

SEEN AROUND TOWN

by Lynda Millner

Teddy Bear Gold Ribbon Luncheon



Billy Baldwin, Tina Frontado, Chris Landon, Francisco Bracho, and Roberta and Stan Fishman were award winners and supporters of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation luncheon

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Teddy bears, that is. Here's a bit about the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation (TBCF): it is the only nonprofit to provide both financial and emotional support to families that have a child with cancer in the Tri-Counties. The Gold Ribbon Luncheon concludes its second Annual Gold Ribbon Campaign. They want to generate awareness about pediatric cancer and how it affects families. This luncheon should put them over their goal of \$200,000. In 2013 alone, they served 664 individuals.

You've all seen the pink ribbons for breast cancer. TBCF sports a gold ribbon. That's because gold is a precious metal and our children are precious. TBCF was also giving a big shout-out to **Carol Burnett** for being its 2014 spokesperson. Carol lost her own daughter, Carrie, to cancer. **Jeff** and **Margo Barbakow** have established The Carrie Hamilton Fund at TBCF to honor her memory. They also pledged an extra \$22,000 at the paddle raise during the live auction adeptly led by auctioneer **Sean Kelly**. Carol



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couldn't be there because she's back East in preparation for the Broadway show *Love Letters*. **Brian Miller**, her husband, spoke for her. **Isa**, who was two when diagnosed and is now in the 4th grade, expressed gratitude to Carol saying, "She is famous and must have a really big heart."

The Monte Vista Lawn at the Four Seasons Biltmore was the perfect venue for this heat-wave day. More than 300 supporters strolled the grass sipping mimosas and shopping the silent auction until time for lunch under umbrellas.

The Heart of Gold Award went to **Billy Baldwin** for his continual help. Dr. **Francisco Bracho** and Dr. **Christopher Landon** received the Humanitarian Award. They

both make their spaces kid-friendly with iPads, toys, and costumes. Dr. Landon likes to dress as Santa and deliver toys to kids in the hospital. The Pay-It-Forward Award went to **Jeff and Erika Zamora** for being foundation ambassadors after their son was diagnosed at 18 months with leukemia. The Helping Hands Award was given to the National Charity League Inc. Santa Barbara Chapter, whose members have lent helping hands at innumerable events in many ways.

The Santa Barbara High School Madrigal Singers concluded the afternoon. Event ambassador co-chairs were **Donna Barranco Fisher** and **Sheela Hunt**. The luncheon committee was **Jaimee Cole, Sarah Reed Farmer, Melissa Franzen, Stella Johnson, Kathy Kelley, Linda Vannier, and John Weninger**. Many sponsors, donors, and underwriters also need to be thanked. If you'd like to know more, call 962-7466 or visit www.teddybearcancerfoundation.org.



The 3-year-old cancer patient Magnus with (from left) his grandma, Inta Zemjanis, dad Eric, and Teddy Bear board vice chair Nikki Greene