

GUALALA ARTS ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

and original meals he serves up. A frequent volunteer at many Gualala Arts events, including Art Center Theater, Readers Theater, Top Hat Dinner, Art in the Redwoods, New York New Year's Eve and many others, he is always welcomed by the teams and gives his all to any tasks he is assigned. P.D. is a shining example of the "broad brush" volunteer that Gualala Arts can never get enough of - dedicated, reliable, cheerful, and always wanting to contribute in any way that will help. He is one of the true Heartbeats of Gualala Arts.

WALT WELLS & LINDA MORLEY-WELLS AND GARY & JOANN AIKEN



Two of the most consistent "faces behind the bottles" at many Gualala Arts events, Walt and Linda were regular bartenders and wine stewards until their recent relocation to Hawaii. Event coordinators and committees and exhibit curators could always count on them to be available to mix cocktails, pour wine and serve beer and soft drinks with a smile to our guests. Always impeccably attired, Walt and Linda always lent an air of class and sophistication to any event at which they volunteered, and frequently got their exercise serving wine to scores of diners at the signature dinner events such as the Top Hat Dinner and Taste of the North Coast. Linda is also the Wine Tasting & Auction "Queen of Donations," tirelessly



and enthusiastically spending countless hours contacting wineries and securing their donations of wines for pouring and premium items for auction lots. Her efforts have elevated the annual Wine Tasting & Auction to be the premier wine event on the coast, drawing 25 award winning wineries to pour their premium wines to an appreciative crowd. Last year the event and auction lots contributed nicely to Gualala Arts' bottom line. She continues to play this role this year long distance from Hawaii, working with one of her bartender successors JoAnn Aiken. Teamed with her husband Gary, the "Aiken Crew" has also received the bartender leadership torch from the "Wells Crew" and insured a seamless transition of the critical beverage services at Gualala Arts events. Walt and Linda mentored Gary and JoAnn prior to their move, teaching them how to man the "dispensing points" and perform all the associated requirements for stocking and setting up the bars. Gary and JoAnn are also involved in many other Gualala Arts events, Gary helping out at the Salmon Feast and JoAnn being a key part of the Festival of Trees committee. She brought her years of experience as an event planner to this year's FoT and helped it be very successful, and we look forward to her continued support in event planning roles. Finally, in addition to his bartending skills Walt was one of the founding members of the Audit Committee, applying his previous CPA experience to the committee. Walt, Linda, Gary and JoAnn are great examples of the type of dedication and teamwork that earns a Heartbeat Award.