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Friends of The Saban Free Clinic raised \$1.3 million to support free health care and honored two individuals at the Friends of The Saban Free Clinic's 32nd dinner gala at The Beverly Hilton.

Chaired by Barry Meyer and Nancy Tellem, with dinner co-chairs Sam Fischer, Ellen and Tom Hoberman and Dana Walden, the event honored Bruce Rosenblum, president of Warner Bros. TV Group with the clinic's Leadership award. Long-term board member and past board president Marilyn Barrett, an attorney with Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro, LLP, received the Lenny Somborg award.

The evening was hosted by Mario Lopez with a musical performance by Barry Manilow (fabulous) and the comedy of Bob Saget. Norm Crosby introduced a video tribute to the late Bernie Brillstein, which highlighted Bernie's many years of support for the clinic. Kaley Cuomo, Johnny Galecki and Jim Parsons of the CBS sitcom *The Big Bang Theory* introduced a video highlighting the clinic's teen pregnancy prevention program. Cheryl Saban, Ph.D., who along with husband Haim, created a \$10 million endowment earlier this year, spoke about the importance of the clinic and received an enthusiastic ovation.

Jason Bateman, Amanda Anka, Barbara and Garry Marshall,

former Gov. Gray and Sharon Davis, Kevin Reilly, Andrea Wong, Ted Harbert, Chelsea Handler, Stephen McPherson, Les Moonves, Julie Chen, and Eric Idle were among the many guests spotted in the crowd.

Founded in 1967, The Saban Free Clinic is a medical, dental and social services organization with four clinics, serving more than 85,000 patient visits annually. It operates in partnership with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Childrens Hospital L.A., Kaiser Permanente, and UCLA's School of Dentistry.

On Monday night, the elegant Peninsula held its annual Chinese New Year celebration for the "year of the ox."

More than 300 of the who's who were invited to celebration featuring a delectable assortment of Chinese delicacies prepared by Chef James Overbaugh, formerly from Eldeberry House.

The rooms were decorated with a true Chinese motif. Managing Director Offer Nissenbaum and the hotel's management who hosted the party graciously made sure every whim was catered to.

It's just such a fabulous affair, everyone looks forward to it every year. Thank you to all at The Peninsula.

Children's Burn Foundation,



SABAN FREE CLINIC—The Friends of the Saban Free Clinic held its 32nd benefit dinner gala at The Beverly Hilton with a host of media luminaries on hand. Above (from left): philanthropist Haim Saban, Comcast CEO Ted Harbert; CBS chief Les Moonves; honoree Bruce Rosenblum, president of Warner Bros. TV Group; and singer Barry Manilow, who entertained. Below (from left) are: dinner co-chair Tom Hoberman; actor Eric Idle; actress Amanda Anka and her husband actor Jason Bateman; dinner co-chair Dana Walden, president of 20th Century-Fox TV; and Richard Weitz of BH's Endeavor Agency.

Photos by Mitch Haddad



which provides the expertise and programs to prevent pediatric burns and to heal severely burned children, will honor community leaders Linda and Alexander L. Cappello at the group's 14th Giving New Hope benefit at The Beverly Hilton on Thursday, Feb. 19. The Cappellos will receive the foundation's award for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children.

KNBC-TV's weather guru

Fritz Coleman will emcee.

Reception, silent auction and mystery boxes begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and entertainment from 7:30 p.m.. For information or tickets (\$275), call 818-907-2822 or visit www.childburn.org.

Recently, when we were having lunch at Nate 'N' Al on Beverly Drive, Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate's majority leader, walked in for lunch with his entourage and two



bodyguards. Though he said hello to lots of people, most of the time was spent talking to the manager J.K. (who just received a signed copy of his new book from him), and owner Mark Mendelson. Once the Nevadan retires, I wonder if he's thinking of opening a branch of the deli in D.C.?

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My involvement in community activities, civic affairs and small business experience convinces me that transparency at City Hall is essential. A reform-minded openness, a sensitivity and respect which encourages residents to engage our challenges leads to preserving and improving the special nature of our city.

**Michael Hakim
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City Council**