

Pasta Party Fundraiser Big Success!!

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Thanks to our wonderful volunteers we were able to pull off a great event for the community that brought in a profit of \$2,000 toward future social activities. The evening started with a delicious dinner of wine, pasta, salad, bread, and chocolate chip cookies which we all enjoyed sitting under a big redwood, soaking in the summer evening surrounded by our community of friends and neighbors. This was followed by a remarkable performance by **Flamenco Libre**, which included two flamenco dancers and three musicians. The enthusiastic audience was under their spell as they moved gracefully over the stage. It was a magical evening that we didn't want to end.

I would like to thank some of our donors/volunteers who made this evening possible:

We can't thank **Les Schlesinger** enough for paying for this incredibly talented group to entertain us. For those who may not know, the main male dancer was Les' son, **Damian** — videos of the group are on our Facebook page "**Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association.**"



Karl Danaker, who left me a case of wine and was able to procure and pay for ten extra rental chairs at the last minute so no one had to sit on the ground.

Patrick at Le Chalet Basque, who also graciously donated an entire case of wine.

Roberta Adams, who donated two cases of San Pelligrino.

A big thank you to everyone who dropped off wine and to those who provided me with all the chairs and tables I needed to seat 100 people! Can't believe we were able to do it.

To our volunteers:

To **Jake & Roge Alexander**, my son and daughter-in-law, who did all the cooking. Who knew spaghetti could taste so good!

Janeko Bower and **Lori Diebel**, who ran the drinks table and managed to not leave me with 10 bottles of half-drunk wine. Not sure how they did that.



To my excellent set up crew **Roberta Adams, Les Schlesinger, Jane Brand, Missey J., Arlene Davis, and Kim** (sorry I don't know a couple of last names). They were so efficient we had time to visit a bit before everyone came.

Robin Pendoley and **Jon Alexander**, who did the majority of the breakdown while the rest of us enjoyed the show. What a treat to go back to my house to find everything pretty much cleaned up.

Kari Pendoley, Scot and Monica Stafford, for keeping the food lines

moving and making sure everyone had enough and were happy.

Betty Rappaport and **Bonnie Monte**, who were able to quickly get everyone checked in so we all had a chance to mingle before dinner.

Effie Alexander and **Molly Pendoley**, the cuties who served you your bread — Future Social Activities Chairpeople of Santa Venetia.

And finally thank you to **Warren & Charity Lanier**, who let us take over their backyard and gave us the beautiful, inspirational stage for our exquisite performers.



I'm sorry if there is anyone I forgot to mention. My notes to myself are scribbled and barely legible.

I sat with the members of Flamenco Libre after the event, and they were thrilled with the enthusiastic audience. They said they had a wonderful time since they could make out the audience's faces and see how much everyone was enjoying the show, usually an impossibility when they are on a stage with lights.

This is what we can do as a community — bring people together with food and music and dancing!! Thank you all.

