



Jane Austen Unscripted entertains at New Vic

too early age of 42, would have had to laugh...

In the Bank

As a precursor to its popular \$1,000,000 Community Dividends lunch at the Coral Casino in November, Montecito Bank & Trust handed out checks worth \$40,000 to 10 local non-

profits nominated by staffers to mark its 40th anniversary.

The bountiful bash, at the bank's State Street headquarters, with **Mike Towbes**, chairman, handing out the checks, marked the 22nd year the anniversary grants have taken place.

"It reflects the bank's commitment to empowering our associates to per-



Accepting a grant for the Pierre Clayssens Veterans Foundation are Margaret and Phil Conran, Hazel Blankenship, sheriff Bill Brown, and Ron Harkey at the reception (photo by Priscilla)

sonally make a difference," says president **Janet Garufis**. "They are the heart of this program because they are intimately involved in the selection process, determining who will receive these awards each year. They also dedicate significant time volunteering for these non-profit organizations."

and **David Eddy** from Tacoma, Washington, whose grandfather, William Eddy, founded the County National Bank in 1921, where the Montecito Bank & Trust building now stands...

\$30K to Remember

There was a lot of drama at the Coral Casino when the Lobero Theatre Associates threw an Affair to Remember gala, attracting 125 guests and raising about \$30,000 for its programs.

The too-too tony bash, chaired by **Marcy Bazzani**, attracted quite the crowd, including **Robert and Gretchen Lieff**, **Margaret Slater**, **Geonine Moriarty**, **Emily Dempster**, and **John and Janet McCann**...

Sightings: Former vice-president **Al and Tipper Gore's** granddaughter, **Aria**, with her parents, **Patrick and Sarah Maiani** dining at Tydes... Actor **Dennis Franz** at the Kids Expo at La Cumbre Plaza...**Carol Burnett** noshing at the Pierre Lafond Wine Bistro



Gathered to celebrate their 40th year and prior to making anniversary grants are Janet Garufis, president and CEO Montecito Bank and Trust; Tom and Yuki Eddy of County National Bank; Anne and Michael Towbes, chairman of the board, Montecito Bank and Trust; Carrie Towbes Lewis, John Lewis, Rob Skinner, CIO and general counsel (photo by Priscilla)

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From the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department is chief helicopter pilot Gregg Weitzman accepting its Project Rescue Flight Anniversary grant from Veronica Porter, MB&T Solvang Branch personal banker, and Gerald Parent, board member (photo by Priscilla)

Among the charities benefitting, who also had a short promotional video made by Cox Communications showcasing their work to go along with the checks, were Domestic Violence Solutions, the Marjorie Luke Theatre, Page Youth Center, Project: Rescue Flight, and the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake.

Among the guests were **Thomas**

Pip! Pip!

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