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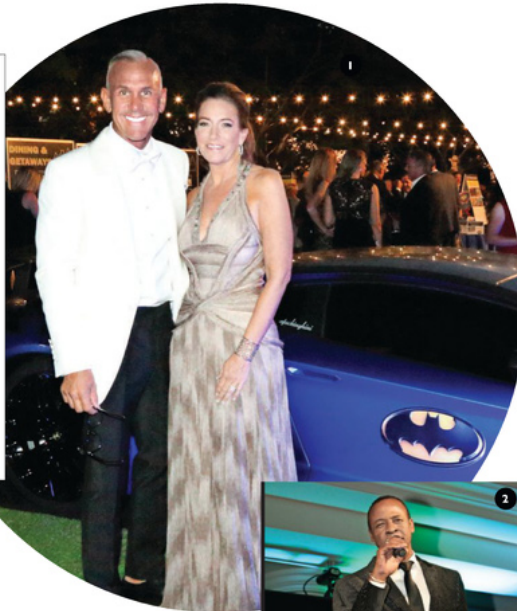
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TAKE A LOOK AT THE MANY REASONS TO PARTY HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

Night of Miracles at the Monarch Beach Resort

1] Victor and Lia Assad pose in front of the Batmobile—aka a 2016 Lamborghini Aventador SV—at the reception.

2] Grammy Award winner Skip Martin (the former lead singer of Kool & the Gang) debuts his original song, "Make a Miracle," for the 500 attendees. The tune is inspired by a Miracles for Kids client and benefits the organization.



Saturday Night Speakeasy at the Balboa Bay Resort

5] Dianne DiSanto browses the silent auction goodies with honoree Eileen Saul. The latter lady receives the Benevolent Heart Award for her dedication to the nonprofit's work to end child abuse.

6] Co-chairwomen Shan Vincent, Linda Burns and Veronica Meshkati are among the 300 partiers who channel the Roaring '20s with their ensembles.



Hidden Truths, the Mind Unraveled at Gray Matter Museum of Art

3] John Do admires pieces from the exhibit, featuring works from 41 talents from around the world who live with or are impacted by epilepsy.

4] Irvine artist Brian Menish—who developed epilepsy following a motorcycle accident—showcases his piece, "Clapping in the Name of God," for the 200 guests at the fifth annual affair.



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“We are grateful to our speaker, Sean Tolliver, a Costa Mesa group home alumni, who brought to light the good work Childhelp is doing in O.C.”

—CO-CHAIRWOMAN LINDA BURNS AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKEASY

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Classical Opening Night Celebration at The Westin SCP
1] Pretty pianist Olga Kerns takes a bow after performing Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" with the Pacific Symphony.
2] Anne and Danny Shih are the epitome of elegance.



3] Trumpeters hail the night's lineup, which fetes the symphony's 10th anniversary in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall.
4] Ernie and Donna Schroeder are just two of the 210 aural enthusiasts in attendance.

Crystal Cove Alliance Soiree at the Bluffs
7] Founder and VP Laura Davick, board member Ralph Grippo and recently appointed President and CEO Alix Hobbs flash sunny smiles.
8] Christyne Olson enjoys the reception, then sits down to a farm-to-table dinner with 420 beach buffs. It's a new element of the eve (courtesy of The Resort at Pelican Hill) and dishes out a beef filet with butter-poached Maine lobster.



Toast to the Casa at Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens
5] The terrace affords a sunset view of the sparkling Pacific.
6] Debora and Gary Wondercheck join 300 masqueraders for everything from an opera recital by Amanda Squitieri (delivered from a gondola) to bidding. A surprise offering: a book about San Clemente's history that brings in nearly \$2,500.



“Nowhere else along the California coast is there a place where history and architecture meet open space with majestic ocean views and a bountiful underwater park.” –PRESIDENT AND CEO ALIX HOBBS AT THE CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE SOIREE



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