

# LAS PATRONAS

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## ***Las Patronas 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewel Ball: The South Seas***

**LA JOLLA, CA** – Las Patronas held its 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewel Ball at the beautiful **La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club** on August 20, 2022. Since 1946, guests have attended the Jewel Ball for an exceptionally fun evening of delicious cuisine, electrifying entertainment, and unforgettable design. The black-tie tradition is the culmination of a year-long fundraising effort by Las Patronas members in support of the San Diego nonprofit community.

Las Patronas Jewel Ball Chair **Megan Cox**, Co-Chairs **Mio Hood** and **Joleen Guckian**, and President **Tina Boynton** greeted guests with “La Orana,” the melodic Tahitian words of welcome, as they entered the island landscape of lush tropical foliage and colorful flowers. Once in the courtyard, guests sipped tropical cocktails while strolling through an island garden bursting with florals and birdsong. Just beyond, the sound of drums and Tahitian dancers drew guests to a poolside oasis offering mouthwatering appetizers and small bites. Premier auction items, featuring a wide array of thrilling options, including jewelry, art, dining, luxury services, and worldwide adventures, were on display.

The smooth hum of a Conch shell beckoned guests to dinner in the ballroom for an enchanted evening under a canopy of stars, Polynesian lanterns, and twinkling lights. Decadent table décor featured Tahitian flowers and tropical plants, ocean-colored fabric napkins, raffia napkin rings, and monstera leaves. Sea breezes and flickering lantern light added movement and magic to the night. Tiki-themed bars with whimsical pops of mid-century Polynesian design, tucked away in the corners of the ballroom, offered additional beverage service. As guests dined on delicious Pacific Island cuisine, the music of **Wayne Foster Entertainment** provided energy and excitement, setting the tone for the rest of the evening.

**Behind the Scenes Catering and Events** provided a delectable dinner, including an island-inspired salad with baby greens, fresh papaya, ahi tuna, and a citrus vinaigrette. Diamond Circle and Crown Jewel guests enjoyed butter-poached lobster tail and a savory cheese course with touches of island fruits and nuts. The entrée included soy-glazed braised short rib, garlic prawns, and jackfruit crab cake with ginger-roasted shiitake mushrooms and baby Bok choy, garnished with edible flowers. The meal concluded with a sophisticated dessert of almond milk panna cotta, sweet dragon fruit, and toasted coconut cookie dipped in chocolate.

As guests dined and danced, they may not have realized that only four days previously, the outdoor ballroom was three tennis courts at **The La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club**. The all-volunteer membership of Las Patronas spent more than a year planning, and countless hours building event décor, guided by the creative vision of Design Chairs **Ingrid de Alba de Salazar**, **Irene McCann**, **Jill Peters**, and

**Michelle Parker.**

“At the heart of Polynesian culture is a spirit that flows through everything and brings life, love, sharing, beauty, and goodness for the benefit of others to our universe. The members of Las Patronas have been working for more than a year to bring forth the same spirit for the benefit of so many deserving nonprofits across San Diego County,” said Jewel Ball Chair **Megan Cox**.

Las Patronas announced that proceeds from Jewel Ball 2022, **The South Seas**, will fund critically needed capital items for seven nonprofit Major Beneficiaries, each receiving more than \$20,000, as well as an estimated 45 to 50 additional Minor Beneficiaries, each receiving \$20,000 or less in the upcoming Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 grant cycles.

“The generosity of our sponsors, donors, and vendors makes it possible for the members of Las Patronas to continue fulfilling our mission to support San Diego County nonprofit organizations,” said Las Patronas President **Tina Boynton**. “The Jewel Ball is a celebration of another successful year of fundraising.”

Las Patronas is a philanthropic organization with a long history of giving. Since its inception in 1946, Las Patronas has donated nearly \$25 million to more than a thousand charitable institutions in San Diego. All funds raised by Las Patronas stay in San Diego County and are distributed to many small nonprofits as well as larger organizations.

**Major Beneficiaries of Jewel Ball 2022, The South Seas**

**Alpha Project for the Homeless**

Stake-bed truck to expand employment opportunities for homeless individuals

**American Red Cross**

Community emergency vehicle to ensure rapid support services in times of crisis

**Burn Institute**

Vehicle to support expansion of community programs and events

**Feeding San Diego**

Box truck to expand distribution of food throughout the county

**Forever Balboa Park**

Vehicle to support maintenance and preservation of Balboa Park’s historic gardens

**Old Globe Theatre**

Two vehicles to assist production staff with procurement and delivery

**San Diego Humane Society**

Humane law enforcement vehicle to protect animals and people

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