BRINDIS GALA FAQ’S

What is Brindis GALA?
- Our Brindis GALA was established in 1990 as a signature bi-annual premier fundraising event for MANA de San Diego. This unforgettable night highlights MANA de San Diego’s impactful programs, significant events, remarkable milestones, and outstanding accomplishments, uniting friends, community leaders and advocates to honor the partners, members, and volunteers who have been instrumental in making MANA de San Diego the leading Latina organization in San Diego County. This year, we are celebrating 35 years of our Hermanitas Program. Funds raised from this event directly support MANA de San Diego’s diverse range of programming aimed at empowering and educating Latinas, enabling them to emerge as influential leaders within their communities.

What is the Hermanitas program?
- The Hermanitas Program is one of MANA de San Diego’s flagship programs. Established in 1987, the Hermanitas Youth Leadership Program pairs young Latina students with mentors who guide, inspire, and support them in their personal, educational, and professional development. The program focuses on empowering these young women to achieve their fullest potential and become future leaders in their communities.

How many students have gone through the program?
- Since 1987, the Hermanitas Program has served over 600 local Latinas, ages 12 to 18.

How many students have graduated?
- 100% of our Hermanitas graduate high school and attend college.

When and where will the Brindis GALA take place?
- The event will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Marriott Marquis Marina, 333 W Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101.

What is the cost of tickets and what do they include?
- Early Bird pricing for members is $200 (early bird pricing concludes July 31, 2023).
- Regular Member price is $250. Non-Member price is $350. Your ticket includes access to cocktail hour, a delightful dinner, the opportunity to participate in a silent auction with special opportunities, and captivating entertainment throughout the evening.

What will my ticket be supporting? What is the event benefiting?
- By purchasing a ticket to the Brindis GALA, you will be supporting MANA de San Diego’s initiatives and programs aimed at empowering Latinas through education, leadership development, community service, and advocacy. All proceeds from our Brindis GALA will go directly into our programs. The event itself is benefiting the organization’s mission to create positive change and opportunities for Latina women and girls (including the Hermanitas Program, College Success Program, Latina Success Leadership Program and Scholarships).

How can I purchase tickets to the Brindis GALA?
- You can purchase tickets to the Brindis GALA by going to: https://www.classy.org/event/brindis-gala/e496549

Will there be opportunities for networking with other attendees and local changemakers?
- Yes, there will be plenty of time and opportunities for networking with fellow attendees and local changemakers throughout the entire event. From the cocktail reception to the dinner and entertainment portions, you will have ample opportunities to connect, engage in meaningful conversations, and expand your network with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference in our community.

Can I make a donation even if I can’t attend the Brindis GALA?
- Yes! You can donate anytime here: https://manasd.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate-now

Is there onsite parking available?
- Onsite parking will be available at the event for a cost of approximately $20, along with valet parking.
How long is the event expected to last?
- The duration of the Brindis GALA can vary slightly, but typically it is expected to last until around 11:00 p.m. This night will be an immersive experience filled with captivating entertainment, inspiring stories, networking opportunities, and a memorable dinner, ensuring a fulfilling and enjoyable evening for all attendees. This year the following program is:
  - 5:00 p.m. Cocktails and Silent Auction
  - 6:00 p.m. Program, Dinner, and Entertainment

Will there be vegetarian or special dietary options available for dinner?
- Yes. We accommodate special dietary options for attendees at the Brindis GALA. If you have specific necessary requirements, please contact our event team at dlopez@manasd.org. We want to ensure that all guests can enjoy a delightful dining experience tailored to their needs.

Can I volunteer at the Brindis GALA? If so, how can I get involved?
- Yes, if you are interested in volunteering at the Brindis GALA, please visit our volunteer interest form at https://manasd.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/manasd/subscribe.jsp?subscription=248. We appreciate your willingness to contribute your time and efforts to make the event a success.

Is there a refund policy in case I am unable to attend after purchasing a ticket?
- No. Please note that there are no refunds available for tickets purchased for the Brindis GALA. However, we assure you that your contribution will go towards supporting MANA de San Diego's programs and initiatives. Also note that our Brindis GALA tickets are transferable. For further assistance please contact dlopez@manasd.org.

How can I stay updated on future MANA de San Diego events?
- Stay up-to-date with the latest news and updates about MANA de San Diego by following us on social media. Connect with us on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube to receive event announcements, behind-the-scenes insights, and important updates. Additionally, we encourage you to become a member of MANA de San Diego to receive exclusive access to our newsletter and communications, keeping you informed about upcoming events and opportunities involved. Subscribe to our newsletter here: https://manasd.org/. Become a member now: https://manasd.org/membership/!

What’s the dress code?
- The dress code for the Brindis GALA is Formal, Black Tie Optional.

Are there any specific COVID-19 safety measures in place for the event?
- MANA de San Diego has undertaken reasonable steps to lessen the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in connection with the event. If you are not feeling well, it is advisable to stay home and avoid public places. Additionally, wearing a mask is a great practice to consider.

Are there any age restrictions for attending the Brindis GALA?
- There is no specific age requirement to attend the Brindis GALA. However, please note that individuals must be 21 years or older to consume alcoholic beverages at the event. We kindly ask all attendees to drink responsibly and comply with legal drink regulations.

Are there any recommended nearby accommodations for guests attending the Brindis GALA?
- Accommodations for the Brindis GALA will be available at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina. You can find more information about the hotel, including reservations, amenities and locations, by visiting their website at https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sandt-marriott-marquis-san-diego-marina/overview/san-diego-marina/. Room blocks available for interested individuals. Please contact dlopez@manasd.org for more information.