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Aurelia Corbitt & Betsy Adams at Coral Gables Garden Club Luncheon.



Gabriel & Christy Canales with Alfredo Martinez at Tropical Nights.



Nita Norman, Eva Zwigard & Garlin Lewis at Coral Gables Garden Club Luncheon.

Tropical Nights attracted 500 supporters

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Launch for Barton G. Kids Hear Now Foundation

An excess of \$600,000 was raised at the festive evening of dining, dancing and entertainment which was the launching of The Barton G. Kids Hear Now Foundation that is dedicated to helping hearing impaired children and their families find pathways to sound and speech. Funds will benefit this new foundation and its partner in the orchestration of the event, The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis.

More than 700 guests gathered in the Design District's Palm Court that was beautifully decorated with palm-punctuated landscape glowing in candlelight and starlight twinkling through the transparent ceiling. Guests dined on a typically innovative Barton G. menu and enjoyed a performance by five-time Grammy-winner Dionne Warwick as the evening's finale.

In addition to founder Barton G. Weiss and Marc Buoniconti, co-founder of The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, other attendees were Marc Buoniconti, Dr. Thomas J. Balkany, the world renown authority on cochlear implant technology who serves as the foundation's medical expert; Heather Whitestone-McCallum, the first deaf Miss America.; Gloria Sharlin, Marla Bergmann, Debra Slack and Kathy Mayers.

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Humidity: 65%

Wind: SW at 12 mph

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