The air was thick with ash, the smell of smoke sharp and threatening. It was October of 2007, and once more San Diego was faced with a devastating crisis as wildfires tore through the county. As we watched the news with a growing sense of helplessness and finally relief as the flames were extinguished, the Las Patronas grant team met to explore ways in which funds from the record-breaking success of Jewel Ball 2007 could meet an immediate need in the community.

Las Patronas awards grant to UCSD Regional Burn Center

“The clear mask crafted through the Total Contact system is tailored for each patient’s needs,” said Bruce Potenza, MD, Clinical Director of the UCSD Regional Burn Center. “The patient has a better chance of having appealing cosmetic results with less scarring. We want our patients to heal well.” Prior to UCSD’s acquisition of the Total Contact equipment, burn patients had to be transported to Oregon for this treatment. Installation at the UCSD Regional Burn Center benefits not only current wildfire burn victims, but will aid in the recovery of patients suffering from burns resulting from isolated accidents as well.

“To offer our patients the best technology available is exciting and rewarding,” said Leann Cortimiglia, RN, CWS, Burn Center nurse. “The mask allows burn survivors to go out in public without attracting a lot of attention, and they have a better scar management result.”

Las Patronas is very proud to be part of the Burn Center’s tireless work to heal and ease the suffering of its patients.

“Funding this grant to UCSD Regional Burn Center goes to the core of our mission, and fulfills a crucial need in San Diego,” said Las Patronas President Barbara Mulligan. “We wanted to aid victims of the firestorm, but this will also help San Diegans year-round for a long time to come.”

Psst - Over here... stick with me, kid, I know the password!

That’s right, the password is FUN! Americans in the 1920s weren’t about to let a little thing like Prohibition get in the way of their good time, and neither will we! Their ingenuity gave us the Speakeasy - the gin mill where the bathtub’s not for bathing and you have to know somebody to get in.

Dear friends, guests at the 2008 Jewel Ball are going to party like it’s 1925, but Speakeasy won’t be like the blind pigs of the 20s. The ladies of Las Patronas are recreating the art and architecture of a ritzy art deco supper club under the stars at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, to give our guests a one-of-a-kind night of roaring twenties fun.

Speakeasy wouldn’t be possible without you, our friends and supporters. All of us in Las Patronas are so grateful to our underwriters and donors, and to the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club for hosting us again in our 62nd year.

And to the 50 flappers of Las Patronas, especially my co-chairs, Jennifer Greenfield and Tracy Lyon, thank you for sharing this year in the jazz age with me. You dolls are the berries!

I hope to see you all on August 2nd, under the stars at Speakeasy!

Caroline Nierenberg, 2008 Jewel Ball Chair

ALL YOU SHEIKS & SHEBAS, FLAPPERS & FELLAS, SWELLS & SKIRTS!

This swanky Speakeasy is the cat’s meow and the bee’s knees, jumpin’ with cold hooch, hot jazz, dolled-up molls and hotsy-totsy hoopers! So get your gladags on and join the rub under the stars at the spiffiest gin mill you’ve ever laid your peepers on!
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A major grant from Las Patronas will help each of these San Diego nonprofits further its mission of service throughout our community.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, countless citizens of San Diego will be healed, educated, uplifted, and comforted.

We are very proud of our beneficiaries, and grateful to all of you who’ve helped us in our own mission of improving life for all our neighbors in San Diego County.

1 A Reason to Survive - Las Patronas will provide ARTS with a fully equipped ADA compliant mobility van to transport children with various types of physical disabilities, allowing them to experience the power of art.

2 Las Patronas will support The Burnham Institute for Medical Research with the purchase of a Shimadzu Xcise robot for the characterization of proteins, to further its mission of conducting world-class, collaborative medical research to cure human disease.

3 Christian Community Theater develops character in children and adults through training in the arts, and by producing family entertainment. Funds from Las Patronas will build a “Black Box Theater” where CCT/CYT and other arts groups can test new works.

4 Diversionary Theatre is the nation’s third oldest continuously producing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender theater group. Las Patronas funds will be used to purchase a new wheelchair lift that will enable every patron to access the second floor theater space.
The La Jolla Historical Society is dedicated to the discovery, collection and preservation of La Jolla’s heritage. Las Patronas is providing archival preservation, digitization, and storage equipment to properly care for the Society’s image collection.

La Jolla Music Society - The minivan purchased by Las Patronas will transport artists, small performing ensembles, and volunteers to performances and outreach engagements in schools and community centers.

The Rebecca and John Moores UCSD Cancer Center promotes and sustains excellence in clinical research, cancer prevention, and the highest quality of clinical care. This grant will fund equipment and appliances for the center’s Healing Foods Kitchen.

The Salvation Army - Senior Dining & Social Centers - Funding from Las Patronas will make it possible for The Salvation Army to obtain a new “hot shot” truck that will deliver hot and cold meals to seniors in the South Bay area.

San Diego Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Las Patronas will provide SDHIFH with a new phone system and software so that they may function more productively and efficiently.

More Major Beneficiaries on the next page...

The Las Patronas Mission

Las Patronas is committed to providing financial assistance to nonprofit organizations in San Diego County that provide valuable community services in the areas of health, education, social services, and cultural arts, and to continuing our tradition of service to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Visit Us on the Web

To learn more about Las Patronas and our community partners, please visit our website at laspatronas.org for current news, endowment and support, grant applications, our history and how you can contribute to making life better for all citizens of San Diego today.
San Diego Hospice and Palliative Care  - The 20 laptops funded by Las Patronas will be used by field staff as a reliable and efficient mode of communication, strengthening their ability to care for patients and ensuring seamless quality care.

San Diego Opera  is dedicated to producing opera and vocal arts of the highest artistic caliber. Las Patronas will underwrite three new follow spotlights that will dramatically highlight the Company’s lead singers as they move about on the stage.

Scripps La Jolla Heart Center at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla  - Las Patronas will help fund electrophysiology stereotaxis equipment for use in treating complex arrhythmias, resulting in better patient outcomes and continued excellence in cardiac care.

UCSD Shiley Eye Center  - Granted funds will pay for an examination room on a new EyeMobile for Children, which will help the center achieve its program goals of screening 10,000 low-income children each year.

Vista Hill - Stein Education Center  – Support from Las Patronas will provide a wheelchair-accessible van with a lift to transport developmentally and physically disabled children and adults on field trips, educational outings, and vocational training activities.

A Las Patronas grant team visits every grant applicant before any funds are awarded. Every nonprofit organization that applies is reviewed carefully to ensure that it is financially sound, well run, and focused in its mission of service to the people of San Diego County.
Las Patronas 2007 - 2008 Minor Beneficiaries

From November 2007 to April 2008 Las Patronas has awarded grants in amounts up to $20,000 to each of these nonprofit organizations, reaching all corners of San Diego County.

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United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego County
United Through Reading
Women’s Empowerment International
Words Alive
YWCA of San Diego County

Las Patronas gives two police dogs to the SD Police Foundation

In April 2008 Las Patronas was proud to award the San Diego Police Foundation a grant for the purchase of two very special dogs for the San Diego Police Department Canine Unit. These dogs will be trained to conduct narcotics and explosive searches, apprehend suspects, and protect both officers and private citizens.

The SDPD Canine Unit responds to more than 3,000 calls each year and greatly increases the efficiency of the San Diego Police Department, which has one of the lowest per capita officer staffing ratios of any large city in the nation. The Canine Unit is an enormous resource multiplier for the SDPD in terms of both effort and cost.

The dogs’ agility and size allow them to pursue lawbreakers very effectively, and many times their mere presence will deter behavior that would endanger human beings. For example, many suspects who won’t follow police commands will cooperate when threatened with a dog bite.

In some cases, the dogs are an alternative to lethal force; in others, the dogs prevent injury to their human partners, even to the point of sustaining grave harm themselves.

The officers who work with them recount stories of dogs being hit, stabbed, and even shot in the line of duty while never giving up their determination to get the job done. Their fearless nature makes them an invaluable asset to the officers with whom they serve.

San Diego police dogs are at work protecting San Diegans 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And since they typically work until they are about 8½ years old, as many as ten dogs retire due to age or leave service because of injury or death each year.

The San Diego Police Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 1998 to improve the health and human services available to the police force that “protects and serves” the three million citizens of San Diego every day.

The gift of these two young, enthusiastic dogs may very well save lives in San Diego, and highlights the importance of Las Patronas’ fundraising efforts. We are very happy to be able to fulfill this request, and we thank our supporters for making it possible.

Carl is off and running to apprehend a suspect.
After the months of painting and building it takes to construct each Jewel Ball, one of the most important design elements, our table décor, comes together in the last few days. Indeed, more than once we've been putting the final touches on the tables as the guests are starting to arrive! The delight on their faces as they enter the ballroom makes it all worthwhile. For many years we've asked ourselves these questions: Short or tall? Fresh or faux? But in recent years we've also asked: Rocks or feathers? Candles or glowlights? And what will it be this year, you ask? You'll just have to see for yourself when you knock on the door at Speakeasy!

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Speakeasy Co-Chairs Tracy Lyon and Jennifer Greenfield

A smattering of centerpieces from recent years: from left to right, Jester's Jewel, 2003; Rhapsody in White, 2004; club6oh!, 2006; Wrapped in Moonlight, 2005; ARTRAGEOUS!, 2007

Slink into the ballroom to join the jazz babies with marcelled hair and rouged knees cutting a rug with their beaus to the sultry strains of a summer melody. Handsome young toughs rub shoulders with high society swells in a swanky supper club draped in rich red velvet. Marble columns support a ceiling of stars made even more brilliant with dazzling chandeliers. Fat cats in high hats sip on fruity concoctions in exotic zebra lounges while fashionable flappers foxtrot to the Latin and jazz rhythms of NRG.

The well heeled enjoy a movie theater with a backdrop of beautiful burled wood and silver, while the smart set takes in a spectacular view of the Manhattan skyline from terrace seating beneath the twilight sky. Those in the know will dine on elegant eats and high-class hootch (no gin barrels here) and Charleston till the wee hours of the morning.

Bands are jazzier. Cars are snazzier. So raise your skirts. Bob your hair. And join us where we'll strut with 1920s flair!
**Our sincere thanks to all of these generous individuals and companies that have donated goods and services to the Jewel Ball!**

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The Jewel Ball Program Book is a souvenir keepsake that captures the essence of the Jewel Ball.

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Please call Cindy Salvato at 858-459-0924 to order your ad today!

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For ad contracts and specifications visit our website at laspatronas.org

Silent Auction Highlights

Just a sample of what you’ll find on our Jewel Ball Silent Auction tables...

The Collector Fine Jewelry
A pair of gorgeous art deco inspired earrings in 18k gold with diamonds and extremely rare chrome green tourmalines (found only in Tanzania!) designed by renowned jewelry designer Stephen Lagos.

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Though you don’t want the paparazzi to catch you coming out of the Speakeasy, you will want Michael Spengler of studio m to capture your upcoming party! Whether it’s a birthday party, anniversary party, intimate wedding or holiday party, Michael and his assistant will join you for six hours of coverage, provide onsite printing of your guests’ portraits (up to 300), give you up to 500 first edition prints from your event, host the party images online for 60 days for viewing and ordering, and design and create a custom 11x14 album featuring the best of the evening.

SK Sanctuary
Just stepping through the door is like taking a luxury vacation! You and two friends will revel in a day of pampering that only SK Sanctuary could provide. While relaxing in beautiful surroundings, you will be treated to a body wrap, massage, facial, manicure and pedicure, lunch, hair styling and makeup application. Really, what could be better?

Tavarua Island Resort - Fiji
Tavarua Island Resort offers a unique experience for surfers and non-surfers alike. A typical day might include a healthy breakfast of island papayas, some surfing, snorkeling, or scuba diving on the beautiful coral reefs, and delicious freshly-caught fish for lunch. Fill your afternoon with a little volleyball or a set of tennis and wind down with cocktails by the pool while taking in the magnificent South Pacific sunset before dinner. This trip for two is for seven nights and includes meals and activities.

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Located within Disneyland, discreetly above the Blue Bayou in New Orleans Square, is perhaps one of Orange County’s finest five star restaurants. This once in a lifetime opportunity includes park passes, free parking and a $300 gift certificate for dinner for six at Club 33.

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You won’t need a password to cash in on some terrific bargains at the

Speakeasy Wrap-up Sale!

Where: La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club
When: 8:00 am Sunday, August 3, 2008
Why: Because you don’t want to miss out on these great buys on decor, tableware, and other Jewel Ball goodies

This sale only comes once a year!
**Color us grateful! Dunn-Edwards Paints is given the 2007 Las Patronas Spirit of Giving award**

*Teal Me No Lies, Pool Party, Fiery Fuchsia, Celery, Cherry Pie*

Because we don’t just paint the town red, these are just some of the colors we’ve chosen to create Jewel Balls from the thousands available to us each year thanks to Dunn-Edwards Paints. Each year, every drop of paint used to create the Jewel Ball is a result of Dunn-Edwards’ great generosity toward Las Patronas. And those little drops add up to countless gallons by the time our guests enter the ballroom!

To thank them for bringing color to our Ball, we were thrilled to honor Dunn-Edwards as the 2007 recipient of the Las Patronas Spirit of Giving at our annual Beneficiary Luncheon in January. Judi Lewis and Randy Martin, our friends at Dunn-Edwards, were on hand to receive the award, surrounded by past Jewel Ball Chairs dressed in paint-splattered aprons reflecting the themes from their own Jewel Balls.

The Las Patronas Spirit of Giving salutes the strong partnerships that assist Las Patronas in fulfilling its mission to aid San Diego’s nonprofit community. It is given to recognize that individual or organization that forms an exceptional friendship with us and shares our mission of philanthropy.

Past recipients of the Las Patronas Spirit of Giving include the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Sami Ladeki, Bowers Jewelers, and Teal Me No Lies, Pool Party, Fiery Fuchsia, Celery, Cherry Pie.

**Gifts in Honor and Remembrance of Others**

Las Patronas is very thankful to those who’ve made contributions to our endowment funds this year.

- Melesse & Robert Traylor  
  *in memory of Mary Blair Tatum*

- Anne Coleman & Betsy Anthony  
  *in memory of Catherine Llewellyn Tanner*

- Barbara Mulligan  
  *in memory of Willie Vila*

- Family and friends of Pam Allison  
  *in her memory*


At the donor’s request, contributions were directed toward our fund at the San Diego Foundation or to the Las Patronas Board-designated Endowment Fund.

Gifts serve as wonderful tributes to honor loved ones, celebrate birthdays, and preserve the legacy of Las Patronas. Growing our endowment is an important step toward ensuring Las Patronas’ long-range goals of funding grants far into the future. For more information on how you can participate, please call Erin Walsh at 858-456-1322.

*Thank you all for these kind and caring gifts.*
A Letter from our President

In their day, flappers caused quite a stir, celebrating their newly acquired independence with irrepressible spirit and miles of style. The hard working women of Las Patronas, often as exuberant as those bobbed-hair women of the 1920s, show a serious side when raising funds for San Diego County’s nonprofits.

We are motivated by those we serve. All grant applicants we visit (and we visit them all) inspire us with their visions of a better San Diego. Every time we have to deny a grant request, we renew our commitment to raise more to help more people. Fortunately, we’ve been successful. Our all-volunteer group has raised and distributed more than $12 million in grants to San Diego’s nonprofits, touching the lives of nearly everyone in the County throughout a rich 62-year history.

Obviously, we could not achieve this alone. This newsletter presents only a partial list of our many 2008 donors; we are grateful to all who have offered support. Your trust in Las Patronas resonates in your giving, and we are very grateful for your generosity.

Our families also deserve our gratitude, allowing us the opportunity (and many, many hours) to follow our hearts and make a difference.

Each year Las Patronas takes an amazing journey to help our community. This year flapper spirit will come alive to benefit San Diego at Speakeasy on August 2. It’ll be the bee’s knees!

Sincere thanks for being a part of it,

Barbara Mulligan, President, Las Patronas

Everyone loves a parade!

Las Patronas was very honored this year to be named Philanthropic Marshal of the 2007 La Jolla Christmas Parade. With our Speakeasy boas and signs proclaiming the names of all fourteen of our 2008 Major Beneficiaries, we floated down Girard Avenue under sunny December skies in a sublime yellow 1926 Packard Roadster Model 336 owned and driven by Richard Greenfield, MD.

Las Patronas members and family alike had great fun waving to friends and spectators as the Packard rolled down the road, almost making it to the end of the route – luckily, nothing a little push couldn’t cure!

We thank the La Jolla Town Council very much for including us in a tradition almost as old as the Jewel Ball.

La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club proudly pays tribute to Las Patronas for many wonderful years of dedicated service to our community. We extend our warmest wishes for another successful Jewel Ball and look forward to continuing this La Jolla tradition that has lasted more than 60 years.