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June 1st was a busy day for the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation!

In the morning, the RSF Women's Fund held its quarterly meeting at the Golf Club. Nearly 30 members were present for the meeting and a presentation by President Karen Haynes of Cal State San Marcos. President Haynes spoke to the group about her journey in education, her thoughts on women in higher education and her interest in improving the lives of women in education. One of the most striking comments she made was concerning the impact that CSUSM has on the local economy. According to a study that was conducted campus wide, the San Marcos campus alone had local operational expenditures of approximately \$96.8 million with additional spending by auxiliary organizations – the associated students, the foundation, the student housing auxiliary – of \$12.4 million. But the university is not just about supporting the local economy; it is also a “marketplace of ideas”. She emphasized that “being exposed to new ideas, or old ideas, or a recurring idea is how we become confident of our own beliefs and values. It is how we learn to think creatively and intellectually for ourselves. It is the most important lesson we try to teach our students and model ourselves”.

In the evening, we held our annual Donor Reception at the home of Nancy and Greg Hillgren. Nearly 70 people gathered around the pool to enjoy the sunset and the beautiful views. The Foundation was proud to honor Northern Trust Bank, La Jolla branch, for their continuing support of the effort to enhance our growing community endowment. Susan Ten Eyke Mallory, Region President, Gayle Allen and Ron Phillips were present to accept a plaque in appreciation for their work with us.