

Soroptimist International of Long Beach 2010-2011 Summary by Lori Woodruff, President

The focus of the year was to re-imagine a happy, healthy Soroptimist Club with members engaged in projects that advance the mission and who truly enjoy the club experience. Our vision was to improve the lives of women and girls, help women achieve economic and political equality, serve as a global voice for women, provide leadership development opportunities for women and enhance world peace and understanding.

\$34,850 was raised for service projects, for scholarships, and for awards given this year.

Program/Philanthropy: [Wendy Puzarne & Linda Williams and committee]

1. \$12,350 Local Community service projects:
 - a. \$1,200 - Shopping with Soroptimists - for 12 women who are seeking jobs [Thank you Robin Thorne and committee]
 - b. \$1,550 Holiday Giving Project - for women at Su Case Shelter [Thank you Maggie Shapiro and committee]
 - c. Small Ways and Means Giving – Toiletries [Judy Pedneault], Greeting Cards [Jane Barrett and Mary Soth], Used Cell Phones [Lori Brault], Eyeglasses [Jane Barrett], Coupons [S Club], Biographies [Denice Lanuti], Clothing [Rosalie Rowe]
 - d. \$9,600 Local Grants:
 - i. Meals on Wheels - \$5,000
 - ii. Blast/Girl Power/Mentoring - \$2,000
 - iii. Interval House - \$2,100
 - iv. ECE/LB Cares conference speaker - \$500
 - e. Workplace campaign to end domestic violence
2. Mentor and support girls in S Club at Poly HS [Thank you Sabira Tejani, Nicolassa Galvez, and Anne Miller]
3. \$5,000 SIA Awards
 - a. \$5,000 Women's Opportunity Award - **Alexandra K. Jones, Liny Lim, Monica Sar**
 - b. Violet Richardson Award - **Madelyn Skinner**
 - c. Ruby Award – **Anita Gibbins**
 - d. Women of Distinction –
Businesses and Organizations Advancing the Status of Women/California Conference for Equality and Justice, **Margaux Kohut**, CEO
Cindy Allen/Economic and Social Development
Jody Cormack, DPT/Education
Robin Thorne/Environment
Kimberly BeDell, M.D./Health
Arlene Mercer/Human Rights & the Status of Women
Teri Tan, Ph.D./International Goodwill & Understanding [Thank you Pam Seager, Freda Hinsche Otto, and Denice Lanuti and WMAD committee]
4. \$16,000 Local Scholarships
 - a. \$1,000 Cynthia Galles/Found Theater - **Lucy Craig**
 - b. \$2,500 Helen Diamond - **Kathy Tran**

- c. \$5,000 Long Beach City College - **Gailya Shaw, Elizabeth Llamas, Rose Cohen, Blanca Rivera, Lisa Lynh,**
 - d. \$2,000 S-Club Superior Service - Camille Santiago
 - e. \$1,000 Gladdes B Neff - **Elleia Kim**
 - f. \$1,000 Katherine White - **Dulce Figueroa**
 - g. \$2,000 Woman in Philanthropy - **Ha Nguyen**
 - h. \$1,500 American Medical Women's Association, Long Beach - **Elizabeth Ramos**
5. \$500 Contributed to "Club Giving" at Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)
 6. \$1,000 Soroptimist International (SI) Project - Sierra Leone

Membership/Membership Services

1. Club Assessment – completed at the beginning of the year
2. Strategic Planning process gathered input from all the members; refocused our vision, mission/core purpose, and core values; and identified strategies for the coming year
3. New members – Skye Davis, Rita Ibarra, Jodean Pelzman, Susan Reischl, Pamela Sawyer, and Pam Shaw
4. SOLT – Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training [Thank you Anne Miller, Charlotte Berry, Gwen Matthews]
5. Communication – Newsletter [Thank you Nicolassa Galvez]
6. Program speakers – we had a variety of speakers and topics including programs about the conditions affecting women/girls [Thank you Judy Hess]

Public Awareness/Community Outreach & Communications

1. Press Releases were submitted for the fall fundraiser and WMAD [Thank you Judy Pedneault and Renee Simon]
2. "Live Your Dream" campaign materials were distributed at the Young Women's Empowerment Conference at CSULB and at the SILB Scholarship Dinner
3. Social media – Face book page maintained [Thank you Nicolassa and Donna Skinner]
4. Web site – updated and maintained [Thank you Donna Skinner]

Fundraising/Fund Development

1. Solicit Donations – donor envelopes printed to use at events and in mailings [Thank you Jaye Johnson]
2. Fall Fundraiser – Monster Bash [Thank you Jaye Johnson and committee]
3. Small Fundraisers – Pickle Party [Thank you Donna Skinner], Jewelry Party [Thank you Anne Miller]

Thank you to the club officers for their hard work on behalf of the club: Anne Miller (President Elect), Terri Nikoletich (Recording Secretary), Judy Pedneault (Corresponding Secretary), Rosalie Rowe (Treasurer), Kathy Ward (Ass't Treasurer - Meals), Margie Hersh (Ass't Treasurer – Special Events). Thank you to all the Directors who organize and coordinate all the work of the club members. And finally, thank you to all the members who so generously give of their time to improve the lives of women and girls in our community!

Thank you for the opportunity to work with and for such an amazing group of women.