

***FRIENDS OF THE POWERHOUSE TO HOLD "CASINO NIGHT PARTY FOR THE TOWER"
TO BENEFIT NEW LIFEGUARD TOWER***

Del Mar, CA. The Friends of the Powerhouse and the City of Del Mar Lifeguards are hosting the "Casino Night Party for the Tower" on Saturday, February 6 at the Powerhouse Community Center. Proceeds from the event will go toward construction of the new Lifeguard Headquarters at 17th Street. The announcement was made by Casino Night Chair Nancy Dietrich.

"We were thrilled with the enthusiastic turnout of the community at our July event at En Fuego and we're looking forward to another fun-filled night in February for a very worthwhile cause," said Dietrich.

The event will start at 6:00pm and dress is casual. There will be casino style games including a spin-to-win wheel, black jack, craps, roulette and others. Dinner by Jake's Del Mar will be served at food stations, and there will be dancing to the tunes of Java. A complimentary drink will start the evening, followed by a no-host bar. A 50/50 raffle and live auction will follow the dinner and include items such as local town and beach packages and travel offerings. Complimentary parking for the event will be available at the King Lot across the street from the Powerhouse Community Center.

"The community has enthusiastically supported the new Lifeguard Tower by participating in various grassroots activities organized by the Friends of the Powerhouse. With more than \$250,000 raised to date, we are pleased to be partnering with the community and the City of Del Mar to make the new Tower a reality," said Barbara Harper, President of Friends of the Powerhouse.

Tickets are available for this year's event by contacting Friends of the Powerhouse at (858) 755-1641. Tickets are limited and are \$50 each; they are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Log on to www.FriendsofthePowerhouse.org for information on the event.

The Friends of the Powerhouse, originally called the Powerhouse Committee, was formed in 1997 to work with the City of Del Mar to preserve the Powerhouse building on Coast Boulevard. After two years of fundraising, the building was upgraded and transformed and in 1999, the new Powerhouse Community Center opened its doors to the public.

Following the renovation of the Powerhouse, the Friends raised money for and worked with the City of Del Mar to rebuild and upgrade the Tot Lot, located at the southern tip of Powerhouse Park. The Friends of the Powerhouse has also raised money for and funded other beach-related projects including a lifeguard rescue boat and beach-ready wheelchairs, among others.