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ALZHEIMER'S ORANGE COUNTY'S ANNUAL GALA GOES VIRTUAL BUT WITH A TWIST!

Photos provided by Alzheimer's Orange County

Here's a new idea! YES, we are now going virtual with a nonprofit's fund-raising galas - but what about creating something where you get home-delivered gourmet dinners, exciting auction items, and worthy honorees to highlight?

The Alzheimer's Orange County is doing just that - their annual fund-raising gala will be coming to a screen and a table near you on Saturday, August 22nd.

They are calling it - "Celebrating the Future, Take 2" where the virtual event will be live-streamed on multiple platforms. The preshow will begin at 5 pm with the program starting at 6 pm. There will be virtual silent and live auctions AND you can have food delivered to your house! Guests are invited to join the event in several ways:

1. Buy a single ticket for \$500 and receive a sumptuous meal and wine package delivered to your home to enjoy while watching our program online or donate your meal(s) back to help the cause.
2. Buy a ticket for \$250 and receive a meal delivered to your home or donate your meal(s) back to help the cause.
3. Buy a virtual table for \$6,000 - \$9,000 and have ten meals and wine delivered to your home or donate your meal(s) back to help the cause.
4. Buy a virtual table for \$10,000 or more and have ten meals, superior wines, decor and more delivered to your home and set up for you and your guests to enjoy, or donate your meal(s) back to help the cause.

"We invite our virtual guests to break out the fine china, polish the silver and dust off the candelabra in preparation to enjoy an elegant, entertaining evening at home," AlzOC CEO and President Jim McAleer said. "We thank our sponsors and guests for their incredible and generous support of our services and programs that are vital to our community." Under the direction of Master Chef Maurice Brazier, the acclaimed White House Catering of Yorba Linda will provide the food and wine service.

Guests will be contacted ahead of the event to select their dinner choice, and the deliveries will be contactless.

Honored during the evening will be Marty Burbank, Diane Montgomery, and Melvin Benner.

Veteran Partner Marty Burbank, JD, LLM, is an expert in estate planning and elder law featured in Forbes and has been recognized by the Orange County Register as one of the 100 most influential people in Orange County. He frequently speaks about seniors, our military veterans, their benefits, and the legal issues related to their care and quality of life. Marty has appeared on The Meredith Vieira Show and NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt. He is a teacher and author for the National Business Institute, Southern California Institute, and Alzheimer's Orange County. Marty is an adjunct professor at California State University, Fullerton.

Volunteer Partner Diane Montgomery became involved with AlzOC about nine years ago because the disease is prominent in her family on her mother's side. After her husband's untimely death, she sought a reason to live, and decided to become a volunteer for many organizations, including AlzOC that she says is closest to her heart.

Legacy Partner Melvin Benner was inspired to join AlzOC in 2009 after his father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and he was supporting his mom as a caregiver. Mel has served on the organization's full board, executive board, and the advisory board. Mel retired from Kaiser Permanente after 23 years as the Area Chief Financial Officer for its two hospitals in Orange County. During Mel's tenure with AlzOC, he also served as Chairman of the Audit Committee, and on various other committees.

The event co-chairs are Debi Pavlik and Alison Hoeven. Members of the 2020 Gala Committee include Analisa Albert, Lia Iacocca Assad, Leriza Bacchus, Catherine Beaumont, Emily Bennett, Maria Dumatol, Jacqueline Dupont-Carlson, Ph.D., Massy Farzine, Christina Jenkins, Diane Mondini, Cathy Frandsen Morrison, Lourdes Nark, Urvashi Patel, Wendy Peloso, Bill Peters, Mary Phillips, Cyd Swerdlow, Wendy Tenebaum, Madonna Waszak and Linda Young.

Alzheimer's Orange County provides programs and services, many free of charge, to Orange County residents with Alzheimer's and related dementia disorders, their families, caregivers, and the community. Alzheimer's Orange County began in 1982, continues to provide care, support, and research in Orange County, Calif. Alzheimer's is a devastating neurodegenerative illness that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions.

For more information about the Gala, and to register and purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.alzocgala.org>.



Dennis Kuhl and Nicole Provansal from Angels Baseball at 2019 Gala



2020 Veteran Partner Honoree Marty Burbank pictured with his wife Dr. Seon Burbank



2020 Volunteer Partner Honoree Diane Montgomery



2020 Legacy Partner Honoree Melvin Benner



Entertainers from the South County Performing Arts Center perform at the 2019 Gala