Las Madrinas Benefits Children's Hospital Los Angeles

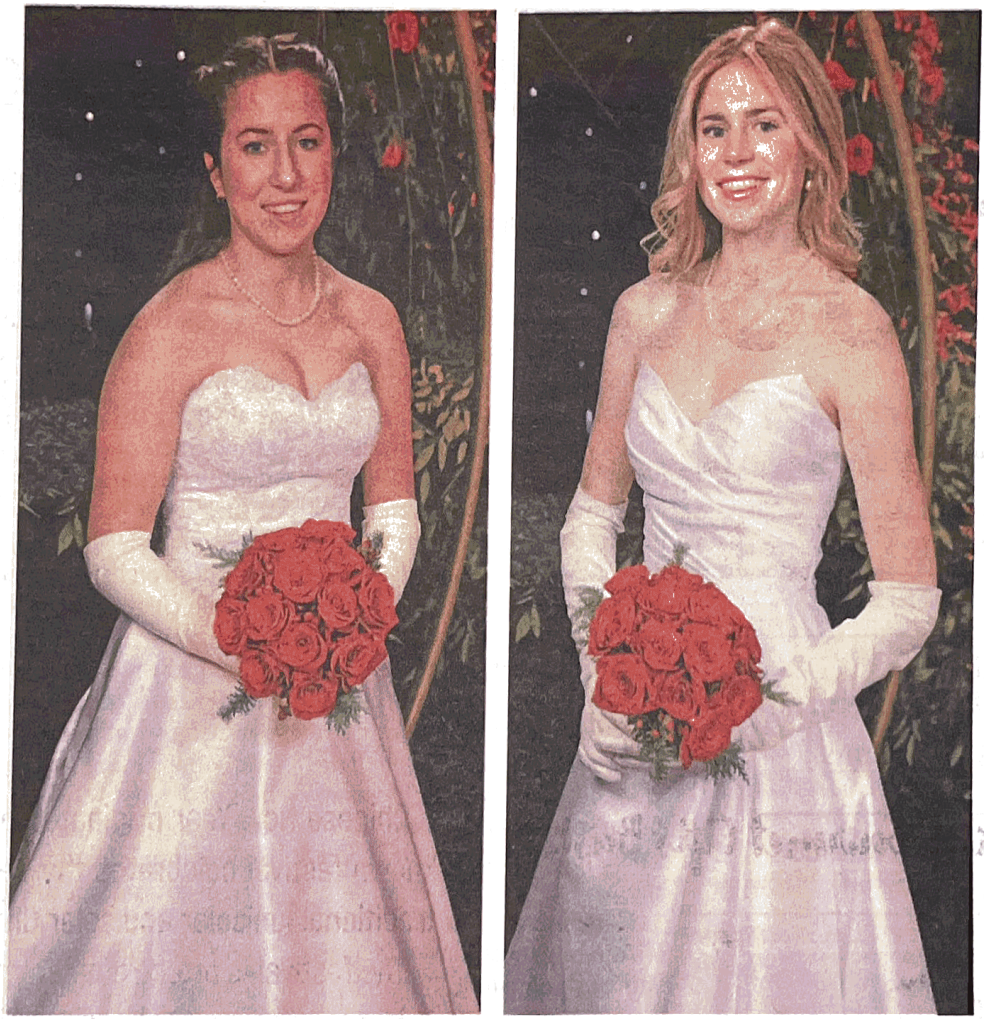
The Las Madrinas recently honored 34 young women, including those from San Marino, for their service to the Southern California community and Children's Hospital Los Angeles during the Las Madrinas Ball at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Guests from across Los Angeles and around the country gathered with the young women, their families and the members of Las Madrinas in celebration. The debutantes from San Marino are Margaret Maureen Dietrick and Georgina Katherine Maisto.

Elizabeth Williams Shoemaker, the president of Las Madrinas, formally welcomed the families and guests in attendance and thanked everyone for joining Las Madrinas in its support of the research programs at CHLA. She spoke of the organization's most recent commitment, the Las Madrinas Diagnostic Innovation Endowment. Shoemaker then recognized ball chair Allison Reed Dietrick and the debutante chair Karen Miller Wicke for their dedicated efforts in making the evening a success.

Berkeley George Harrison announced the debutantes. The Wayne Foster Orchestra accompanied the presentation of the debutantes and played the traditional waltz that transitioned the party from presentation to celebration.

Las Madrinas was established in 1933 as the first Affiliate Group of CHLA and has been supporting equity, quality and innovation in health care by supporting the hospital's pediatric care and research for 89 years. Since 1939, Las Madrinas has honored families who have demonstrated a commitment to the civic, cultural and philanthropic life of Southern California by presenting their daughters at the Las Madrinas Ball.



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The 2022 Las Madrinas Debutantes include the following young women of the San Marino community: Georgina Katherine Maisto (left) and Margaret Maureen Dietrick.

Donations made in honor of the young women, together with the annual support of Las Madrinas members and friends, have enabled the organization to complete 10 major projects at the hospital since 1988. Among these endeavors are nine research endowments totaling more than $30 million, a capital project on the cardiovascular floor, and the current $5 million pledge for the Las Madrinas Diagnostic Innovation Endowment.

CHLA has been named the best children's hospital in California and among the best in the nation for clinical excellence with its inclusion in the prestigious U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll. The hospital is home to the Saban Research Institute, one of the largest and most productive pediatric research facilities in the United States. CHLA is also one of America's premier teaching hospitals through its affiliation since 1932 with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California