



# Soroptimist News

Newsletter of Soroptimist International of Long Beach September, 2007

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## Happy Birthday!

Kimberly BeDell- 9/7  
 Blanche Cannady-9/30  
 Louise Carlson-9/30  
 Dorothy Deatherage-  
 9/28  
 Monika Dieckmann-  
 9/12  
 Jean Egan 9/22  
 Anita Gibbins 9/2  
 Margie Hersh 9/4  
 Margaret Leake 9/27  
 Jana Martin 9/4  
 Maggie Shapiro 9/10  
 Margaret Stimson  
 9/17  
 Happy Birthday all,  
 now get out your  
 checkbook – Birthday  
 “fine” is 50c per year!

## September Programs and Menus:

**September 3- Business Meeting** Members only, no guests please

Chef’s Salad/Cheesecake

**September 12- Speaker: Senior Links Update**

Chicken Caesar Salad /Ice Cream

**September 19- Speaker: TBD**

Asian Chicken Salad/Apple Crisp

**September 26- Soroptimist Hall of Fame**

“Hall of Fame Special” /Fresh Fruit

## Important Dates to Remember:

**August 29 – Holiday Boutique Committee Meeting 5:30 pm**

Community Hospital, Administrative Conference Room

**September 2- Board Meeting 5:30 pm**

Long Beach Department of Health, 2525 Grand Avenue

**September 12-Holiday Boutique Committee Meeting 5:30 pm**

Community Hospital, Administrative Conference Room

**September 16-Pink Martini /Hollywood Bowl**

**October 24 – Chico’s Shopping with Soroptimists – 4:00pm to closing**

**November 10-Holiday Boutique**

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## President's Message

by Judy Hess

G'day Lassies,

As the few remaining August days blaze away, we are reminded that Summer is almost over and the "back to school" frenzy is on. Gone are the outdoor candles, patio furniture, and pool toys. And in its place are the backpacks, uniforms, and school supplies. All that remains are memories and digital photos still in the camera.

I hope you enjoyed at least one fun get-away. Mine was extra special. You sent me to the Soroptimist Convention in Glasgow, Scotland! So... clever me, I hooked up with Judy Hirsch in London (we were house guests of Margaret Leake's cousin) for some extra holiday. Then we stretched it even further and flew to Edinburgh for a few days of sightseeing and being typical tourists. It was incredible! Just when I was getting the hang of the Edinburgh dialect, I head 30 miles southwest on the train to Glasgow and you'd think I was in another country. The "Glaswegians" have a completely different language - or so it seems. They speak incredibly fast and leave off the last half of their words. Their i's are pronounced as a's. Just to make more confusing - they throw in a wee bit of Gaelic. Those poor cab drivers...it's no wonder they don't want to talk to the tourists...they have to repeat things five and six "tames"!

The Soroptimist Convention, officially dubbed "18<sup>th</sup> Soroptimist International Convention 2007, 29 July - 2 August, Glasgow, Scotland", began with the opening ceremony. Flags from 140 countries were marched into the Convention Center accompanied by bagpipes and drums played by the National Youth Band of Scotland. It was electrifying! The Right Honorable Lord Provost (Mayor of Glasgow) welcomed the 1400 or so delegates from around the world. Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, spoke to the delegation and expressed her concern about the plight of women and girls in war-torn countries. She acknowledged the good work that Soroptimist is doing internationally.

The following four days were jam packed with valuable information. The topics varied from global warming, maternal and infant health, cluster munitions, and women in poverty. There was even a theme song composed for the convention called "I Can Touch the Sun". There was a tartan specially designed for Soroptimist. The Break-out sessions were so intriguing - it was hard to choose. They addressed slave trafficking, HIV/AIDS and malaria in third world countries, violence against women, lack of education for girls, and using public relations to attract new members.

Equally impressive were the Soroptimist leaders: Outgoing International President, Lynn Dunning, Immediate Past International President, Joan Cromer, International Convention Committee Chair, Joan Lunt, and incoming International President, Margaret Lobo and so many others. We can be proud to be part of such incredible organization, doing such outstanding work by amazingly talented women!

Thank you for this fabulous opportunity! Aye, it far exceeded my expectations! God willing, I will to be able to share my 500 digital photos that are still in the camera! And hopefully, my enthusiasm will inspire many of you to attend the next convention. It will be in Montreal in 2011. Start saving!

Many of our Soroptimists have been working during the summer break. The Holiday Boutique Committee has had several meetings. The event is November 10<sup>th</sup>, so start rounding up your auction items. Jaye and Cheryl have completed the 2007-08 roster - no easy task. Se Se has been lining up speakers for our program meetings - a work in progress. Tell her if you know an interesting speaker. Linda Jensen put out the first newsletter. Hopefully you all got it in one form or another. We're off and running!

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

President Judy

## It's Really a Party ... and You Don't Want To Miss It!

By Donna Skinner

On Wednesday, September 26, 2007, one of our members will be surprised out of her shoes to learn that she is about to be inducted into the Soroptimist Hall of Fame.

Every year since 1984, our club has honored one of its most outstanding members with this designation. This award recognizes the contributions and accomplishments of members in service to the community, to business and professions, and to Soroptimism.

To be considered for induction into the Soroptimist International of Long Beach Hall of Fame, a candidate must have been a member of our Club for at least four (4) years and have demonstrated outstanding achievement in at least two (2) of three areas:

- Service and fulfillment of the Soroptimist pledge
- Service to the community
- Service to her business or professional community

Last year's Hall of Fame honoree was Dr. Sabira Tejani. She was recognized for her years of service with our club and, in particular, for her remarkable efforts to education women in our community and around the world of the risk factors associated with heart disease.

So do plan to attend this important meeting. You never know....it could be YOU!

## CHICOS Shopping With Soroptimists Oct 24

You get 10% OFF and SILB gets at 10% Donation too!

Wednesday October 24th starting at 4pm to closing at Chico's Belmont Shore (4725 East 2nd Street). Soroptimists shoppers and their guests will receive 10% off. (Shoppers with Chicos's Passport memberships receive additional 5% off.) SILB will receive a check from Chicos for 10% of the net proceeds from this event which is used to support our Shopping With Soroptimists program. Bring a friend (or several). Refreshments will be provided by Chicos. The Winter Collection will be in the store! RSVP to [johson.jaye@gmail.com](mailto:johson.jaye@gmail.com) by Monday 10/22/2007.

There's a waiting list for tickets to

**PINK MARTINI –**

**Hollywood Bowl – 9/16**

Price is \$35.60 per ticket

To get on waiting list for tickets

Email to [johson.jaye@gmail.com](mailto:johson.jaye@gmail.com)

## Did you hear? – It's all good!

Members Corner/The Good Gossip Place!

**Robin Thorne** was elected President of American Society of Safety Engineers' Long Beach Chapter – Robin has been an active member of the Long Beach ASSE for the past 5 years serving in many important leadership roles. As a member of SILB, Robin has chaired the Shopping With Soroptimists program and assisted with the Poly S-club (to name just a few of her accomplishments). Congratulations and good luck in your new role Robin!

**Annie Koo Thornquist** had a baby girl on August 23, 2003. Baby Sophia Lotus weighed in at 7lb, 12 oz. Mom and baby are home now and doing well. (That's one way to get new members – we'll grow 'em.)

Margaret Leake is recovering from her surgery and will likely return to the group in October according to Jaye Johnson. Get well soon Margaret, we look forward to having you back. (And Happy Birthday!)

## **SOROPTIMIST NEWS**

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### ***YOUR AD HERE***

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### **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE UPDATE**

Planning meetings for the Holiday Boutique will be held on August 29th and September 12th at 5:30pm in the Administrative Conference room at Community Hospital of Long Beach, 1720 Termino Avenue.

Mark your calendar for the event which will be held on November 10 at Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach. Ticket price is \$85 and this is a major fund raiser for our club.

The committee is working hard to collect auction items for the Silent and Live Auction and your help is needed! Some of the categories for auction items are: Kids and Sports, Holiday Items,

Wine and Dine and More, Beauty, Fashion and Jewelry and Home Décor. Pamela Seager will be collecting donated items for the Live Auction (value of over \$500). Pamela also has the necessary Donor Forms for soliciting donations from businesses. Silent Auction items should be given to Robyn Thomas.

As this is our major fund-raiser, all members are encouraged to attend, invite friends and to obtain items for the auctions. Getting your donated items as early as possible is an important way to help the committee and increase the profits from this event. The Holidays are upon us --

**THINK BOUTIQUE!**