

UCSD Medical Center Auxiliary's annual 'Evening With...' to be held November 2

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UCSD MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY'S ANNUAL 'EVENING WITH...' TO BE HELD NOV. 2 WITH GEORGE PLIMPTON AS SPEAKER

Celebrated author and star athlete George Plimpton will recount some of his adventures in substituting for professionals in baseball, football, golfing, boxing, hang-gliding and similar fields during the annual "Evening With..." benefit to be sponsored by the UCSD Medical Center Auxiliary Nov. 2.

The black-tie event, chaired by Victoria Powell, will be held at the Mission Valley Marriott Hotel beginning at 7 p.m. No host cocktails will be followed by dinner, a presentation by Plimpton and dancing.

Benefitting from the function will be two of the Medical Center's internationally recognized centers of excellence--the Division of Perinatal Medicine and the California Teratogen Registry.

Plimpton is known for doing those things that most persons only dream about. Playing quarterback for the Detroit Lions, basketball for the Boston Celtics, hockey for the Boston Bruins, percussion with the New York Philharmonic, photographing centerfolds for "Playboy" and flying on a circus trapeze are but a few of the professional worlds he has explored.

He has taken these experiences and written more than 22 books, including such diverse works as "Paper Lion," "Out of My League," "Fireworks: A History and Celebration," and "American Journey, the Times of Robert F. Kennedy."

A native of New York City, Plimpton has degrees from Harvard University and King's College, Cambridge University. He founded "The Paris Review," a literary quarterly of which he is still editor, has been an associate editor of "Harper's," and is a special contributor to "Sports Illustrated." His hobbies include bird watching and fireworks.

"In addition to being a celebrated writer, Plimpton is acknowledged as a graceful and witty conversationalist," said Powell. "His wealth of intriguing experiences will make him an entertaining and enlightening speaker for this annual event."

The California Teratogen Registry, the first of its kind in the world, provides information to pregnant women, their physicians and other health professionals on the effects of various substances to the fetus. (Teratogens include alcohol, x-rays, anticonvulsant drugs and viral infections such as German measles.) The Division of Perinatal Medicine conducts a high- risk pregnancy program which solves or controls the problems of the mother and guides the normal development of the child.

Further information and reservations an "Evening with..." may be obtained by calling 534-6499.

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