

NABA Butterfly Park: Gala Kick-off to the Capital Campaign



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Top: The First Lady of Mission, Yvonne Salinas.

Above left: Gil and Karen Quintanilla.

Above right: Viola Espinoza (left) and Dr. Judith Wible.

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Top: Margaret McAllen (left) and Dr. Jane Vicroy Scott.

Above: Left to right, Congressman Kika de la Garza, Lucille de la Garza, Miguel Nivarrez.

Left: Mission Rotary Club members help decorate the banquet hall.



The first gala fund-raiser for NABA International Butterfly Park brought the Rio Grande Valley together in support of the Butterfly Park. Over 200 community leaders from across the “Valley” attended to help raise \$40,000 for the day-to-day operation of the Park. Some of the keys to pulling the Valley’s community-minded folks together to support NABA’s Park was a belief in the Butterfly Park’s value to the community and a

strong commitment to help it move forward. Another key was the hard work by the three co-chairs of the event: Yvonne Salinas, wife of Mayor Beto Salinas of Mission; Luisa Ruiz, a local real estate professional, and Nora Shah. Members of the Mission Rotary Club provided support in a variety of ways including helping to sell tickets. About a dozen of their members helped decorate the hall and assisted with the auction. The First