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Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation to Host ‘BELLissimo!’ on July 15 at Castillo del Mar

A silent auction and concert will highlight this event

FOR THE ISLANDER

All who have been moved by the melodic sound of Avalon’s iconic chimes are invited to “BELLissimo!” – a special event hosted by the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation.

“BELLissimo!” will provide a unique experience for anyone who appreciates the history of the Chimes Tower,” said Alison Wrigley Rusack, foundation chair and great-granddaughter of Ada and William Wrigley, Jr. “This event will help the Foundation achieve its goal of restoring the Chimes Tower for future generations to enjoy.”

The evening will feature a silent auction, cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, and a special chimes concert for guests to enjoy from the terrace at the base of the tower!

“BELLissimo!” takes place on Saturday, July 15 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Castillo del Mar, the home of Blanny Avalon Hagenah, foundation vice chair.



The Catalina Chimes Tower is pictured above. Courtesy photo

“I have been delighted by the outpouring of community support for the Chimes Tower,” said Hagenah. “Through the efforts of “BELLissimo!” we

will continue to build on the dreams of my great grandparents.”

A limited number of tickets are now available online

at [www.CatalinaChimes.org](http://www.CatalinaChimes.org) - \$175 per person.

Please contact [info@CatalinaChimes.org](mailto:info@CatalinaChimes.org) with any questions.

Letter to the Editor

Fondly remembering Islander Bill Hill

My daughter and I were deeply blessed to have known Bill Hill, Jeannie and their whole family for 28 years.

The loss of Bill and Jeannie is huge in our lives and I’m very certain huge in the lives of their family and the Avalon family. Bill and Jeannie were both so full of life, kindness and fun and

were a treasure of oral history of Catalina Island.

They made our annual stay at the Old Turner Inn very special, always listening to my daughter sing (she’s now a Broadway performer) and regaling us with smiles and stories.

We met so many wonderful and interesting people through them and they became second grandparents for my daughter

when she lost her real ones.

I found it interesting and touching that my daughter was on the cover of the issue in which Bill’s obituary was printed - having pretended to be a Mermaid at Lover’s Cover from age 5 through adulthood while staying at the Inn. Last summer we both got to dance with Bill at his birthday party.

I hope in the future you might

consider doing an in depth article about the Hills and their contributions to Catalina. Maybe even consider a memorial statue to them in town.

God bless Bill and Jeannie and their whole family - we will never forget them and how they enriched our lives.

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