

Guest Favorites Best of 2009



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☛ **Favorite Restaurant:** Mille Fleurs. The food is elegant and delicious, but the restaurant still has a warm atmosphere. It's all the best of France and you still feel at home. *C'est délicieux!*

Best General Medical Practitioner: Dr. Charles Graham. An old fashioned doctor who greets you with warmth and understanding, sees you for almost anything, and gets you in while you're still actually sick. He preserves the finest traditions of his calling, and still finds joy in healing those who seek his help. Thanks Doc!

Best Private School: The Bishop's School. This prep school is one of the best in the nation per *The Wall Street Journal*. The quality of education is superb from the top down. Head of school, Michael Teitelman, has brought together incredible faculty and curriculum with a nurturing environment and beautiful campus.

Best Sommelier: Jesse Rodriguez, wine director of The Grand Del Mar. One of only a few hundred advanced sommeliers in the U.S., Jesse came to San Diego from the French Laundry in the Napa Valley. His 35,000-bottle wine cellar is jaw dropping.

Best Philanthropist/Volunteer: Chris Crane/Opportunity International. Chris is the CEO of Opportunity International, the largest nonprofit microfinance agency in the U.S. He devotes himself to relieving poverty around the world, without accepting a salary. God bless him!

Best Children's Activity Center Or Museum: The New Children's Museum. This organization has vision and the ability to evolve to meet an ever-changing generation. Like a good children's museum, you can do everything you can't do at a traditional museum — touch, explore, and create.

Best Local TV Personality: Dave Scott. Dave is the unique blend of an elegant and gentle personality coupled with great knowledge of meteorology. He's like your favorite uncle who is also dapper and as enthusiastic as a kid. He's also a heck of a fine singer and jazz trombonist.

Favorite Restaurant: Croce's. I'm always impressed with their attention to detail. Though known as a tireless volunteer and "mover and shaker" in the business community, Ingrid Croce has conceived a menu that is not your typical California cuisine.

Best Breakfast: Denny's. Aside from the Super Bowl advertising stunt, Denny's is still a favorite hang of mine. Because I travel all over the place, having a meeting place that's open 24/7, as well as an honest breakfast, makes this an indispensable diner.

Best Formal Wear: A Better Deal Tuxedo. This little hole in the wall hidden in La Jolla Shores has captured my heart with their mom and pop ambiance. Believe me, as a classical musician, I've seen lots of formal wear shops, and this one definitely has character.



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