

United Way Hosts 84th Annual Awards Celebration

United Way of Santa Barbara County hosted its 84th Annual Awards Celebration in May at the Four Seasons Biltmore Hotel in Montecito. **Jim Armstrong**, 2006-2007 Community Campaign



Jim Armstrong and Debby Davison Phelps

Chair, hosted the evening, assisted by mistress of ceremonies **Debby Davison Phelps**.

Special appreciation was given to outgoing board president **Kent Englert** for his two years of leadership, as well as **Ken Tompetrini**, who has served on the United Way board for many

years. Following dinner and the awards, the crowd danced to tunes played by DJ Rich Live.

Recognition and awards were given to local supporters and volunteers of United Way during the 2006-2007 campaign. Top honors went to:

Outstanding Leadership Workplace Campaign: **Cottage Health System**

Tocqueville Award for Outstanding Philanthropy: **Michael Towbes**

Most Outstanding Employee/Corporate Campaign: **Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**

Largest Overall Campaign: **County of Santa Barbara**

Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager for Less than 200 Employees: **Mike Enlow, UPS**

Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager 200-350 Employees: **Marybeth Carty, Venoco Inc.**

Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager for More than 350 Employees: **David Bothman, UCSB**

Outstanding Campaign Cabinet Member: **Terri Maus-Nisich, County of Santa Barbara & David Prichard, Bank of America**

Outstanding System-Wide Campaign: **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**



Diane Doiron and Gerry Rubey



Carrie Topliffe, Frank Thomson and Chris Schwass

Outstanding Event Underwriting: **Four Seasons Biltmore**

Outstanding Division Award – Finance: **Montecito Bank & Trust**

Outstanding Division Award – Non-Profit: **Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care of Santa Barbara**

Outstanding Division Award – Professional: **Smith Barney**

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Charles Caldwell, Cynder Sinclair and Susan Cavalli

Outstanding Division Award –
Education: **Santa Barbara
City College**

Outstanding Division Award –
Public: **County of Santa Barbara**

Outstanding Division Award –
Health: **Sansum Clinic**

Outstanding Division Award –
High Tech: **L-3 Communications
MariPro Inc.**

Power of Partnership™ Employer:
**AGIA-Association Group
Insurance & Venoco Inc.**

Outstanding Endowment Volunteer:
Susan Frazier, CPA, MST

Outstanding Community Impact
Volunteer: **Bob Shapiro & Peter
Platt**

Power of Partnership™ Individual:
**LuAnn Miller, Isla Vista Youth
Projects**

Best New Campaign: **Prudential
California Realty**

Outstanding Benchmark
Campaign: **Platinum Insurance
Marketing**

CHANNEL CAT LEADERSHIP EVENT - A Grand Time Had by All

United Way's 14th Annual Leadership Appreciation Reception took place on May 22, 2007, aboard the Channel Cat catamaran. Leadership and Tocqueville Society donors enjoyed a two-hour sail in the Santa Barbara Channel, with delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by Mondial Catering and wine donated by Vina Robles Winery.



Karen Anne Platt, Jerry Horan, Cris & David Prichard

The event was partially underwritten by Starbuck Tisdale & Associates.

Guests enjoyed the sights and sounds of the sea while they heard first-hand about

how their donations have changed the lives of children, families and seniors in our community.

Luann Miller of the Isla Vista Youth Projects, a United Way partner agency, spoke eloquently about children who have been helped by United Way's Partnership programs such as the Pre-Kindergarten Institutes and the Home Play Learning Kits.

Jim Wolfe, Chair of the Tocqueville Society, acknowledged all Leadership donors for their role in a successful year. He also announced the great news that one of United Way's signature



Jim Wolfe, Kandace & John Illgen

Partnership programs, Fun in the Sun, is expanding to Carpinteria this summer.

Paul Didier, CEO of United Way, described some stunning results of the Fun in the Sun

project – a summer reading and recreation program for low-income children that raised the reading levels of 76% of the children by 12% last summer. He shared, "Although we are successful with the several hundred children we serve now, there are still thousands of others we would like to help in the future."

United Way gratefully acknowledges the generosity of its donors. Leadership donors are those who make gifts of \$1,000 and up and Tocqueville Society donors are those who make gifts of \$10,000 and up. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you. For more information, please contact Karen Knight at 956-8591 ext.105.



Patty Forster & Diane Doiron

2006 – 2007 Tocqueville Society and Leadership Circle Members

Santa Barbara County is a better place thanks to the generosity of our Tocqueville Society and Leadership Circle Members listed on the following pages. Membership totaled 480 couples and individuals in 2006. Their exceptional generosity reflects an extraordinary concern, foresight, and dedication to influence positive change and achieve a better life for everyone throughout our community.

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A gift of \$100,000-\$249,999 per year

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NEW APPROACH TO VOLUNTEERING

In our continuing commitment to expand volunteering opportunities within our community, United Way of Santa Barbara County is proud to announce the coming of a new volunteer Web site for individual volunteers and charitable agencies in need of volunteers.

This site will enable volunteers to choose from a variety of agencies and volunteer opportunities such as health, human services, environmental, cultural, advocacy, and education sectors. Charities will be able to post and communicate their individual volunteer needs to the community and to specific individuals who request contact.

Individuals can specify volunteer opportunities based upon their age, age of clients, types of skills or interests, time of day or year available, and other criteria.

Volunteers coming to the Web site will be able to choose from a variety of volunteer opportunities that fit their interests and dedication to the community. By registering on our volunteer Web site, charities will be able to update their varying needs on a continual basis and volunteers will be notified of these updated volunteer opportunities.

We will have hundreds of volunteer opportunities listed during 2007 and hope to exceed 1,000 opportunities in 2008. Our first pilot agency was Isla Vista Youth Projects with an array of different opportunities. We are getting ready to launch our second pilot agency through our First 5/ Success by 6 partnership.

All interested individuals and charitable organizations can log into our Web site via www.unitedwaysb.org and clicking on the volunteer link or by logging directly onto www.volunteersbc.org.



The Territory Ahead donates more than \$400,000 worth of new clothing to United Way


The Territory Ahead, a clothing company headquartered in Santa Barbara, recently donated brand-new clothes to four different United Way organizations located in Santa Barbara, San Jose, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Cincinnati, Ohio. The clothing donation, valued at \$400,000, will provide 13,428 units of clothing for distribution to poverty-level citizens in cities where the company operates, rather than sell the product to a retailer for profit. The value of the units to be distributed in Santa Barbara County is approximately \$195,000.



United Way staff moving donated clothing

One multi-agency program benefiting from the donation is United Way of Santa Barbara County's Fun in the Sun, a summer enrichment program for poverty-level children in southern Santa Barbara County. Six hundred parents of Fun in the Sun children will receive free clothing thanks to the generous donation. Another United Way partnership, the Pre-Kindergarten Summer Institutes, will distribute the clothing to families who have difficulty meeting basic needs. **LuAnn Miller**, Executive Director of Isla Vista Youth Projects, and **Theresa Wiessglass**, Executive Director of Healthy Start and A-OK Programs (Santa Barbara City School Districts), will take the lead in identifying families in need and matching those families with free clothing. Miller said, "Clothing is a real need for these families and will go a long way in helping them meet basic needs."

The large-scale clothing donation by The Territory Ahead illustrates the effect that local services can have on the poverty population by addressing basic needs like clothing along with long-term programs such as child education and drug rehabilitation.

President and CEO of United Way of Santa Barbara County **Paul Didier** stated, "We are proud to help The Territory Ahead distribute these needed clothes to families that can use them. Our **Power of Partnership**™ — connecting the best resources of our community — allows us to impact people in the most effective way." 

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In an effort to cut down the cost of postage, you can now receive newsletters, invitations, and special announcements online, as well as RSVP and prepay. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to: bblessing@unitedwaysb.org.

Heritage Club Shares the United Way Vision at Luncheon

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club was the setting for United Way's 22nd Annual Heritage Club Appreciation Luncheon. Thirty-five Heritage Club members and guests were honored for leaving their legacy to this community as they dined overlooking one of the most spectacular views of our harbor on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Accolades were given to **Craig Wilberg** and his staff at the Yacht Club for making this a memorable event, and a special thanks to the **Filippini Financial Group** for generously underwriting this luncheon.

A delightful lunch of medallions of beef tenderloin or Atlantic salmon was served as honorees shared their stories and personal commitments to the ongoing success of United Way of Santa Barbara County. It was a lovely setting in which to meet the newest members of the Heritage Club, and to reminisce with those who have been members for many years.

The Heritage Club is made up of forward-thinking individuals who have chosen to leave their legacy to this community as part of their overall estate plan. Through wisely planned gifts, they have extended their United Way support for generations to come. Their



Karen Anne Platt, Rick Nightingale and Karen Knight

gifts come in many forms, including Charitable Remainder Trusts, Gift Annuities, Donor Advised Funds, Pooled Income Funds, bequests, and gifts of retirement accounts or life insurance policies.

United Way's Endowment and Gift Planning Services Program, under the guidance of a premier group of volunteer estate and financial planning professionals, offers a variety of techniques which are individually tailored to meet the philanthropic desires of our donors. These gifts are invested in at least one of six Endowment Funds, which provide a solid foundation of perpetual support for United Way of Santa Barbara County. These endowments insure the future of United Way's unique and innovative programs which benefit one in three people in our community.

For more information about becoming a member of the Heritage Club, please contact our Gift Planning Services Officer, Judy Goodbody, CFRE, RIA, CRTP at 965-8591 ext.120 or email jgoodbody@unitedwaysb.org. She can assist you with your philanthropic goals through personally designed estate and tax planning.



Marilyn Anticouni & Paul Didier



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Tom Thomas

Volunteer Profile:
Tom Thomas

Occupation:
Community Relations Executive for Santa Barbara Bank & Trust.

Involvement with UWSBC:

Tom has been a United Way contributor since the early 1980s, and active with United Way of Santa Barbara County since 1996. He has served as Campaign Chair in 2000-2001, and has been a member of the Board since 2001. Tom will serve as Chair of the Board for 2007-2008.

Other Community Involvement:

Tom is also currently on the Boards of Partners in Education and the Courthouse Legacy Foundation, a trustee of the UCSB foundation and the Montecito Community Foundation, and a member of the Westmont Board of Advisors.


Hobbies:

Tom enjoys golf, gardening, reading, travel and watching the California Golden Bears.

Where is your favorite place to be? Why?

Home because "it is where the heart is!"

Thoughts on UWSBC:

"I believe United Way has an efficient and effective way to distribute funds to those in need. Now United Way of Santa Barbara County is taking this effort to new levels by focusing on key community issues and partnering with other non-profits to leverage off each others' strengths. My various roles with United Way have been most enjoyable because of the people, the cause, the spirit of volunteerism, and the smiles on the faces of the children at Fun in the Sun." 

Dates to Remember

DAY OF CARING

Saturday, September 15, 2007
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Page Youth Center & sites

RED FEATHER BALL

Saturday, October 13, 2007
6 p.m. - Midnight
Fess Parker's
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Please call 965-8591 for more information or to RSVP for events. You may also RSVP on our website - www.unitedwaysb.org

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If you are in the Santa Barbara area and would like to donate your vehicle, please call 805-988-8899 (nationally call 800-531-6560), and ask that the proceeds benefit United Way of Santa Barbara County.



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