

## President's Report



### Dear Patrons of the Prado:

We are now more than half way through our 2009/2010 year and what a wonderful year it has been so far! I want to thank our Board for their tireless work and their positive and supportive attitude. They have made my job very easy! We also have a lot of fun getting our work accomplished!

Our Gala, chaired by Betty Kornreich and her co-chairs, the past Gala chairs, will be held on July 10, 2010 in Balboa Park. It will be a very exciting night themed "Rendezvous in Paris!" I hope you all will attend and purchase a table or put one together. As you know, our reason for being is to raise money for our Museums. Look for your beautiful Gala invitation coming soon!

I want to thank you for being a part of Patrons of the Prado. We all do a great job of helping San Diego by raising funds for our beautiful Balboa Park. See you all at the Gala!

Jeri Rovsek  
President

## Got Great Goodies?

Calling all items that glitter, pamper, delight, entertain, romance, surprise, comfort, spoil positively rotten, glamorize, make your friends green with envy...*you get the idea!* Please help us gather the most enticing, amazing auction items ever to ensure the bottom-line success for our wonderful beneficiaries. Visit our website, [patronsoftheprado.org](http://patronsoftheprado.org), and click on the Gala page. You'll find easy links that allow you to instantly download our 2010 Auction Letter and Auction Form. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Cheers!

Members, please remember to send in your donation form or donate a bottle of wine (value of \$100 or more, Parker rating of 95+) for the fabulous Wine Opportunity drawing for Rendezvous in Paris. We now have 13 bottles of excellent wine including a 1996 bottle of Louis Roedener Cristal Champagne valued at approximately \$325. We raised \$17,000+ last year on this drawing and we hope to do better this year. Dr. Leonard Kornreich has agreed to be our wine connoisseur again this year and for those who choose to send in money, he will buy the wine for you.

If you have any questions, please give Judy Burer a call at **619-447-9691** or email her at [jburer@cox.net](mailto:jburer@cox.net)

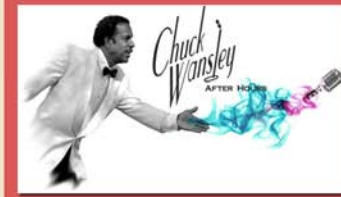


# Rendezvous in Paris

July 10, 2010



## Band and Headliner



## Test Your Rendezvous IQ!

Plans are moving quickly...let's see how many of these fun, fanciful facts you can answer about our 2010 Gala:

*Answers can be found on page 5*

1. Who is our multi-talented headliner for dinner entertainment?
2. What famous French landmark will be created to lend eye-popping ambiance? Out of what material?
3. Where will we stage our own Moulin Rouge?
4. Who are our 2010 Beneficiaries?
5. Name our gracious Honorary Chairs.
6. What unique dance will be performed by a special troupe?
7. How can you help make the Auction even more exciting?
8. Who is our featured Dance Band that will perform pop, rock, jazz, Latin rhythms, and more?
9. What system and rating is used to describe the exceptional quality of the delectable vintages included in our Gala wine auction?
10. What will be the best party of the summer?

Patrons of the Prado is proud to support the valuable missions and programs of our 2010 "Rendezvous in Paris" Gala Beneficiaries



THE OLD GLOBE



# Chair's Message

Dear Patrons,

I hope you scored well on the Rendezvous IQ Test! Please join the fun and be in the know by attending our Gala meetings held on the second Monday of the month. Our next get-together will be May 10 at the San Diego Natural History Museum at 10:00 a.m.

Prepare to be wowed by the stellar line-up of entertainment including the out-of-this-world talents of the one and only Obba Babatunde. And just wait until your feet hit the dance-floor to the beat of the Chuck Wansley Orchestra, one of LA's hottest bands!

Of course, our own Kathleen Buoymaster is waving her wand over the sumptuous, creative décor and with Jeffery Strauss "in the kitchen" the cuisine is sure to be show-stopping as well.

We need your energy, ideas and involvement to make this year's Gala a smashing success and the highlight of summer season in our glorious Balboa Park. More importantly, as you know, our creative energy will directly translate into financial support for our three wonderful Beneficiaries. We've seen the fruits of our labor with past Galas; our dollars truly do a world of wonder. There is much left to do...won't you join the fun?

Au Revoir,

Betty Kornreich  
Gala Chair

## Our New Members

Karen Fox



A world-class contemporary art museum, wonderful cafes and shops within walking distance, plus the best weather in the world, Karen believes she is living in paradise after many years in the Sierra Foothills. "My fantasy was to watch the sunset over the Pacific from my living room with a panoramic vista, al fresco. And voila, here I am!"

Karen sites her most significant achievement to be her two adult children. Ariel, a successful Commercial Real Estate Broker and adventurer, recently climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. Her son, Cole, is an entrepreneur in the beverage business, while also working in sales and marketing for a "Green" company.

After earning a Masters in Fine Arts from U.C. Davis Karen established an interior design firm, employing five designers and became a Real Estate Broker. She then went on to real estate syndication in conjunction with rehabilitating and constructing over a thousand apartment units and developed a 65 acre residential subdivision with an "Urban Forrest", a Limited Equity

Housing Cooperative, and custom single family homes. She then went on to develop a shopping center that had fanciful and accessible art work throughout.

While in Davis Karen received awards for her design work, served on the Civic Arts Commission and was active in many charity, civic and arts organizations. She participated in the National Endowment for the Arts and was on the founding board of a local cable television company.

Karen moved to the Sierra Foothills where she acquired a general plan amendment and zoning for a 63 acre commercial mixed use project located on Highway 80. She then turned her interest to becoming a restaurateur and established a beverage distribution company. Karen designed, oversaw operations and marketing for two restaurants. One, a fine dining restaurant, was a recipient of "The Best of the Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence". The other restaurant, an upscale Brew Pub and Steak House was replete with an elegant Belle Epoch Ballroom and housed in a restored 1864 Odd Fellows Hall and renovated with every detail true to the Victorian Era. Microbrew beers were brewed on site. The restaurants gave Karen the opportunity to engage the talents of many visual and performing artists she continued to participate in and support community arts organizations, including serving on the board of a local theater company.

The arts, fashion and food are common threads that weave the fabric of Karen's endeavors together. She

is an avid collector of contemporary art and an aficionado of all things wonderful. She has enthusiastically embraced every opportunity to explore the rich and varied offerings of the San Diego region. Over the past few years Karen has turned to healthy eating and exercise, realizing that aging well is a necessity. "My passion for food has evolved into what it can do for me."

Karen concludes, "I am so pleased to be a member of Patrons of the Prado with such a dedicated group of women working to support San Diego's jewel, The Prado, where the arts thrive."

## Jeri S. Crawford



Jeri is a native San Diegan and member of a successful entrepreneurial family for three generations. Over the past thirty years, in California, Texas, and now in Nevada, she's enjoyed participating in the

family business, Polar Golf, and has also had a stellar real estate through investment sales, acquisitions, marketing and leasing and property management. Industry honors included selection as Today's Woman in Real Estate by the San Antonio Express News. Jeri founded the first affiliate chapter of the National Association of Women in Commercial Real Estate (CREW) in San Antonio that later expanded to Phoenix, San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles and San Francisco. As a former member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks—San Antonio, Jeri lobbied for its future growth and development in Washington, DC.

Jeri's philanthropic spirit extended to the La Jolla Villagers, La Jolla Music Society, Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, Immediate past Chairman of the San Diego County Committee and State Vice President of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Region 1 Representative of the Colonial Dames National Headquarters endowment committee, Daughters of the American Revolution, past president of La Jolla Republican

Women Federated and a San Diego Hospice Patient Volunteer.

With homes in Las Vegas and Julian, CA, she continues her community efforts in both regions as President and CEO of the Las Vegas Philharmonic; the Las Vegas Philharmonic Guild, the Opportunity Village Foundation Board of Directors, Co-founder, President and National Board member of the Nevada Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames, member of Patrons of the Prado in San Diego, a supporter of the Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation, Friends of the Library in Julian, CA and is active in her San Diego church.

Jeri enjoys race/walking, hiking and traveling, gardening, star gazing, and raising and breeding AKC champion West Highland White Terriers and Hungarian Kuvasz and showing at the National and Westminster levels. Jeri is married to Richard T. Crawford, Founder and President of Green Valley Grocery and Crawford Oil.

## Lynn Kaufman



After a career (long ago) as a systems analyst for General Electric and Citibank, I became a stay-at-home mother to two children, who are now in their mid-twenties and launched. More recently, I have worked with my husband, Nathan, managing director of Kaufman Strategic Advisors, a San Diego based healthcare consulting firm, in marketing and development. When not volunteering or fund raising, I am on the tennis court, reading or playing piano.

### Patrons 2010 Meeting Schedule

#### MAY

- 3 Board of Directors: Museum of Photographic Arts (9:30)
- 10 Gala Committee: Natural History Museum (10 am)
- 20 Breakfast and Fashion Show at Neiman Marcus (10 am)

#### JUNE

- 7 Combined Board and Gala Committee: Hall of Champions (9:30)

Special thanks to our Balboa Park Liason Susan Hoekenga for arranging our meeting venues. Our beneficiaries have been wonderful hosts!

## Out and About

As a members of Patrons of the Prado, the year is full of wonderful ways to celebrate our mission.

**Annual Meeting**—Jeri and Richard Rovsek hosted us at their beautiful home last September concluding the year's business with panache; a true highlight was witnessing our beneficiaries receive their checks from the proceeds of our beautiful gala, Intrigue on the Orient Express. Thank you Jeri and Richard!

**New Member Luncheon**—September also brought a beautiful gathering at Continental Catering's Showroom...the table décor and cuisine were sensational as we welcomed our new members Jeri Crawford, Karen Fox and Lynn Kaufman (read their profiles in this issue). Special thanks to Judy Burer!

**In December**, Lynne and Steve Wheeler opened their spectacular home for an evening that sparkled with Holiday lights, laughter, luscious cocktails and dining. Of course, the evening was topped off with colorful caroling around the piano. Special thanks to our generous hosts and to Betty Brayshay and Dee Ammon.

**In January**, we held our annual Directors' Reception at the Reuben H. Fleet. It was an inspiring evening as we learned about the programs and plans at many of our Beneficiary institutions. The night was capped off with our own private viewing of the movie "Amazon" in the new IMAX dome theatre. Thank you Betty and Dee!

**Betty Kornreich** generously hosted a beautiful luncheon at the La Jolla Country Club, also in January, to launch our exciting 2010 Gala—Rendezvous in Paris. Thank you Betty!

**March** ushered in a behind-the-scenes tour of the new Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre at the Old Globe. Lunch followed onsite with members learning of a very generous donation from the Old Globe to our live auction. Several were so inspired by the tour that they later went to see the set come alive by attending a performance of the award-winning Globe production, "Lost in Yonkers".

\* If you're interested in attending future Globe performances as a group, please contact Betty Brayshay at 619-447-0345 or brayshay@cox.net.

**Coming Soon!** On May 20, we'll gather at Neiman Marcus for a beautiful morning of breakfast and fashions featuring live modeling of couture gowns. Don't miss the fun!

Watch your e-mail for a June event...now in the planning stages!

### Answers to Rendezvous IQ test:

1. Obba Babatunde, legendary Broadway entertainer and star of Old Globe's "Sammy".
2. The Arc de Triomphe will be constructed out of foam, thanks to Kathleen Buoymaster's amazing vision!
3. In the San Diego Natural History Museum (side entrance)
4. The Old Globe Theatre, The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and the San Diego Hall of Champions.
5. Conrad Prebys and Debra Turner.
6. Members of the Junior Theatre will perform the CanCan.
7. Go to our website PatronsOfThePrado.org and download an Auction Form and send it in!
8. Chuck Wansley Orchestra—one of LA's hottest groups.
9. All wines will have a Parker Rating of 95+ meaning an extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety; worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume.
10. Rendezvous in Paris, of course!