SIGHTINGS
CANINE COMPANIONS BONE APPÉTIT | LISTENING FOR A CHANGE SUNSET SOIREE

THE EVENT: This year, Canine Companions celebrates 35 years of uniting highly trained service dogs with people who have special needs. The underlying theme of CCI’s annual Bon Appetit fundraising event was “great pairings.”

THE BUZZ: More than 750 people gathered Sept. 12 to celebrate the era of the CCI’s inception in the mid-1970s. Some revelers took it upon themselves to get decked out in tie-dyed t-shirts and disco regalia while they enjoyed the delectable food and wine pairings in one of the many tents and booths that dotted the Jean and Charles Schulz campus.

THE PAYOFF: Organizers said the event raised $287,000 for CCI’s programs.

FOR 2111: The famously emotional and inspiring CCI graduation ceremonies are set for Feb. 11, May 13 and Aug. 12.

THE BUZZ: A certain bliss visited Jacques and Barbara Schlumberger’s gorgeous Dry Creek Valley winery on the luxurious evening of Sept. 11, as 200 guests sipped exquisite wines, gently swayed to jubilant jazz and classical music and sampled luscious Park Avenue Catering hors d’oeuvres.

THE CAUSE: Patrons of the 2010 Sunset Soirée, a benefit for Listening for a Change, came to enjoy themselves and boost efforts to promote the acceptance of human diversity through education, oral history and the arts. The Soirée raised more than $30,000.

THE HONOREES: Each year, Listening for a Change bestows the Connie Codding Humanist Award on a Sonoma County individual who works to dissolve the barriers that divide people and contribute to prejudice and injustice. The group broke with tradition at the Soirée and presented the honor to the Graton Day Labor Center for building better communication among its community’s farmers, workers and business people.

UP NEXT: Listening for a Change will be back at Michel-Schlumberger Wine Estate for its annual fundraiser Aug. 27, 2011.

THE BUZZ: More than 150 people—some in baggy pants and others in their finest attire—will take part in Dierks’ annual fundraising event. november 9th, and if you want to participate, please call 707-829-1981.

THE EVENT: Dierks’ annual fundraising event is a celebration of food, drink and the holidays. The event is held at Dierks’ winery in Healdsburg, where the magic of the season is brought to life.

THE CAUSE: This year’s event is being held on November 9th, and proceeds will benefit local arts organizations.

THE HONOREES: Each year, Dierks bestows the prestigious Connie Codding Humanist Award on an individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to human rights and social justice.

UP NEXT: For more information, please visit www.dierks.com.