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# On the Town

## Anti-Defamation League

Credit dinner co-chairs **Judi Weisbart** and **Aaron Ettenberg** for the 9 p.m. ending of the Anti-Defamation League dinner filled with uplifting tributes, awards and entertainment at Bacara Resort & Spa. They kept within the time boundaries of a mid-week celebration — and left nothing out. There was enough opportunity for guests to table-hop, talk to each other, laugh and hug.

The honorees receiving the 2006 Distinguished Community Service Awards at the event were **Tom Parker**, president of the Hutton Foundation; the **Girsh-Hochman family**; and education honoree, teacher **Leslie White**.

Mr. Parker, a third generation Santa Barbaran, is the driving force for the Hutton Foundation, which helps nonprofit organizations build financial stability. To this end, the

Hutton Foundation has provided 50 nonprofit agencies with lower rents in more than 11 buildings throughout Santa Barbara County. In addition, more than \$16 million in low-interest loans and outright grants have been awarded in our community. **Michael Towbes** presented the award.

The Girsh-Hochman family was honored for eight decades of philanthropy in Santa Barbara. **Viola Girsh**, now 99 years old, was unable to attend the dinner, but her daughter, **Ruelene Hochman**, and grandson **Daniel Hochman**, along with other grandchildren **Stephen** and **Karen** and great-grandchildren **Heather** and **Sean** were there. They have continued to maintain the family's commitment to children, the arts and conservation of natural resources. **Derek Westen** presented the award.

**Leslie White** received the Education Award from **Bill Cirone**, county superintendent of schools, for her 32 years working in the field of education — much of it as a special education teacher. She has served in leadership roles at Monroe Elementary School in the Martin Luther King Kindness and Justice Challenge, Circle of Friends and an anti-bullying program.

**Natalie Myerson** brought attention to the "No Place For Hate" program book at each seat, made possible by **Sara Miller McCune** and **Julianna Friedman**. Honoree **Daniel Hochman** asked the 600 guests to work at not saying an unkind or derogative word about anyone for a week in keeping with the "No Place For Hate" goal of the ADL.

I loved this simple and profound challenge for humanity.

## SERVICE AWARDS



Honorees, from left, Tom Parker, president of the Hutton Foundation, with his wife, Sue, and education honoree, teacher Leslie White, with her husband, Greg. Mrs. White has been recognized by Who's Who Among American Teachers, and she was awarded a certificate of appreciation for Dedicated Service to Students with Exceptional Needs from the Santa Barbara School District.