

The Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association

ice in Paradise

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PATRONS AND SUPPORTERS

Patrons and supporters of the *Ice in Paradise* campaign gathered at the Snider estate in Montecito recently to raise funds for the Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association's (GSBISA) campaign to construct Santa Barbara County's only state-of-the-art ice skating facility.

"We were thrilled to introduce the *Ice in Paradise* campaign at the Snider's home, where we have already raised over \$1.5 million in pledges. With \$6 million to go, we are most excited about encouraging the entire community to become involved in this project for our local youth and families," shared Kathy Mintzer, GSBISA President. The campaign goal is to raise \$8 million, and when \$6 million is raised, the GSBISA will break ground.

GSBISA has completed a preliminary feasibility study and in conjunction with local architect, David Van Hoy, is working on the final design phase of the project. The rink will include an NHL ice arena 85' x 200' and a secondary rink 60' x 100' that will be used for the learn to skate program. The location of the rink will be next to Girsh Park in the Camino Real Marketplace on land that was donated by Mark Linehan of Wynmark Corp. Worth over \$3 million the land will help ensure that the ice-skating rink is a permanent fixture for the Santa Barbara community.

"We have a group that has the experience and passion to make it happen!," added Jack Norqual, GSBISA Campaign Co-Chair. "Our Campaign now has the necessary leadership... which will carry us forward into gaining support from the Greater Santa Barbara community."

The cocktail party, co-hosted by Christine and Ed Snider and Anne and Michael Towbes was the first major campaign event. Gerry Fall served as Master of Ceremonies and shared about how the GSBISA



would create more activities and stimulate goals for the teens in our communities. The evening included speeches by local athletes Christopher Ewasiuk who is a hockey player and Laura Anderson a figure skater. Both of them enjoy ice sports but have to travel to Oxnard in order to participate. Geraldo Rosario, an ice hockey player in Philadelphia and part of the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation spoke about the great impact hockey had in

his life. Rosario lived under unfortunate circumstances, Snider saw that he had potential and took him under his wing. Hockey made a great difference in Rosario's life and gave him something to focus on and feel good about. Then John Palminteri finished the evening by shedding light and perspective on how much teens need positive things in their life to keep them focused, out of trouble, and off the streets.

The Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association (GSBISA) is a 501(c)(3) a non-profit organization. For more information call 676-5390 or visit www.iceinparadise.com.



John Palminteri, Andy Granatelli, and Master of Ceremonies Gerry Fall



Victoria Hines, Carter Hines, Peter Murphy, and Judy Murphy



The Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association (GSBISA) Board Of Directors Back: **Blake Johnson**, Treasurer; **Parker Anderson**; John Ewasiuk, Vice-President; **Kathy Mintzer**, President; **Ed Snider**; **Jack Norqual**, Campaign Co-Chair; **Shannon Peace**, Campaign Co-Chair Front: **Steven Heinze**, Secretary; Dr. **David Laub**; **Gerry Fall**; and **Andy Katsev**



Back: **Henry T. Yang**, UCSB Chancellor; **Anne and Michael Towbes**; Lady **Leslie Ridley- Tree**; **Christine Snider**, **Ed Snider**, **Jelinda De Vorzon**, **Barry De Vorzon** Front: **Geraldo Rosario**, **Christopher Ewasiuk**, and **Kristin Anderson**



Dallas Clark, Champion Air Racer; **Dan Wright**; and **Joyce Jurge**



Steven Sharp, Campaign Coordinator



Host **Ed Snider**; **Geraldo Rosario**; Hostess **Christine Snider**; **Gretchen** and **Jack Norqual**



Cindy Anderson, **Sheila Cluff**, **Carolina Montgomery**, **Wendy Laub**, and **Mary Belle Snow**



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