

Society Invites

Montessori Center School Annual Benefit

by Joanne A Calitri

The Montessori Center School held its annual soiree benefit at the Santa Barbara Woman's Club on March 4. The theme, "The Golden Age of Jazz," brought more gold lures to this side of the Nile that could rival the rate of inflation. Men in pinstriped, wool zoot suits to tuxedos with bowler hats escorted their favorite sweethearts draped in yards of art deco-designed, gold lame dresses with layers of gold fringe, kimonos, and matching hairbands with feathers, the '20s in 2023 did roar. Every detail was noted from the goldware place settings, program design, matching name tags, and white feathered balls with baby lights as table centerpieces.

Event Chair **Morgan McDonald** and her committee members **Kathy Kelley**, **Conor Adler**, and **Amy Whiteford** had started work on the event in the summer of 2022. Kelley shared, "It's been 20 years

since we hosted an event at the Santa Barbara Woman's Club. Our school fundraising theme for the 2022-23 school year is Stay Golden. In keeping aligned with all things golden, our auction theme, The Golden Age of Jazz, naturally lends itself a glamorous, Gatsby feel. We have a small but mighty committee of four, plus the additional support of our classroom parent representatives. Each year, our teachers work with their classroom parent representatives to create a student-led art project that is unique and one-of-a-kind, 12 in all, for the live auction. Our total fundraising goal is \$100 thousand, which will rebuild a new Sports Court and support our general operating expenses."

Following cocktails and a warm welcome by Head of School **Melanie Jacobs**, dinner was served. The live auction was led by **Geoff Green**, CEO at the SBCC Foundation. His skills at upping the ante brought in more than \$33K and an additional \$30K for the cash call plea.



Head of School **Melanie Jacobs** and board President **Michael James Hey** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)



Event Committee **Kathy Kelley**, **Morgan McDonald**, **Conor Adler**, and **Amy Whiteford** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)

The event entertainment was magician **Mark Collier**, the MDance and Friends band, featuring local vocal extraordinaire **Miriam Dance**, a speakeasy lounge with blackjack tables, and whiskey bar.

Guests were parents, teachers, and friends of the school. Noted were board President **Michael James Hey** and **Anne L. Shaw-Hey**, **Casey** and **Alex Fang**, **Brittany** and **Scott Sloan**, **Aniko** and **David Kim**, **Jessica Scheeter** and **Zach Gill**, **Robert** and **Faye Riskin**, **Katie Allen**,

Dana Kabashima, and **Megi Haydon**; and Auction Committee/Room reps not already mentioned were **Tara Ferguson**, **Dasha Russ**, **Raine Hahn**, **Sarah Anthony**, **Katie O'Keefe**, **Jen Press**, **Débora Iglesias-Rodriguez**, **Gabrielle Welder**, **Robin Deinhard**, **Aniko Kim**, **Josephine Lin**, **Amy Levin Toohey**, **Kristen Ritter**, and **Cheryl Eberharter**. **David Kim** donated specialty cocktails.

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David and **Aniko Kim** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)



Alex and **Casey Fang** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)



Scott and **Brittany Sloan** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)



Zach Gill and **Jessica Scheeter** (photo by Joanne A Calitri)

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