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An Evening with the Olympians

With over 450 people in attendance, SNCA's gala fundraiser was a huge success! *An Evening with the Olympians* featured recent Olympic swimming stars in an event at the Peppermill Pool Complex on June 5, 2010.



This special event was open to everyone and featured an energetic mix of Olympic highlights and insights, led by Olympic gold medalists Rowdy Gaines, Cullen Jones and Jason Lezak. Additionally, the Olympians put on a *Make a Splash* swim clinic for children of the Boys and Girls Club*, spent time with local swim clubs and visited the Special Olympics.

The day started with the Olympians making surprise visits to some of our area's local swim clubs. They then went on to spend time with the participants at the Special Olympics swim meet, where they shared their gold medals along with their stories.

The next stop was Northwest Pool, where SNCA and the Olympians held a swim clinic for 60 children from the Boys and Girls Club. The kids participated in red light, green light drills, bubble blowing, and floating techniques. Each child spent time in the pool with the Olympians, strengthening their water safety skills and building their courage in the water.





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Lastly, the three Olympians joined SNCA and guests at the Peppermill Pool for the *An Evening with the Olympians* fundraiser. With pool side seating, food and drinks, outstanding raffle and auction items and a great crowd, it was an event to remember. The Olympians signed autographs, took photos and gave fun and inspirational speeches to all those in attendance.



To see more photos from this great event, visit: <http://www.sncaquatics.org/events>.

All proceeds will go to helping SNCA build a new community pool in the Truckee Meadows. *A special thanks to the City of Reno for their pool time donation.

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Interview with a SNCA Board Member

SNCA Board Member Margie Hemphill



Margie Hemphill is the owner, founder and executive director of Little One's Swim, in addition to serving as a Board Member for Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics. She has worked with infants through elementary age students in educational, recreational, and aquatic programs since 1970. Additionally, Hemphill has specialized in infant aquatics since 1974. Her college degrees are Early Childhood Development, Recreation Business Administration, and an ECE teaching credential.

Hemphill established Little One's Swim, first in California, then since 1989 in Nevada. Little One's Swim provides a safe, fun, creative, child friendly environment.

"We try to create an environment that encourages babies and young children to feel secure, to explore water, and to learn skills at their pace," stated Hemphill.

She is an avid swimmer whom continues to share her wealth of knowledge and love in teaching and training infant aquatics, as well as volunteering her time with SNCA.

"My goal is to foster a love and respect for the water, one which will carry throughout their lives, while teaching the necessary water safety and swimming skills to enable them to enjoy water to its fullest," said Hemphill. "Whether it be playing, therapy, exercising, competing, or participating in other water sports, I feel aquatics can play an important role in everyone's life from infants to seniors."

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A Special Thank You

SNCA would like to give a special thanks to everyone who donated their time, products and services to our event *An Evening with the Olympians*. Without the generosity and contributions of our many supporters, the event would not have been what it was.

We would also like to thank all of you that attended the event. It was a very special night and we are now that much closer to achieving our goals!

Thank you!