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### Crystal Cove Gala Nets More than \$200,000

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A movie-themed fundraising event netted more than \$200,000 for the Crystal Cove Alliance, organizers said.

More than 425 people attended the sold-out Ninth Annual Beach Gala, "Surf, Sand and the Silver Screen," which was held Sept. 24.

"It was a spectacular way to commemorate the legacy of Crystal Cove, particularly the Cove's historic role on Hollywood's silver screens," said Laura Davick, CCA founder and president emeritus, in a statement. "The tremendous support we received Saturday night is critical to allow us to continue to preserve and cultivate our coastal treasure."

Guests included Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks; Doug Cavanaugh, founder of The Beachcomber Café; Newport Beach City Councilwoman Leslie Daigle and Laguna Beach Mayor Toni Iseman. Clint Eastwood narrated a video that was played at the beginning of the event, and Chapman University theater group members greeted guests dressed as Hollywood characters.

Proceeds from the gala traditionally account for 60 to 70 percent of CCA's annual operating budget, organizers said. The alliance funds educational programs and courses, interpretive community programs and rotating art exhibits in Cottage #46.