



## Green Elementary School News

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(Mission Times Courier, San Diego, CA) Green Elementary held its first annual Adult-Only Dinner and Live Auction at the La Mesa Community Center on November 2, and raised over \$40,000. Green's "Gecko Gala" received over 180 items for auction and drew over 200 guests including family, friends, neighbors, school staff and teachers, and special guests Grant and Shirley Bening.

The Benings, parents of Hollywood actress Annette Bening and former student of Green, made a special presentation of \$10,000 from Annette that brought a standing ovation.

Thanks to Marcia Stolnack, Special Ed. assistant at Green for volunteering her husband Russ Stolnack, a professional comedian and auctioneer ([www.auctionhelp.com](http://www.auctionhelp.com) and [www.russisfunny.com](http://www.russisfunny.com)), who had the crowd rolling. "This event is a community affair and we couldn't have done it without everyone's support," said Michele Olive, Gala Chair. Gala net proceeds will be used to purchase computers for Green students. We are deeply grateful to all our generous donors, sponsors, volunteers, and guests. Check out [www.GreenGeckos.com](http://www.GreenGeckos.com) for a complete listing of sponsors and see pictures and video from this exciting event. Plans are already underway for next year's Gecko Gala.

### Upcoming Events at Green

December 5 - Holiday Sing (K-2) 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room;  
December 12 - Holiday Sing (3-5) 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room;  
December 18 - Muffins for Moms, 7:30 to 8:30 am; December 24 to January 4 - Winter Break; January 7 - Back to school. Check out [www.GreenGeckos.com](http://www.GreenGeckos.com) for complete details or call Green at (619) 460-5755.

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