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**M**AY GRAY— Like the notes of an Impressionist tone-poem, the muted colors and cold mist of the thick marine layer enveloped visitors to Malibu's beaches over the weekend. Only surfers braved the chilly water. Temperatures are predicted to soar by the end of the week, with the coast reaching the upper 80s and the valleys passing 100 degrees by Friday—a forecast that will leave some looking longingly toward the advent of June gloom. MSN/Frank Lamonea

# Locals Kick Up Their Heels for Special Ed at the 'Flip Flop Ball'



**GETTING INVOLVED**—Parents, students and educators came to show support at The Malibu Special Education Foundation's "Flip Flop Ball" last weekend. The goal of the event—beside having a good time—was to raise money for several special education projects including purchasing 10 new computers for the special ed department, creating a college scholarship program for MHS special ed graduates, funding Individualize Education Program training for parents and caregivers in Malibu and Santa Monica in English and Spanish and to support a local young adult special needs day program.



**RECOGNITION**—Acting coach Elaine Hall received an "Angel Award" for her creation of "The Miracle Project" a collaborative theater program for children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. MSN Photos/Frank Lamonea



**CELEBRATING**—Pictured above are former SMMUSD deputy superintendent of special education Tim Walker, who recently resigned; school board member Kathy Wisnicki, SMMUSD assistant superintendent and former Malibu High principal Mike Matthews and Ellen Walker.



**DONORS**—Neal Giraldo and his wife singer Pat Benatar with Arielle Verinis. Giraldo and Benatar donated an iPod loaded with their favorite playlists as one of the live auction items.



**BIG SMILES**—Above, "trophy girl" Chelsea Murgatroyd, Angel Award winner Maria Brewer and special education activist Laureen Sills take a moment. Sills is a member of local singing group the 'Bu Notes, which sang at the event. Other performers included Boogie Knights, The Malibu Pod Squad, Malibu Best Buddies and Rex Lewis-Clark.



**MIX AND MINGLE**—Guest had a chance to catch up with old friends as well as meet new ones at the casual and informal fundraiser. Other auction items included tickets to the "American Idol" finale, Fox's "Teen Choice Awards," "VH1's Rock Honors," and items from several local vendors.