

Comedy Night Brings South Bay Together!

Actor Paul Newman's Scott Newman Center benefits from South Bay patrons

TORRANCE, CA. – The South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club and Torrance Rotary Club's first annual Comedy Charity Benefit for the Scott Newman Center and Rowdy Ridge Gang Summer camp in March was a resounding success!

With the Hermosa Beach **COMEDY AND MAGIC CLUB** filled to near capacity, guests from the Rotary Clubs and the larger South Bay community enjoyed lively comedy routines from four entertainers, including comedians Larry Miller and Jeff Cesario.

The evening began with opening remarks by Sunrise Rotary member and event organizer Rick Castillon, who thanked guests for their generous support. Castillon then introduced Scott Newman Center Board Chairman, Steven Hecht and Executive Director Ruben Barajas, who both thanked the Rotary and South Bay community at large for its consistent and genuine support of the Center and its programs. Barajas in particular emphasized the many lives that will be enriched due to the overwhelming support for the night's event.

Guests then enjoyed gourmet dinners of USDA flat iron steak, salmon in lemon caper sauce, wild mushroom chicken or penne ziti regatta.

The evening also included a screening of a tribute video honoring **Paul Newman**, his philanthropic work, successful food company and the humanitarian work of the Scott Newman Center.

The live auction, led by Barajas, came next and was filled with high-energy and high-bidding as the crowd vied for trips to Lake Tahoe and Mammoth, Lakers premium tickets & luxury box, golf for four at the Malibu Country Club and more. In addition, the Rotary Club held a successful raffle that included dinners, gifts, gym memberships, and spa treatments among other luxurious sundries.

Most importantly, the event raised much-needed funds for the Scott Newman Center, and on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009**, Chairman Steven Hecht and Executive Director Ruben Barajas will attend a meeting of the South Bay Sunrise and Torrance Rotary Clubs where they will be presented with a check in excess of **\$5,000** from proceeds from the event.

It is only with the unwavering help from the humanitarian community that the Scott Newman Center has been able to create hope and healing where there once was none; our success means brighter futures for children and families who deserve to know a better tomorrow, and we gratefully acknowledge the support and generosity of the South Bay Sunrise and Torrance Rotary Clubs – Thank you!

Upcoming Event!

- **SummerFest 2009 Fundraiser**
- Sunday, August 16, 2009
- 4:00pm – 9:00pm
- The Depot Restaurant in Old Town Torrance
- Dinner, hors d'oeuvres & dessert by Chef Michael Shafer
- Live band, dancing, and auctions!

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