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Women's Board: The 'Art' of Support



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The annual luncheon held at the Santa Barbara Club included guests, from left, Barbara Green, board corresponding secretary and publicity chair; Cecilia Hess, vice president of membership; art museum director and CEO Larry Feinberg; and Women's Board president Mary Maxwell.



More new members, from left, Gayle Cummings, Roz Rosin, Helene Segal and Diane McQuarie will join the rest of the board in planning for the "Mystery in Masterpieces" on June 1. This popular event is an intellectual scavenger hunt for art lovers, who follow clues to identify paintings throughout the galleries.

All the right ingredients were present when co-chairs **Karen Chin** and **Catherine Clark** did their splendid job of organizing the annual luncheon for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art Women's Board: a great setting at the Santa Barbara Club, interesting women working together to support the museum, and a wonderful meal — that ended with chocolate mousse for dessert.

The Women's Board — more than 60 years old! — was founded in 1951, 10 years after the museum opened. (More fun trivia: The Museum of Art building used to be the Santa Barbara post office!) The board comprises both active members and a large sustaining membership, including **Christine Frisina**, **Nancy Jensen**, **Mallory VanLeeuwen**, **Randee Winitsky**, **Dor Stampfli**, **Liz Heitmann**, **Diane Morgan**, **Beverly Hanna**, **Sigrid Toye**, **Adrienne Sturman** and **Patricia Hinds**.

For this luncheon, the Women's Board introduced past presidents **Barbara Wallace** (two terms), **Mary Garton**, **Nancy Edebo** and **Gwen Baker**; honorary member **Starr Siegele**, wife of **Larry Feinberg**, director and CEO; and **Karen Kawaguchi**, senior development officer. Fifteen new members were then welcomed and honored.

"This new membership mix of business owners, art enthusiasts, corporate executives and community leaders will be a great catalyst for producing the Women's Board's next major fundraiser," enthused **Cecilia Hess**, vice president of membership. Other board members attending included webmaster **Kathy Weber**,

secretary **Peggy Odgers**, vice president **Susan Chase** and treasurer **Deanna Majors**.

Research scientist **Melanie Brewer** exemplified the newest class of members of varied backgrounds from clinical psychologists to teachers to CPAs. Each member found a different reason to join.

"My daughter is an artist," Ms. Brewer explained, "and my kids had participated in so many of the (SBMA) programs growing up, so I love this opportunity to support these educational programs."

Shannon Mueller told our table, "I liked the museum and liked this great community of women working together on a team



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project!"



From left, Melanie Brewer, Fran Morrow, Jeanne Fulkerson, Catey Dunkley and Berta Binns were among the 15 new members.