



Boots & Bling Supports Las Primeras

Las Primeras is about giving back. Founded in 1950, the organization changes lives. Through fundraising and involvement in the South Bay community, they offer hope and encouragement, and foster independence to those in need. They are an all-volunteer group of women dedicated to assisting individuals, children's charities and groups with immediate needs in the community.

Boots & Bling, Las Primeras' annual fundraising event, will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 5 to 11 p.m. at Sweetwater Farms, 3051 Equitation Lane, Bonita, CA 91902. Enjoy appetizers, dinner, dancing, live auction and silent auction items all for a rowdy-good cause! Dress in your favorite country duds or bling it up with some diamonds. Register at www.lasprimeras.org and click on events. For more information, please contact co-chairwomen Tami Palumbo at boobopal@aol.com or (619) 985-1083 and Cathy Shaw at scottshaw19@hotmail.com or (619) 709-2228.

Las Primeras raises money through special events assisted by donations and generous underwriters. Both individuals and corporations are able to support Las Primeras through private contributions, underwriting, attending fundraisers and in-kind gifts. Past beneficiaries have included Mi Escuelita, A Night To Remember Prom, The Glenner Memory Care Centers, Loving You Through It, Paws'itive Teams, Stephen J. Wampler Foundation, Varsity Team, Inc., The Arc of San Diego, Bonita Museum & Historical Society, Friends of Vista Hill, Generate Hope, Living Coast Discovery Center, Quality of Life Connections, Restoration Ranch, South Bay Pioneers, Sharp Healthcare Foundation/Sharp CV, Tariq Khamisa Foundation, Chula Vista Welfare Council, CAST - Citizens' Adversity Support Team, Care House and many more. For more information on Las Primeras, please visit www.lasprimeras.org.

Hearts for Arts Event to Celebrate CVESD Visual and Performing Arts

A student ensemble from Guitars in the Classroom (GITC) promises to pluck on heart strings as well as musical instruments. The ensemble reflects both the spirit of public education as well as the importance of visual and performing arts (VAPA) for all students, including those with special needs.

The ensemble is one of several featured performance groups at the second Hearts for Arts event on May 4 hosted by the Rotary Club of Chula Vista Eastlake. The service club awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) to support arts education. A ceremonial check will be presented at the event.

Guitars in the Classroom is dedicated to providing musical access for all children and expanding the role of music in public education. GITC trains, inspires and equips elementary music educators, general elementary classroom teachers and special educators as well as school staff to integrate music for literacy and learning throughout the school day.

Hearts for Arts will also feature student performance groups from two area elementary schools and a trio highlighted by former CVESD students such as Bruno Bello, who now excels at the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory. Bruno, who is now in high school, began his musical career as a third grader in the Chula Vista Elementary School District.

Lauren Shelton, the District's Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts, said it has been humbling watching Bruno's musical growth over the years—and the District's.

With Hearts for Arts, Rotary members in turn have the opportunity to stage a community event with broad appeal and generate even more funds for CVESD's VAPA program.

Hearts for Arts will take place at Gran Rey Church, which is located at 871 Harold Place, Ste. 301 in Chula Vista. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online. Find registration information at the Rotary Club's webpage, <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/10108>.