



# LIFE & STYLE

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## Food for thought at S.F. Bar Association fundraiser

**The event:** The San Francisco Food Bank's "Food from the Bar" 2006 awards reception. Every year, associates of the legal community participate in "Food from the Bar," a fundraising campaign sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco, to fight childhood hunger. This year alone, nearly 80 firms "raised the bar" by donating 25,333 pounds of food, 1,923 hours of volunteer service and set a new record of \$255,623, a 30 percent increase from last year.

**The Venue:** One Market Restaurant. Guests nibbled appetizers from the restaurant such as mini-hamburgers, ahi tuna on wontons and artisan cheeses while sipping several varieties of wine donated by the Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant and Buehler Vineyards. The back room opened out into the large indoor courtyard of the One Market building and was elegantly sectioned off with plants and tables to designate the event area. A large screen inside the restaurant's backroom featured a short film of the food drive made by Andrew Giacomini of Hanson Bridgett LLP and Jeff Bleich of Munger Tolles & Olson LLP, showing colleagues a different side of their

co-workers as well as generating several laughs.

**The Crowd:** Attorneys and employees from the 80 San Francisco law firms, who helped raise money for the annual food drive, and members of the Bar Association of San Francisco, mixed with members of the San Francisco Food Bank. The competitive nature of lawyers, general speaking, lent to this year's stellar performance and the excited participants recapped how they exceeded their aggressive goals.

**The Look:** The happy hour timing set the stage for straight-from-work attire. Men and women wore suits and blazers while others opted for the business casual look. Almost everyone showed support to end hunger by wearing a signature orange pin.

**The Buzz:** The Monet exhibit at the Legion of Honor, the bad reviews for the movie "You, Me and Dupree," hosting a company food drive, how cool it is to watch the fog move around The City from higher, sunnier vantage points and Sunday brunch at Town's End Restaurant and Bakery.

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Joan Haratani, the president of the Bar Association of San Francisco, stands with Paul Ash, executive director of the S.F. Food Bank. Haratani is wearing a rose quartz necklace from Doncaster, the home-shopping clothing line. Ash is wearing a friendship bracelet given to him by his daughter, which he says he won't take off unless he meets the queen of England.

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From left to right: Jeff Braff, Ph.D. is the director of human research at the Kaiser Foundation Research Institute; Gary Maxworthy, a consultant in the food industry, has worked with the S.F. Food Bank for more than 10 years; John Koepfel is a partner at Ropers, Majesky, Kohn & Bentley; Bob Aune is from Aune & Associates. All four are on the board of directors for the San Francisco Food Bank.



Steven Heathcock, systems analyst for Hanson Bridgett LLC, is standing with his co-worker Erika Hattenhauer, who works in the IT user support department.



Jordan Van Druff, left, a paralegal for Kecker & Van Nest LLP, is wearing a white sweater and necklace from H&M. Cheryl Blanda, center, an administrative assistant for Bingham McCutchen LLP, is wearing a blue paisley dress from Forever 21. Administrative assistant for Bingham McCutchen LLP, Sarah McClure, right, is wearing a white button-down top from INC.



Italy Pittman, who works for Kirkland & Ellis LLP, is the chair organizer for the food bank drive. He wears a small orange pin on his blazer representing the need to end hunger in San Francisco. Italy has recently received a lot of attention and is "loving the outcome of the World Cup."



Nichole Kohake, left, and Isha Klein work for Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP. Both volunteered for the S.F. food drive and ended up spending a day packaging thousands of heads of cabbages. Kohake and Klein said they loved the work, but exclaimed that they "never want to see cabbage again!"



Bryan Barnhart and Aron Tager, who both work as attorneys at Nossaman, said they enjoyed the event. It is Barnhart's third year and Tager's first year participating in the food drive.



Dan Burkhardt, left, executive director of the Bar Association of San Francisco, is wearing a colorful dragonfly tie from the Museum Store Company. Jayne Salinger is a member of the Bar Association.