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"A Feast of Flowers" featuring the work of 12 women chefs attracted more than 500 guests to the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel tonight (April 28, 1990) and netted more than \$200,000 for the UCSD Cancer Center.

The sum set a record for the annual black tie event since it was originated nine years ago by Anne Otterson of La Jolla, who served as chair again this year.

Entering through a garden gazebo flanked by flower stands, guests found the celebrity chefs offering hors d'oeuvres from trellis-backed booths trimmed with flowers and draped with green and white side swags. In the Champagne Ballroom, boxed topiary trees of multi-hued flowers centered the dinner tables for 10.

Celebrity chefs included Cindy Black of Cindy Black's, La Jolla; Evan Kleiman of Angeli Caffe, Los Angeles; Tracy Ritter of the Golden Door, San Marcos; Barbara Tropp of China Moon Cafe and Joyce Goldstein of Square One Restaurant, both of San Francisco, and Anne Rosenzweig of Arcadia, New York City.

The local community hostess-chefs included Lee Goldberg and Linda Hahn, both of Rancho Santa Fe; Dixie Unruh, Dorene Whitney and Isabelle Wasserman, all of La Jolla, and Sally Thornton of San Diego. Sous chefs assisting the local chefs included John Baylin for Goldberg; Anne Marasco for Hahn; Martha Culbertson for Thornton; Ken Unruh for his wife; Judee Feinberg for Wasserman and Jim Griffin and daughter Kim Whitney for Whitney.

During a brief program, medals were presented to the celebrity and local guest chefs by Andrea Naversen, KFMB Channel 8 anchorwoman who served as master of ceremonies, and Adm. David Rubel, USN Ret., president of the UCSD Cancer Center Foundation. Otterson received a plaque of appreciation for her work and leadership and Mark Green, M.D., former director of the UCSD Cancer Center, was presented a framed caricature of himself and the promise of a future commissioned portrait.

Committee members assisting Otterson were Lynne Schulnik, artist; Lyn Heller, chefs and hostesses, and Suzie Eisenman, chefs' assistants; Pam Wischkaemper, Judith Green and Nancy Chase, development; Alyson Goudy, decorations, assisted by Corrine Gruenwald; Jerrie Strom, Wischkaemper, Audrey Geisel and Fran Jenkins, dinner menu; Joany Mosher, mailing, assisted by Shirley Rubel; Barbara McColl, party coordinator, and Marlo Boone, post-party coordinator.

Also Edie Greenberg and Shirley Gillespie, preview party; Harriett Levi, hostesses; Joan Kline, printing, assisted by Schulnik, Nancy Holloway and Barbara Pruet; Judee Feinberg, calligraphy and recipes; Pat JaCoby, publicity; Carrie O'Brien and Diana Lombrozo, reservations; Jeanne Jones, special projects; Marie Olesen, table underwriting; Melissa Elliott, signage; Joan Tukey, treasurer, and Minna Melton and Cheryl Rohde, advisors.

The annual event raises essential dollars needed to initiate promising research projects. Because every dollar raised has the potential to attract up to ten additional dollars in federal grant funding, Celebrities Cook for the UCSD Cancer Center has contributed more than \$1 million to vital cancer research.

The UCSD Cancer Center is one of 40 federally designated and supported clinical and research cancer centers nationwide, and the only one in San Diego, Orange and Imperial counties. As such, it is one of a select group of centers able to blend cancer research in the laboratory and state-of-the-art cancer treatments at the bedside, with access to the latest experimental developments in therapy.

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