, Mark and Alixe Mattingly, Mara Abboud, Bruce Heavin, and Lynda Weinman, and Steve Thompson.**



Le Bal Masqué frame capturing Marymount Board of Trustees president Kirk Borchardt and his wife, CeCe, in their portrait on the *Chateau des Fontaines* estate (photo by Priscilla)

Big Masqué on Campus
Candelabra and chandeliers abounded when the 75-year-old Riviera school, Marymount, threw a Le Bal Masqué masquerade gala at Chateau des Fontaines, the charming Montecito estate of **Travis and Amanda Twining** and **Alastair and Ann Winn**, which attracted 240 guests, raising \$350,000 for the 239-student, 10-acre campus.

The French fest was co-chaired by **Matt and Kerri Boeddeker, Brian and Celene Borgatello, Derek Carlson, and Theresa Borgatello, and Paul and Brenda Rosales.**

Auctioneer **Joe REXIN** from Lake Elsinore was in fine form selling lots including a seven-day stay in Costa Rica, a ski vacation in Mammoth, a weekend getaway in Monterey on a private jet, and a week's stay in Oahu, Hawaii.

Guests enjoying their *Phantom of the Opera* moment included **Kirk Borchardt, Andrew Wooden, Doug and Andrea McFarling, Alexandra Dunn, Burton and Iona Tripathi, Andrew and Ashley Kirk, Christopher and Elizabeth Palme,**

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