

# Clambake raises some clams for kids

June is always clambake month for Orange County, thanks to the Children's Bureau's annual Creans' Clambake & Rockin' Lobster Bash. This year's 11th fundraiser, held Saturday

night at Shady Canyon Country Club in Irvine, drew 350 guests and netted a record \$225,000 for the nonprofit, which CB's president and CEO **Alex Morales** says funds

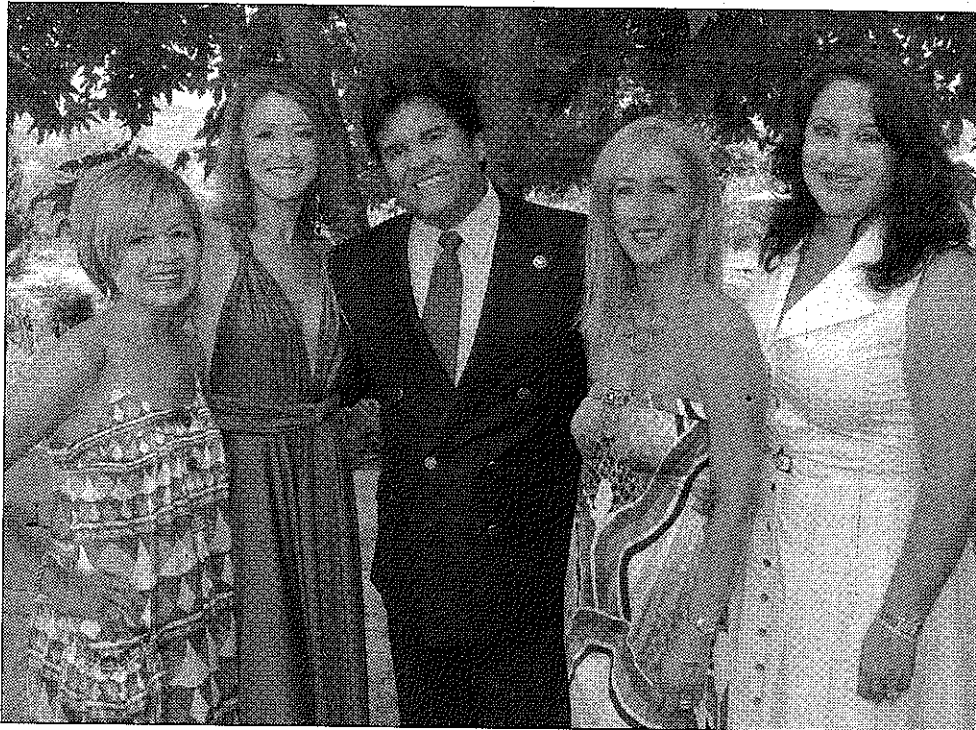


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child-abuse-prevention programs and teaches parents how to nurture their children.

The East Coast-themed event on the club's back lawn featured a dinner that included, of course, those famous littleneck clams with a "surf and turf" entree of sirloin of beef and steamed Australian lobster tail. Event planners **Sarah Corrigan, Yolanda De La Paz, Holly Kerslake** and **Irene Tomkinson** acknowledged honorary chairwoman **Donna Crean**, co-founder of the Orange County Division of the Children's Bureau with her late husband, **John Crean**. Former "CHiPs" TV series star **Erik Estrada** charmed the crowd as the



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**CREANS' CLAMBAKE:** Master of ceremonies Erik Estrada, center, with co-chairwomen, from left, Yolanda De La Paz, Sarah Corrigan, Holly Kerslake and Irene Tomkinson at the fundraiser for the Children's Bureau, which combats child abuse.

evening's master of ceremonies.

Guests had lots to bid on with 105 silent-auction and eight live-auction items from which to choose. Always fun is the clamshell prize drawing, in which everybody who buys a clam gets a prize, ranging from bottles of wine and tequila to Nordstrom gift certificates and dinner offerings.

**Jeff Frieden** donated his services as auctioneer to showcase some fun items. As a matter of fact, Frieden and wife **Lori** won the five-

day yacht experience, including captain and chef, on Irene and **Joe Tomkinson's** 90-foot yacht, for \$10,000. **Monte Koch** won the F-18 fighter pilot two-hour flight lesson in a flight simulator for \$5,000, and **Rick Bloom** battled it out to win a real top-gun experience, including training school, in an F-14 Tomcat jet fighter, paying \$6,750 for the privilege. The Tijuana Dogs kept the dance floor packed.