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Everything girls need to BLOOM

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Last Saturday casual Carpinterians reached way, way deep into the back of their closets and pulled out their sequins, lace and necklaces to attend the most elegant local event of the year, Evening in Bloom. This year's event, an annual fundraiser for Girls Inc. of Carpinteria, honored Betty Brown for her many decades of generously donating time, energy and funds to the local organization that encourages young women to be strong, smart and bold.

Girls Inc. Board President Stefanie Herrington, left, with member Anna A, who helped to welcome attendees to the event.

Betty Brown humbly addresses an appreciative crowd, which included many friends and family members.

From left, Theresa Huerta, Girls Inc. of Carpinteria Executive Director Victoria Juarez and Daniella Alkobi

Attendees show the auctioneer their bid numbers.

ABOVE, Sarah Jacobs puts passion into her bidding.

RIGHT, Valerie and David Powdrell score the coconut cake in the Dessert Dash.

LEFT, Sylvia Martinez, Girls Inc. National Scholar in 1999, and her father, Trino Martinez. Sylvia spoke to the crowd about how her experience at Girls Inc. shaped her life and how as a staff member of Girls Inc. in Los Angeles she now strives to change the lives of other young women.

BELOW, Event Chair Donna Baird on the red carpet with husband Kevin.

Event honoree Betty Brown wins the $1,000 raffle.

Geri Ann, left, and Marybeth Carty

Win Van Wingerden and Sheila Batson show the crowd how its done.

From left, Rudy Jimenez, Diana Manriquez, Alitza Gonzalez, Ana Artiaga and Ana Delgado cut loose on the dance floor.

ABOVE, Ruben Organista sees whether he can have his cake and eat it too.

LEFT, Marsha Callender and Dan Flynn