



**Leah Finn
and Leanne Mass**



**Lindsay Azevedo
and Audra Pippenger**



**Patti Drew, Melissa Donaldson
and Carol Niles**

Tea raises money for nonprofit boutique

Pretty tea-time tables shaded by large umbrellas lined the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce courtyard where about 60 ladies in decorative hats enjoyed refreshments and waited for the Fancy Nancy Tea fashion show to begin.

The event was created in part by event co-planner **Leah Finn**, La Masters of Fine Jewelry, in honor of her grandmother, Nancy Azevedo, who had just passed in March this year and was known for her spirit of giving. Azevedo, a highly respected leader and volunteer in the Temecula Valley for more than 20 years, was their inspiration for the "Fancy Nancy Tea" because of the great range of her community dedication.

Comedian and emcee **Janice Remland** took the microphone, welcomed the attendees and shared the inspiration for the creation of Couture Girl's Closet, a formal and semiformal dress "borrow boutique" created after **Nichole Zimmerman** as a high school sophomore, realized other teenage girls missed once-in-a-lifetime formal events because of temporary hardships.

Zimmerman and her mother, event co-planner **Tracy MacKellar** founded Couture Girl's Closet and allowed girls to choose gently worn gowns for formal events and then return the gowns for others to borrow after the dresses are dry-cleaned.

Beautiful high school student volunteers modeled as Remland announced designer names and gown styles paired with sparkling faux jewels.



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About 60 attendees including **Mareea McClain**, Perris Hills Pharmacy; **Regina Stone**; **Melody Brunsting**, Ad Works; **Patricia Sterger**, Wedding Flowers by Patricia; **Alice Kincaid**, Arbonne International; **Carol Niles**, **Melissa Donaldson** and **Patti Drew**, Safe Alternatives for Everyone; **Audra Pippenger**, La Masters of Fine Jewelry; **Michele Johnson**, Classic School Portraits; **Lori Stone**; **Peggy Hagberg**, Knit-University.com; **Kathy Capp**; **Sally Mullaney**; **Brenda Lanni**; **Carrie Weiner**; **Alice Sullivan** Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce; **Rachael Stark**; **Mindy Baker**; **Tina** and **Sharyn Williams**; **Sherry Luz**; **Lynda** and **Kathy Ofstad**; **Anna Moreno**; **Patricia Sterger**; **Kathy Porter**; **Mary Dyer** and **Lisa Hirst** applauded as **Art Farrell**, Art Works Entertainment, played high-energy runway music.

All ladies in hats took the stage for the Best Hat Contest and the \$250 treat basket prize, won by **Heather McQuerry**, Babydollz Lingerie, for her Madhatter top hat.

Finn joined Remland on the stage to conduct the drawing. **Charity Prestifilippo**, Charity for Charity, Gourmet Italia,



**Heather McQuerry, Kathy Capp
and Keri Drew**



**Tracy MacKellar, Kristen
Zimmerman, Sally Mullaney**



**Brenda Lanni
and Alice Kincaid**



**Carrie Weiner
and Anna Flaig**



**Alice Sullivan
and Melinda Margiotta**



**Lori and
Regina Stone**

Spuntino; won a framed floral photo; **Laura Shaw** won the Pirate Theme basket; **McQuerry** won a hair product basket; **Anna Flaig** won a Pamper Yourself basket; **Laura Willis** won the Quiet Day at Home basket; **Patti**

Drew, won a pendant; the Audrey Hepburn purse was won by **Melinda Margiotta** and Runway purse was won by **Millie Sandoval**.

The proceeds from this event will benefit Couture Girl's Closet.