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Flower Power

Guests at Girls Inc. of Carpinteria's fourth annual gala had a blooming good time.

The fourth annual floral bash "An Evening in Bloom" at Westerlay Orchids, just a short gallop from the Santa Barbara Polo Club, honored 89-year-old **Betty Brown**, who spearheaded a critical capital campaign in the 1980s to raise funds for a new facility that tripled the popular organization's programming capacity and was honorary co-chaired by **Victor** and **Susan Schaff**.

Sylvia Martinez, an alumna of Girls Inc. was featured speaker, while **Larry Snyder** from Seattle was emcee, who auctioned off a number of prizes, including a week's vacation in Mexico. Board president **Stefanie Herrington** and **Donna Baird** were co-chairs.

More than 250 guests, plus record sponsorship of \$62,000, helped raise around \$100,000 for the popular organization, whose programs serve more than 700 young amazons annually.

A floral fest of great expectations.