



SOROPTIMIST

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Soroptimist News

Newsletter of Soroptimist International of Long Beach October, 2007



Happy Birthday!

Judy Hess- 10/2
 Mary Nimocks-10/5
 Libby Tigner – 10/9
 Denice Lanuti-10/11
 Marie Lafortune and
 Doris Moore- 10/17
 Judy Griffin – 10/21
 Dianne McNinch-10/24
 Diane De Walsche-10/27
 Lori Woodruff – 10/29
 Jacquelyn Dodge and
 Sese-Novas-Craig-10/31
 Happy Birthday all, now
 get out your checkbook –
 Birthday “fine” is 50c per
 year!

October Programs and Menus:

- October 3-** **Business Meeting** Members only, no guests please
Chicken Caesar Salad /Chocolate (Chef’s Choice)
- October 10** **Speaker: Victoria Sciarra/Marriage and Family Counselor**
Body’s Buttons and Switches – Stress Management
California Croissant/Sherbet
- October 17** **Speaker: Rosa Garza Marino – Tree People**
Asian Chicken Salad/Cherry Cobbler
- October 24** **Committee Meetings**
Chicken Marsala/Cheesecake
- October 31** **No Meeting – Happy Halloween!**

Important Dates to Remember:

- October 20** **Fall District Workshop – 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Rowell Ave,
Manhattan Beach, CA
 - October 24** **Chico’s Shopping with Soroptimists – 4:00pm to closing**
 - October 26** **Deadline to return Women Who Make A Difference Award
Nomination forms.**
 - November 8** **Book Club Meeting – 6:00 pm/The Year of Magical Thinking**
215 Hartford Avenue, Huntington Beach (RSVP 714-960-6899)
 - November 10** **Holiday Boutique – Old Ranch Country Club**
- OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!**

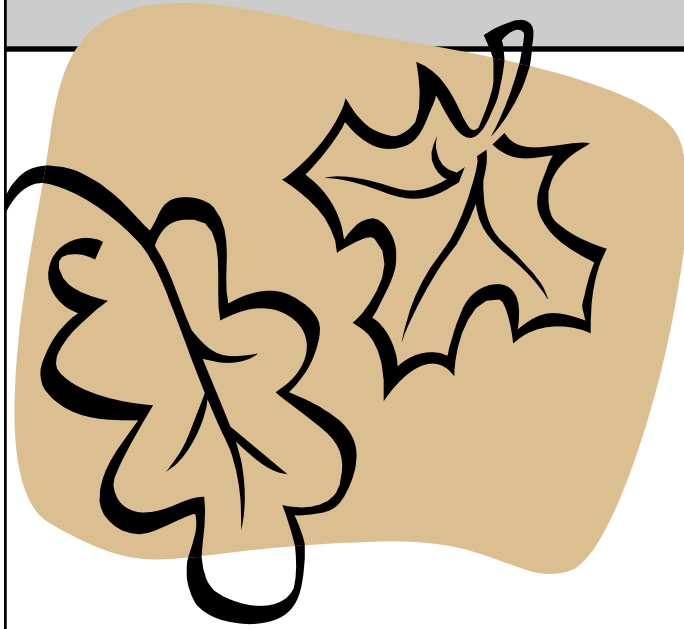
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President's Message



FALL is in the Air

Without even looking at a calendar, I can always tell when Autumn is approaching – I can't find my turtle...err...excuse me...my tortoise. He somehow knows when it is time to start hibernating. His food goes uneaten, he gets sluggish and finally there is no sign of him. Wish I could do that...dig a hole in the ground, crawl in and sleep for a few months then come out in the Spring all fresh and invigorated! That's why they can live for 100 years – they sleep for two thirds of their life!

Well, we can't do that. And here's why. We'd miss some very incredible events. This month we have our Business meeting on October 3rd, followed by Wednesday the 10th with Victoria Sciarra, MFT, talking to us about some wonderful life

journey stuff. (I heard her – she's great!) On Wednesday the 17th, the Tree People are coming to tell us about the things they do to green up our earth. And the 24th will be a committee business meeting, I am sure Holiday Boutique will be filling us in on our dinner/auction event. We also have our SILB shopping at Chico's night on Wednesday, October 24th – it's a "come early, come often/the more you spend the more we make" type of event. Chico's has fabulous clothes and jewelry. Everybody wins!

SILB had that annual opportunity to honor one of their own - La Senora of Fun, Jaye Johnson! We almost had her totally surprised, but when Sabira called the night before to make sure she was coming, Super-sleuth got suspicious! Dang! Oh well, it was a great event. Even Margaret Leake made an appearance, as well as hubby, Rick, and many of her best friends (besides us, of course!). Well deserved, Ms Johnson!

Also, this month is Fall District Workshop. These events continue to get better and better. They have the unique combination of fun and information. I'm going on Saturday, the 20th. Jana is going to the October 27th workshop. How can something called "California Dreamin'" not be a blast? Here's a deal for the "newbies" – the Club will pay your \$30 registration! If you can't make this one – plan on the next one in the Spring.

Speaking of Dinner/Auctions, I went to one last night that cost \$175! Ours is every bit as fun and almost one hundred dollars cheaper! I can't wait to tell Minnie some of their set up and decorating ideas. They even used a star theme! Denice was there with her hubby and sister, Cindy. She will have to help me with remembering details.

I'll close with a star quote (it is my theme after all). I like this one by Dennis Waitley:

"A life lived with integrity, even if it lacks the trappings of fame and fortune, is a shining star in whose light others may follow in the years to come."

Ever so fondly,

President Judy

JAYE JOHNSON INDUCTED INTO SILB HALL OF FAME

Now the secret is out! Jaye Johnson is the 31st honoree to be inducted into the SILB Hall of Fame in honor of her distinguished services to Soroptimist, to the community and her profession. The award was presented by last year's winner, Dr. Sabira Tejani, at a luncheon meeting on September 26th that was attended by thirteen previous Hall of Fame honorees. Also honoring Jaye at the ceremony were her husband, Rick, and close friend Jane Benson and (of course) her grateful "Soroptimi." We were all delighted to have Margaret Leake back with us to honor Jaye as well.

A member of SILB since 2000, Jaye's contributions to the club are prodigious and on-going. She compiles our Roster every year and updates it regularly. She has contributed towards the success of our annual Holiday Boutique (including donating her villa in Mexico for the live auction several times). She has served on several scholarship committees. By obtaining innumerable ads for the "Making A Difference for Women" awards program, Jaye and Margaret have made the program itself the envy of other clubs. As "La Senora de Fun," Jaye has organized outings to the LA Neon Art Tour (twice), Hollywood Bowl and Shopping with Soroptimists at Chicos (which benefits our Shopping With Soroptimists Program at Working Wardrobes). Word is, she's currently working on other social outings for the group. She keeps us informed, motivated and up-to-date on news about one another with regular e-mails.

Just when it seems she could have no other time, Jaye does MORE! She and her husband have raised thousands of dollars for various local charities through an annual event that they call "Float Inn." A theatre arts major in college, once a month Jaye produces a program (such as "Gay and Lesbian News") for the community access television of Charter Communications. As a professional conservator and activist, Jaye knows first-hand of the importance of protecting the rights of the aging and elderly. She shared these concerns with SILB by organizing the Program on Aging in 2005.

Jaye is here...she's there...she's everywhere...and always with a smile and a helping hand.

CONGRATULATIONS, JAYE, and thank you for all you do!



CHICOS Shopping With Soroptimists Oct 24

Wednesday October 24th starting at 4pm to closing at Chico's Belmont Shore (4725 East 2nd Street). Soroptimist 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 by Monday 10/22/2007.

**You save 10% and
SILB gets 10% of the
Proceeds!**

See You There!



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 10, 2007

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach, CA

Ticket Price: \$85

Live Auction * Silent Auction * Bake Sale

Presentation of Dr. Katherine White Achievement Award

GET YOUR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE DONATIONS IN EARLY!

Be sure to bring your donated items for the Holiday Boutique Auctions as early as possible! Items for the Silent Auction should be brought to Robyn Thomas at home or to our next club meeting (please phone ahead to be sure she's home to receive them). Categories for the Silent Auction are Kids, Sports, Holiday Items, Wine and Dine, Beauty Boutique, Fashion and Jewelry and Home Décor. Also needed are baskets, and materials that can be used to display the items. By getting your donations in early, you'll give Sande Rice more time to work her magic to put together baskets that display each item at its best. Contact Pam Seager for Donor Forms for soliciting donations from businesses (also available at our meetings). The Live Auction Committee is also soliciting "frequent flyer miles" towards transportation to be combined with a donation of vacation lodging at a lovely home in New York City for our Live Auction!

According to Pam Seager, the invitations are printed and ready to mail. Watch for yours to see a list of exciting Live Auction items. 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.

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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Each October, SILB distributes information cards with Domestic Abuse Hotline phone numbers for victims to call. Members are asked to place the cards in public places where abused women can access them. The cards will be available at all meetings during the month of October.

Members also donate personal items throughout the year and donate gifts for the women and children at Interval House during the holidays.

BOOK CLUB

The e next meeting of the SILB book club will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the home of Freda Matsuda, 215



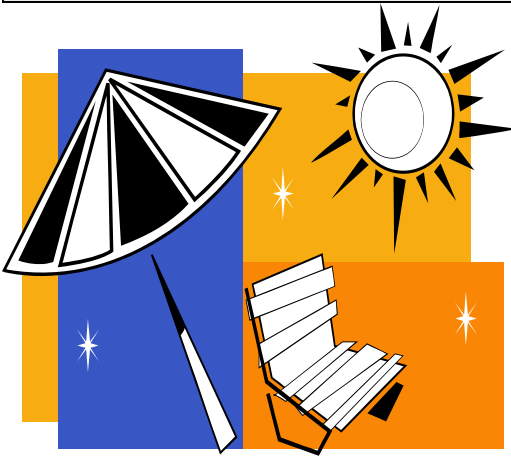
Hartford Avenue, Huntington Beach. The group will discuss "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion. Please RSVP to kmatsuda1@socal.rr.com or by phone (714)960-6899. Freda will respond with directions to her home.

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

SILB is seeking nominations from local community leaders for the 14th Annual Women Who Make A Difference Award. This program honors women who use their influence to improve the lives of other women. Nominations are sought in the following categories: Women Making a Difference for Women, Women of Distinction, Businesses or Organizations Advancing the Status of Women. The winners will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday April 5, 2008.

The Women Making A difference for Women award is international in scope. Our local winner is considered for regional awards and one finalist is selected to receive the national award, a \$5000 donation to the charity of her choice, presented at Soroptimist International of the America's annual meeting.

Nomination forms and criteria are available on our website at www.SI-LongBeach.org. Completed nomination forms MUST be returned by 10/26/007 to Diane DeWalsche, 350 Mira Mar Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814. Nominations received after that date cannot be considered. Questions may be directed to Diane.



FALL DISTRICT WORKSHOP OCTOBER 20

California Dreamin' is the theme of the 9th Annual Camino Real Region Fall District (2 and 3) workshop on October 20th. Sponsored by SI Manhattan Beach, the event will be held from 8:00-3:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Rowell Road, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Registration fee is \$35 and includes lunch.

Please call President Judy Hess (597-4004) to arrange to carpool to this event. A great way to learn more about the larger picture of Soroptimism, meet members of other clubs and share goals and enthusiasm.

Small Ways Projects? Here's What, When and Who!

SILB's Small Ways Projects are another way we support our mission of "Best for Women"

If you accumulate any of the following items, please remember to bring them to the business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Since we have limited storage at The Grand, please do not bring these items and simply leave them on the back table. Give your goodies to the "collectors" and they are:

Toiletries - Margaret Leake

New Greeting Cards

AND Eyeglasses - Jane Barrett

Used Greeting Cards AND

Women's Biographies - Mary Soth

Used Cell Phones - Lori Brault

Coupons (either cut or uncut) - Jana Martin

Clothing - Lynn Hermstad

(Please have items clean, pressed, on hangers and covered with plastic. Working Wardrobes also accepts shoes and other accessories and men's clothing. No rummage or other clothing stuffed in bags!)

If you have any questions, talk to, call or email Lynn Hermstad.

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Website: www.SI-LongBeach.org



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Soroptimist International Pledge

We are Women Standing for Women

We come from many different lands; we are different colors, creeds and races and together we celebrate our diversity.

Our declaration is tied with a ribbon, a symbol of the bonds of friendship that bind us together as members of Soroptimist International reminding us that our membership brings the responsibility to preserve freedoms and to be peacemakers.

We hope for a world where tolerance, reconciliation, cooperation and partnership will be realities.

We pledge to work for a world where -

The human rights of all people are respected

Equal opportunities are available to women who are disadvantaged through their gender, poor health or social exclusion

Education is accessible for all girls

Poverty and disease are conquered

All peoples enjoy a safe and healthy environment

We all contribute to the peace and prosperity of humankind by nurturing a spirit of peace, encouraging peace education and supporting a culture of peace.

Peace is our unifying purpose.