

CIRCLE 1000 BRUNCH



Anne Colin, Louise Ewing, Ginny Ueberroth



Sandy Sewell, Nancy Reagan, Laurie Sewell



Hyla Berteau, Lana Olmstead



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Janet Walsh, Richard Sewell, Sherry Cagle



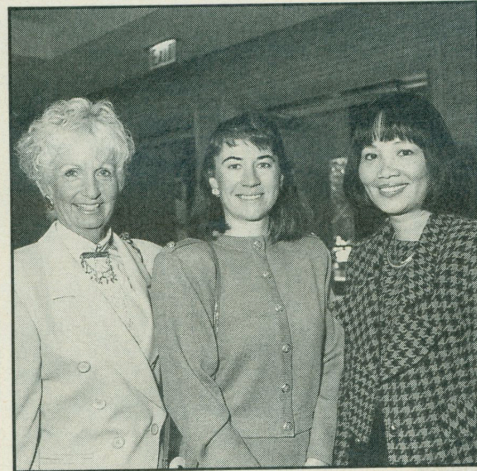
Kellina and Laurie Hayde



Betsy Stoddard, Nora Jorgensen, Hester Hardage



Susan Bartlett, Suzanne Pierce



Jo Ann Hertel, Stacy Stone, Edna Cole

Nancy Reagan came to town and single-handedly charmed a roomful of 600 women who attended the sold-out brunch for Hoag's Circle 1000 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Many of those attending the brunch seemed genuinely moved by the former first lady's straightforward account of her own breast cancer and recovery in 1987. "We all think it won't happen to us," said Reagan, who urged the women in the audience to receive regular mammograms. "I lost a breast, but I gained an understanding of how precious other things are, like coming to the aid of others."

Circle 1000 Chairman Sandy Sewell, who started the organization several years ago to help support the new Hoag Cancer Center, introduced the committee and explained the reason for the group's only fundraiser. "The whole purpose of this brunch is to expose you to cancer so you won't be afraid of it and will seek early treatment," she said.

Guests donated from \$100 to more than \$1,500 to attend the brunch, which raised a whopping \$262,000 for the Hoag Cancer Center, now scheduled to open in September. Although Circle 1000 hosts only the brunch, they have managed to raise more than \$600,000 for the Cancer Center in just three years.

Ginny Ueberroth introduced Reagan, noting that it was her first official speaking engagement in Newport Beach since her husband left office. Nancy Reagan did not charge the group for her time. Circle 1000 was able to contact her because Sandy Sewell's daughter, Laurie, had worked in Washington, D.C., and knew someone on the former first lady's staff.

Following the talk Reagan answered questions from the audience and accepted a limited edition Cartier clock from the committee, donated by Marion & Lula Halfacre of Traditional Jewelers. Later Reagan asked to visit cancer patients at Hoag Hospital.