



seated Robert and Margaret Sprague, standing Milly Heaton, Paulette Maehara, and Linda Jensen.



Linda Jensen , Alan Greeley and Milly Heaton



Morgan Wickett with David Oh



Maria Hall Brown with Brooke Fessler.



Walkie Ray, Michael Harrison and Janet Ray.



Mark Aydelotte with Kathy Ruvolo




750 guests attend National Philanthropy Day.

## Society Scene

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# NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY HONORS ORANGE COUNTY 'S SHINING STARS

National Philanthropy Day is an official day to recognize philanthropists and volunteers who give their time and resources. The celebration is observed in more than 100 North American cities each year. During the Orange County 23rd Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards luncheon, Robert and Margaret Sprague, Morgan Wickett, Dottie Andrews, Marilyn McIntyre, Michael R. Harrison, Alan Greeley, Wells Fargo, and the Laguna Hills-Saddleback Kiwanis Club were honored for their monumental contributions to deserving nonprofits and vital causes in Orange County.

The honorees were chosen from over 130 nominations by a committee of 40 who reviewed the nominations and choose the Outstanding Honoree in each category to receive an award in the form of a crystal heart-shaped obelisk.

The event was held at the Anaheim Marriott Platinum Ballroom and was attended by 750 of the most prominent and dedicated local volunteers and philanthropists. Linda Jensen and Milly Heaton co-chaired the event along with emcee Maria Hall Brown of KOCE.

The couple given the top honor of the Spirit of Philanthropy Lifetime Achievement Award was Robert and Margaret Sprague. After the couple humbly accepted the award and acknowledged the value of giving to others, they received a standing ovation. The Spragues have sponsored the UCI Brain Imaging Center Symposium at UC Irvine. The couple's latest gift to UCI was \$1.25 million which will support a new Women's Cancer Research Center that will house faculty research, post-doctoral studies and resident training. They have also contributed to the Orange County Museum of Art, Red Cross of America, MIND Research Institute, ARCS Foundation, Children's Hospital of Orange County, Hoag Hospital, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Sherman Library and Gardens, and the Big Sister League. Orange County is very fortunate indeed to have such a caring and giving couple who are always willing to help the less fortunate.

Morgan Wickett, nominated by the Alzheimer's Association Orange County Chapter and Calvary Chapel Grace Children's Ministry, received the Outstanding Youth Award. She has helped raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Association, is an active member in the Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel Grace Church, and makes trips to Mexico to help children.

Dottie Andrews received the Outstanding Founder Award. Andrews became aware of a need to help uninsured mothers and babies and founded MOMS Orange County which provides access to community services, health care and education. She was nominated by MOMS and Healthy Smiles for Kids.

Orange County Museum of Art, Saint Joseph's Ballet, Hoag Hospital Foundation, and Women of Vision nominated Marilyn McIntyre as the Outstanding Philanthropist. She has given generously of her time and contributions to all of the organizations.

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Michael Harrison was nominated by the Scouts of America, Orange County Council, Orange County Ronald McDonald House, and Corona del Mar High School. He has a history of being a relentless fundraiser. His latest project is a \$30 million Outdoor Education Center for Scouts and students in Irvine.

Share Our Selves nominated Alan Greeley, owner of the Golden Truffle restaurant, for the small Outstanding Business. He is a founding chef for Share Our Selves, Wild and Crazy Taco Night and Celebrity Chefs Dinner and Auction.

Wells Fargo, nominated by the American Red Cross Orange County Chapter, KOCE-TV Foundation and Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center, was the large Outstanding Business. Wells Fargo has given more than \$2.6 million to 328 organizations.

The Laguna Hills-Saddleback Kiwanis Club, nominated by Saddleback Memorial Foundation, received the Outstanding Philanthropic Group Award. Members have donated \$1 million to local and international causes.

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