

After nearly a half year of planning, the annual Kiwanianne Community Tea took place on Saturday, May 3, to a record crowd of excited guests who were dazzled by 26 fabulously decorated tables!

Changes to the format of the program last year brought in more guests as individual nonprofits in the community were invited to decorate a table. Participating groups included: Azusa/Glendora Soroptimists, California Retired Teachers Association, Corral 35, DAR, Delta Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa, Eye DAS, Fairplex, FPH Auxiliary, Glendora Council PTA, Glendora Unified School District Foundation, Glendora Council PTA, Glendora Newcomers, Kiwanis Club of Glendora, Mom's Club of Glendora West, Partners of La Fetra, U.S. Forest Service, and Whitcomb High School.

Club members who designed tables were Sarah Ludwick and Kathy Morey, Karen Kobis, Becky Harris, Debbie Deal, Pam Richards and Trista Campbell, Pat Rasmussen, Connie Hanson (who designed a table even though she had to work that day and could not attend the tea!), Kathy Napoli, and Connie Andrews and Jodi Fisher, local residents of the city.

In addition to a much improved menu provided by local caterer Gege Engwald Parry, Debbie Schmidt and Debbie Deal spent Friday night baking 200 scones! Other members of the Tea Committee took the time to bake Black Eyed Susan cookies, wash strawberries, chop lemons and oranges, and collect door prizes. Kudos to Sarah Ludwick and Kathy Morey for assembling some fabulous gift baskets! And how wonderful that Maxine Bergstrom's granddaughter, won the tea gift basket! We couldn't have planned it better if we had tried.

And thanks too to super saleswomen Pam Richards and Mary Alice Myers for securing 21 table sponsors – a record! Mary Alice worked behind the scenes even though she could not attend the event. Husbands even helped to load and unload cars full of china and decorations. The Bonita High School Key Club members did an excellent job serving hot water and food and the GHS String Quartet entertained the guests as they ate their scrumptious meal.

Entertainment this year included snippets of history presented by our guests Annie Oakley (Marlene Walters), Molly Brown (Donna Martens), and Mary Todd Lincoln (Marian Bell) courtesy of the American Association of University Women. Tricia Gomer told the crowd about our Artists in Residence program.

The event was a wonderful success thanks to so many people and especially to committee members: Debbie Deal, Tina Novodoczky, Jo Cox, Debbie Schmidt, Kandy Nunn, Linda Siminske, Tricia Gomer, Pam Richards, Heidi Balch, Sarah Ludwick, Kathy Morey, and Rita Scott. Watch for details on how much money was raised for the Artists in Residence program. And thanks to all of you who attended the Community Tea!

