Rancho Santiago Community College District’s 10th Annual Chancellor’s Ball, A Decade of Distinction, drew 500 guests to the Disneyland Hotel’s Grand Ballroom to raise $135,000 for the Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College Foundations to provide scholarships and books for students. Attending were Sylvia Turner, SAC associate dean of performing arts (named Manager of the Year) and Edward Hernandez, Jr., RSCCD’s chancellor.

The Newport Harbor Auxiliary celebrated its 60th anniversary celebration with a Coronado del Mar home of Andrew and Leslie Cies, who is the chapter’s president. Enjoying the festivities included, left to right, event sustaining sponsor Carl Mosen, event underwriter Carole Pickup, and chapter president Dorene V.

Soka University of America’s Third Annual Peace Gala, Celebrating a Vision of Peace, was held at the scenic university campus in Aliso Viejo, with $825,000 netted for student scholarships. The nearly 560 guests enjoyed an elegant dinner dance, which included a musical performance by Tony Award-winning composer Duncan Sheik and music from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, Spring Awakening, accompanied by a string section made up of talented SUA and UCI student musicians. Sheik, right, is joined by SUA Dean of the Graduate School Tomoko Takahashi, left, and poet/lyricist Steven Sater, who won a Tony Award for Spring Awakening.

New Directions for Women hosted a Couture event combining the nonprofit’s 13th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament, presented during brunch showcasing patients. Directions modeling fashions from 20 area boutiques. $140,000 was netted for the nonprofit Costa Mesa’s food for treatment from drugs and alcohol addiction.