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CHARITY PURSUITS AND COASTAL HAPPENINGS







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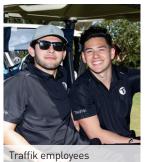
CIRCLE OF LIFE BREAKFAST

New Directions for Women celebrated its 44th birthday on March 11 while simultaneously hosting the annual Circle of Life Breakfast, which raised more than \$360,000 to go toward familyoriented addiction treatment services. Though the event was virtual this year, guests were welcomed to Balboa Bay Resort to pick up coffee and Miss Mini Donuts, which are crafted by Leslie Nguyen of Bosscat Kitchen & Libations. The stream was filmed at the Balboa Bay Club, hosted by master of ceremonies Mark J.





Thomas, and featured important recovery stories from Nguyen, Darlene Quinn and more. There was also an excerpt from "Sesame Street" showcasing the experiences of Salia, the daughter of one of the facility's alumna. Donations were encouraged throughout, with the first \$150,000 being matched by an anonymous supporter, and three prizes were given away, including meals at Ten Asian Bistro and Bosscat, as well as a stay at the resort with a two-hour Duffy boat ride. Back at the Costa Mesa campus, staff members released 100 butterflies in honor of both the event and of the founder's love for the metamorphosis they represent. (newdirectionsforwomen.org) -Ashley Ryan





Joe Perricone, Autumn Strier, Bob Rovzar



Rod Neighbors, Don Hatch, Tyler Terry, Jon Schisler





Perricone Farms prize and fruit/nut stands

MIRACLES FOR KIDS GOLF INVITATIONAL

The annual Miracles for Kids Golf Invitational returned to the Santa Ana Country Club on March 29, with pros and amateurs alike eager to help raise funds for children suffering from lifethreatening illnesses. Newport Beach-based Perricone Farms was the presenting sponsor, with local resident and longtime supporter Joe Perricone in attendance. The event was filled with golf-related activities as well as small bites and sips, such as "brisketinis" from Newport Rib Co. and Chunk-n-Chip's ice

> cream sandwiches, available at various holes on the golf course. Participants were treated to a putting contest, on-course games and opportunity drawings, as well as an online auction—featuring prizes like a luxury weekend for two at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach—and a virtual. weeklong Fund-A-Family campaign that allowed the nonprofit to raise more than \$200,000 in all. The winning team was a group of four, with golfers Don Hatch, Rod Neighbors, Jon Schisler and Tyler Terry deemed tournament champions. (miraclesforkids.org) -A.R. NBM





A golfer on the course