

# Vista Soroptimists gleam at golden anniversary gal

Vista Mayor Vance Morris, Orbee Mihalek, Bonnie Howard-Regan and Marcella Johnson



A golden gala at the Shadowridge Country Club on March 22 celebrated 50 years of Soroptimist community service to Vista. Charter members and past presidents, including charter president **Mayme Barnes**, were honored during the evening.

As part of the "Making a Difference for Women" awards dinner, special recognition as the Woman of Distinction was given to **Orbee Mihalek**, charter Soroptimist and former Vista mayor. Mihalek has been a trustee and president of Tri-City Hospital Foundation, a director of Santa Margarita YMCA and founding member of Girls Inc. She has also been a director of the American Cancer Society, founding the North County branch in 1966. She is also a founder of the Guajome Regional Park Commission and a member of the Senate Advisory Council for the United Way.

Marcella Johnson, founder of the Comfort Cub program, was honored for her service with the Women Helping Women Award. The program distributes huggable teddy bears to grieving mothers. She has made and donated more than 900 Comfort Cubs to hospital throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The Advancing the Status of Women Award was presented to **Bonnie Howard-Regan** of the Family Protection Division of the district attorney's office. With 20 years of service as a prosecutor, Regan now specializes in cases involving child abuse and domestic violence. She is the first woman to have been named Prosecutor of the Year by the Deputy District Attorneys Association.

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Candy and Don Paul Mezzanatto



Mayme Barnes, charter president of the Vista Club of Soroptimist International



Catherine Mar...



Mary Lou and Gene DeLong

Vista Club president Eleanor Hutchins and her husband, Gary



Anna and Jim Holmes



Ron and Barbara Piva