

giving back in OC



From (L): Clay Matthews III, Paul Miller, Debra Miller and Scott Niedermayer

Champions to Cure Duchenne Gala

A one of a kind annual charity fund raiser took place to benefit the Champions to CureDuchenne . A nonprofit that raises awareness and funds research to find a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy .

This devastating and lethal muscle disease affects one in every 3,500 boys.

by **CHERRI FARAH**

The Honorees were Scott Niedermayer, former captain of the Anaheim Ducks and Stanley Cup champion, and his wife Lisa. The event featured a special menu developed by guest chef Stan Frazier, former drummer for the band Sugar Ray, co-owner of the A Restaurant and recent winner of "Chef Race."

"This year's Charity Classic demonstrates the scope of Orange County's business and social leaders who have come forward to generously support important missions that improve lives right here in our community," said event co-chair Richard Ward.

Congratulations are in order since this soiree successful raised close to \$800,000 toward research to find a cure for Duchenne.

Sixth Annual Pacific Coast Wine Festival

The 325 guests in attendance at the 6th annual Pacific Coast Wine Festival were treated to an array of 90 different wines, a three-course meal with wine pairings designed by the Island Hotel's Executive Chef David Mann and entertained by a trio of talented members of Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra (Katherine Park, violin; Matthew Gustafson, cello; and Natalie Cernius, piano). This fun filled gala successfully raised over \$200,000 for the Pacific Symphony's artistic and education programs.



From (L): Co-chairs of Pacific Symphony's Wine Festival Fred Salter, Valerie Van de Zilver and Mike Kerr