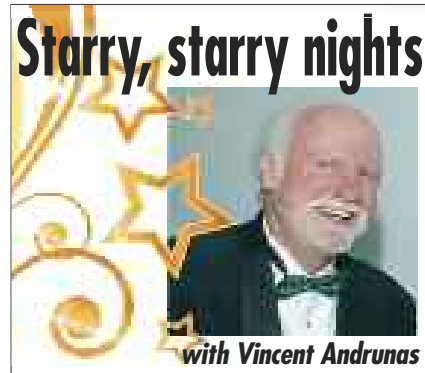


## PARTNER WITH A PLAYER

Our San Diego Symphony (SDS), currently celebrating its centennial year, has been doing much to ensure that they'll be around to celebrate a second centennial 100 years from now. One of SEE SOCIETY, Page 13 their most successful strata gems has been their Partner With a Player (PWP) program, an idea credited to SDS Artistic Director Jahja Ling and implemented six years ago. Participants choose an SDS musician to partner with, to the tune of \$10,000 to \$150,000 per year. Seventy-eight SDS musicians now have partners; only four "orphans" remain (so there's still a chance for other donors to participate!). PWP participants gathered at Symphony Hall on last Thursday for a cocktail reception, concert, and dinner. For the concert performance, which featured nine movements by eight noted composers, the partners were seated onstage adjacent to the musicians they sponsored, enjoying a unique and thrilling musical experience. Sponsors and musicians then enjoyed a fabulous dinner created by Jeff Strauss and his Pamplemousse Grille. As part of SDS' Centennial Campaign, this year's PWP



program generated \$950,000 in revenue—a \$400,000 increase over last year. Additionally, some very generous sponsors stepped up to endow their musicians' chairs with a melodious \$1 million to \$2 million, ensuring their continued future funding. Others donated similarly significant amounts to name various areas of Copley Symphony Hall, and an anonymous \$500,000 matching grant will double other donations made through June 30. Altogether, SDS, having achieved Tier 1 status as one of the country's top symphonies, is enjoying a very significant centennial year, and ensuring its long-term future.



**Partner:** Ted and Joyce Strauss, Bill and Lori Walton, Jahja Ling (SDS artistic director)



**Partner:** Marjie Atwood, Rachel Grosvenor, Ward Gill, (SDS executive director), Becky Ivans-Downer and Russell Downer



**Partner:** Lisette Farrell, Sheryl Sutton, Evelyn Lamden, Dave and Phyllis Snyder