



SHINING BRIGHT

THE PARTY The Hangar at the OC Fair & Event Center was transformed into a sparkling jewel box during Alzheimer's Orange County's **The Jewel of OC** gala. Produced by the talented Linda Young of Elite OC Productions, the black-tie fete gathered more than 300 guests to raise funds for Alzheimer's OC's programs and services that provide support to those affected by the namesake disease. **THE PEOPLE** Christina Jenkins and Analisa Albert chaired the event, where Alison Hoeven, Dr. Dung Trinh, Ed Schrum and corporate partner Elite OC Productions were honored for their advocacy. Guests, like Bette and Wylie Aitken, sipped wine while exploring the jewelry-themed rooms and browsing silent-auction items ranging from dining experiences to artwork to concert tickets. **THE PINNACLE** The chance to win a ruby and diamond pendant from Lugano Diamonds served as the winning prize of the opportunity drawing, and lavish trips to Rosewood Miramar Beach and a private villa in Puerto Vallarta tempted guests to bid high. In total, the fete brought in more than \$1 million for the org and its deserving patients.

BY ALLISON MITCHELL

(1) Soultones, a dance band from Downbeat Agency, performed. (2) Linda Young of Elite OC Productions created the beautiful tablescapes. (3) Dr. Dung Trinh with his wife, Jenny (4) Beth and Howard Bidna (5) Gala co-chairs Christina Jenkins and Analisa Albert (6) Chris Gialanella with Bette and Wylie Aitken

PHOTOS BY JOHN WATKINS