

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

*Natural history museum does the wild thing*

**T**he Chameleon Club opened for one gala night, and other reptiles and amphibians joined in for the fourth annual benefit for the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. Co-chairwomen of the unique party were **Bobbie Kinnear**, there with **John**, and **Susan Oliver**, with **Steve**.

Fleischmann Auditorium was decorated with all kinds of strange things, green eyes peeking through the dark. Guests who bought raffle tickets received glow-green necklaces or rings, and guests took home black T-shirts with glow-green



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eyes that were wrapped over the chairs to add to the room's décor.

Four patron tables each exhibited a clever theme: **Palmer** and **Joan Jackson** were at the "Iguana Island" table with a waitress dressed as a shipwreck survivor, and guests were **Jim Jackson**, **Susan** and **Palmer Jackson Jr.** and **Patty Jamison**.

The **Hutton Foundation** table was the "Garden of Eden" with a (plastic) snake in an apple tree and "Adam" as the waiter; and the "Frog Pond" table, sponsored by **Sandy** and **Heloise Power**, had the "Frog Prince" (after the kiss) as the waiter.

The "Gecko Grotto" had a Pacific Islands theme and a gorgeous waitress in a sarong to serve **Paul** and **Leslie Ridley-Tree** and **Nancy** and **Karl Hutterer**, executive director of the museum. Later in the evening **Karl** told of the need to continue the museum's student programs, with budget cuts looming for the schools. He quickly raised \$45,000 in pledges, and everyone cheered.

**Paula Lopez**, KEYT news anchor, there with her husband **Judge Frank Ochoa**, said, "I came through the doors of this museum as a second-grader, 30 years ago, and now our son, who is in the second grade, has come. There is wonder and learning to be found here, and each year more than 15,000 students experience the wonder of science."



Six "Eves" joined "Adam" the waiter at the "Garden of Eden" patron table. From left are **Cindy Martin**, **Stephanie Slosser**, **Sue Parker**, "Adam" the waiter, **Pam Hamlin**, **Butterfield's** auctioneer **Viveca Paulin** and **Lailan McGrath**.



**Susan Oliver**, left, and **Bobbie Kinnear** were the clever co-chairwomen of the Chameleon Club Gala to benefit the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum.