



**FUNDRAISER:** The Moriarty Family, from upper left, Jeanne Moriarty, Gene Moriarty, Ruth Ann Segerstrom Moriarty and Richard Moriarty, gather at St. Joseph Hospital's 11th Annual "Circles of Life" Fashion Show & Luncheon.



NICK KOON, THE REGISTER

**GALA:** From left above, John DeMain, Michelle Rohé, Robert C. Jones, Luciana Marabella and Elizabeth McClellan gather at Opera Pacific's "Il Carnevale di Venezia" Founders and Guild Alliance Gala. At left, Sharon Wilson and Dr. Anita Gregory attend the "Circles of Life" benefit for St. Joseph Hospital.



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KATHY ARMAS

**BENEFIT:** KidSingers' 11th Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, called "KidSingers in the Outfield," was held at the Diamond Club, Angel Stadium of Anaheim, on June 16. The event drew 150 supporters and netted \$40,000 for the nonprofit's after-school choir for underprivileged children. Among those making it happen were, from left, Angels broadcaster Steve Physioc, who served as co-emcee and auctioneer; event coordinators Stacey Physioc, Lorie Kelly and Beverly McNeff; and KidSingers' Founder/Director Paul McNeff.

## MODELS OF HOPE

St. Joseph Hospital's 11th Annual "Circles of Life" Fashion Show and Luncheon, this year themed "Runway of Hope," drew a record 940 guests Sunday and featured 27 of the hospital's patients and cancer survivors as models. Always a heartwarming affair, the models walk the runway with loved ones.



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### PEOPLE WATCH

This year's Presenting Sponsor, the Moriarty Family, represented by Gene and Ruth Ann Segerstrom Moriarty, supported their daughter Jeanne Moriarty. "Having Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 15 was really tough," Jeanne said, "but my parents were so supportive. No one in our family had ever had cancer, and my chances of survival were pretty nil. Luckily, I was able to participate in a clinical test group at Stanford, which gave me a 95 percent chance of survival."

Addressing her breast cancer at age 50, Jeanne said, "I felt something was wrong, but nothing showed up on my mammogram or the MRI. Finally, it showed up on the ultrasound. My advice, if you're suspicious of having breast cancer, is to pursue it." Jeanne's father Gene walked her down the runway, looking very much the proud father. Ruth Ann said Jeanne and the family were grateful for surgeon Dr. John West's expertise with Jeanne's breast cancer.

Other cancer patients and survivors included Gary Andrew, Samuel Armour, David Baier, Caren Baskerville, Carole Caplett, Christine Chen, Alan Churchill, Tosha Clemons, Keith Dayton, Anna Marie DeMarzo, Marcia Finley, Thomas Freker, Alice Gibson, Iliams Goglia, Susan Hinchey, Gina Messenger, Marilu Morency, Jeanette Munoz, Randy Newsom, Maria Osborn, Michelle Perry, Andrea Potts, Richard Slaughter, Vivian Ta and Art and Jeanne Tibbetts.

Event Chairwoman Sharon Wilson thanked her committee as well as representatives from Mary Kay and Joshua Christopher Salons, who provided makeup and hairstyles for the models. The models' fashions were from Anjelia, Cache, Eileen Fischer, Faconnable, Friar Tux, J. Jill, Madison Avenue and Talbots. Honorary Chairwoman Dr. Anita Gregory, St. Joseph Hospital colon and rectal surgeon, spoke about the hospital's new cancer center, due to open in July 2008. "The state-of-the-art, three-story, 87,000-square-foot facility will provide world-class cancer care in a single location," she said. Master of ceremonies Mike McLean introduced Lisa Tucker, the "American Idol" finalist, who wowed the crowd with "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The event's \$90,000 net proceeds are targeted for the new St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center.

Several of the 150 guests attending Opera Pacific's "Il Carnevale di Venezia" Sunday night at the Balboa Bay Club & Resort took the suggested "Venetian cocktail attire" to heart, with many more either holding or wearing masks in honor of the theme. Tim Dey and Jim Nussbaum, known as The Ghosts of Versailles, made a special appearance in their outrageous bubble wrap Louis XIV-inspired costumes.

Opera Pacific President/CEO Robert C. Jones and Artistic Director John DeMain welcomed everyone to the 23rd Annual Founders and Guild Alliance Gala and thanked gala Co-Chairwomen Luciana Marabella and Elizabeth McClellan and their committee. They also recognized gala sponsor Wells Fargo, represented by Vice President of Private Banking Jasmine Shodja, before honoring Opera Pacific founder and patron Michelle Rohé, dressed for the occasion in Giorgio Armani Couture.

"We are indebted to you for your incredible support but also for your wise counsel and also for your vision for opera in Orange County," Jones said to Rohé.

"Carnival of Venice Variations," a special musical performance in Rohé's honor, followed, featuring Tony Ellis, Opera Pacific's principal trumpet; soprano Maria Cristina Navarro from The Opera Pacific Ensemble of Repertory Artists; and DeMain at the keyboard. Rohé, who said she was introduced to opera by a family friend when she was 12, encouraged everyone to introduce opera to our youth, "because they are our future audiences," she said.

Orange County High School of the Arts student Matthew Luolofs, 15, spoke about how singing in Opera Pacific's Opera Camp, winning the Opera Pacific Laila S. Conlin Vocal Competition, and performing last February as the Torero Boy in Opera Pacific's "Carmen" changed his life.

The auction, led by Mark Nielsen, helped boost net proceeds to \$40,000 and featured a week's stay at luxury hotels in London and Venice, including American Airlines airfare. It sold twice - to Guild Alliance President Beverly Spring, who grabbed it for \$12,000, and to Marybelle and S. Paul Musco for \$15,000, with two extra nights at Hotel Cipriani in Venice thrown in.

The magnanimous Muscos then proceeded to give the trip to Michele Bautista, Opera Pacific's director of special events and guild liaison. The hard-working Bautista, known and loved by all, was overcome by the gesture. Shanda Lear... and All That Brass entertained with big band selections.

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