

OPULENT "CORAL" IN MONTECITO

EVER A BEACON FOR GLAMOUR, the Coral Casino Beach and Cabana Club re-opened with a benefit gala after a three year, \$65 million makeover, hosting over 350 excited and fashionable guests. *Chic, Chic, Chic!* and *Louis Vuitton* fashion were the glaze on the sushi.

Celebrities filed in across a white carpet near sunset to participate in the much lauded opening which included an exclusive west coast premiere of the 2008/2009 Louis Vuitton Cruise Collection. Julia Louis Dreyfus, Dennis Miller, Andrew Firestone, Carol Burnett, Christopher Lloyd, Jason Wahler, Cole Hauser, and Jake Weber, were amongst those who gathered, once again evoking the classic glamour of the Hollywood starlets for whom it was originally built in 1937. "To this day, people are still talking about the Coral Casino's parties of the 30s, 40s, 50s - complete with antidotes of Errol Flynn's swan dives, Marlon Brando's secret cigar smoking spots, and Ester Williams Aquacades," said Ty Warner. "I wanted to host a gala that pays homage to the Coral Casino's history while carrying the club into a new era; one that's as glorious and celebrated as its past." The entire evening was a benefit for Heal The Ocean.

Biltmore photographer, Hal Boucher, who began photographing guests and startlets at a very young age, offered some of those vintage photos up for projection on the giant silver screens behind the pool. He was also on hand to capture the event on his camera.

Guests mingled around the club's entirely renovated Olympic-sized pool and deck area bordered by 31 private cabanas while sampling signature hors doeuvres and cocktails including vintage champagne and desserts.

The VIP after-party, a throwback to the golden era of sultry supper soirees featuring the raspy vocals of French jazz performer, Morganne, served as the forum for the unveiling of the Coral Casino's new second-story Tydes Restaurant and Bar.

"The Coral Casino is a truly unique, special place that embodies the lifestyle of the American Riviera," said Karen Earp, General Manager, Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara.



Sabrina Kelly, SB Tiffany & Co. and Kate Taggart, Macerich



Tim Walsh, Village Properties and Cindy Howard



Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree and Brian King



Janet Wilczak and John Wilczak



Hal Boucher



Brad Hall with Julia Louis Dreyfus



Kirsten VanBrunf, Director of Catering, Coral Casino; John Palminteri, KEYT News; and Gena Downey, Director of Public Relations Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore SB



Dennis Miller with Carol Lynn Miller



Andrew Firestone with wife Ivana Firestone



Hillary Hauser of Heal the Ocean



Carol Burnett



Longtime members, Joe Shipp and Marjorie Shipp



Actor David Marc with Mermaid Cherise Bango