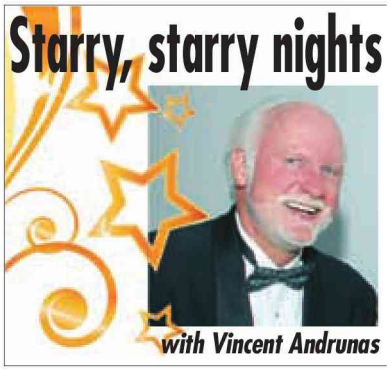




P2K: Larry Donofrio (P2K board chair), Susan Golding (P2K president/CEO), Joan Waitt (host), Rosio and Michael Flynn (event co-chairs)



La Jolla's bighearted Joan Waitt has cially assisting a worthy cause. The hosted numerous benefits at her event's first live auction item was the beautiful estate near the top of Mount privilege of having the valets bring Soledad, the most recent being a June the high bidder's car up first, immediately after the event, already loaded Doobie Brothers. It was the third with all his or her other successfully-annual Promises Summer Concert won auction items. That brought in a Gala by Promises2Kids (P2K), a San cool \$3,500. Bidders were similarly Diego-based nonprofit dedicated to generous throughout the auction, breaking the cycle of child abuse and when financial pledges were through prevention, education and solicited Doug Manchester and Joan advocacy. Founded 30 years ago as Waitt stepped up with \$25,000 each. Others also gave substantial amounts. the Child Abuse Prevention Founda- tion, the organization's accomplish- ments include raising \$12 million to build the Polinsky Children's Center and \$6 million for the creation of the San Pasqual Academy.

The gala started with cocktails and like "China Grove" and "Black Water," a big silent auction. As sunset still played on classic and oldies sta- approached, the guests were seated. tions. They added cuts from their Numbering over 500, they were wel- newest album, 2010's "World Gone comed by former San Diego mayor Crazy," and closed with the classic Susan Golding, now P2K CEO and "Listen to the Music." A rockin' good president. She introduced the host time was had by all. and event chairs Rosio and Michael Flynn — and announced the receipt of an anonymous \$250,000 dona- tion — before a delicious dinner was served.

Many bidders at charity auctions clearly aren't trying to score a bar- gain, but interested instead in finan-