



Soroptimist News

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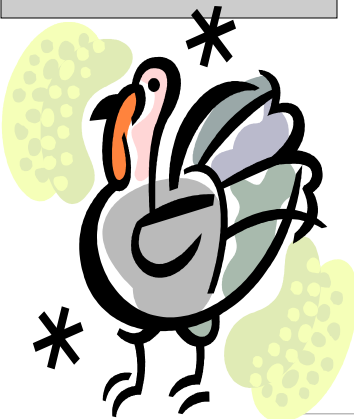
Sabira Tejani 11/5

Alta Cooke 11/7

Lynn Shrum 11/17

Imogene Shelton 11/20

Happy Birthday all, now get out your checkbook— Birthday “fine” is 50c per year!



November Programs and Mnus:

November 7 Business Meeting Members only, no guests please
Tostad Supreme/Ice Cream

November 14 Speaker: Wendy Puzarne/Ex Dir Jewish Family & Children Svcs
Long Beach/“Helping People Face Life Challenges”
Roast Turkey/Pumpkin Pie

November 21 No Meeting— Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28 Committee Meetings
Chicken Caesar Salad/Chocolate Dessert

Important Dates to Remember:

November 6 Holiday Boutique Planning Meeting 5:30 pm
Community Hospital of Long Beach Administrative
Conference Room, 1720 Termino Avenue

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, 3901 Lampson Avenue
6:30 pm— Reception and Silent Auction
8:00 pm— Dinner and
Introduction of Katherine White Achievement Award Recipient
9:00 pm Live Auction, Dessert and Opportunity Drawing

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It's hard to believe that we are officially in the Fall season. The clocks will be set back soon and it will be dark by five o'clock. Yet temperatures are in the 80's! My poor tortoise doesn't know if he is supposed to be hibernating or scrounging for food. If it wasn't for the severe water shortage and the risk of wild fires, we would be called the luckiest people on earth. Regardless, it is pretty difficult to curse the gift of perfect weather.

Today Margie Hersch and I attended the Fall District Workshop in balmy Manhattan Beach. It is a darling town of four square miles. We joined members from the 29 Camino Real Region Clubs. The theme "California Dreamin'" was carried out with beach-y table decor and the presentations were titled - Power of dreams, Live your dream, Snooze you lose, Sharing your dreams, Reveries, Nightmares, and Dream work

The morning started out with a continental breakfast made by the hosting club. Then SI Manhattan Beach President, Kelly Fogarty, welcomed us. Governor Sharon Seldon Lyde gave us highlights of what was to come. District 3 Director, Michele Memmott and District 2 Director, Doryce Bohana took turns introducing the speakers.

The topics were appropriate for running a successful club. We heard about marketing and publicity, recruitment and retention, grant writing and fundraising and dealing with difficult situations. We also got an update on SIA and the international projects of SI. All this information (and much more) is on the respective websites and most of it was presented at the Convention in Glasgow. Detailed information about the SI projects is highlighted in the "Best for Women" magazine. We will be hearing more about obstetric fistulas in women (and girls) in Ethiopia and how they are banished from their villages after spending weeks (yes, weeks) in labor. Project Sierra is another SI project in collaboration with Hope for Homes to help women and children of Sierra Leone rebuild their lives after 10 years of civil war and ten million rapes, mutilations, and murders.

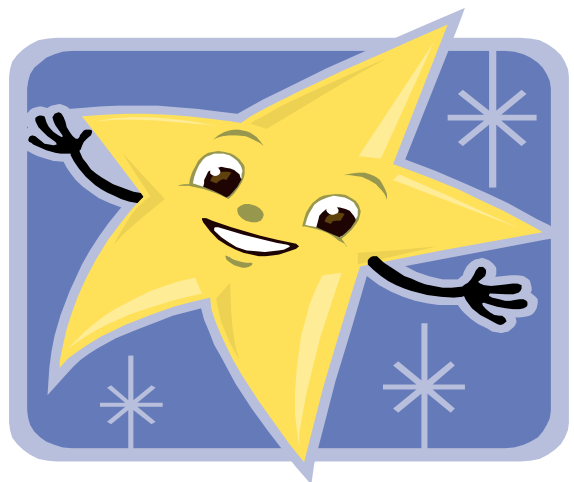
"Stop Trafficking" is going to be a region project. It will be launched January 11 - Human Rights Day. So we will be hearing more about that. There was a pitch for S Clubs. And four members from our Poly High S Club were there and they each gave examples of the kinds of activities they do. Everyone was quite impressed and Margie and I were quite proud. Manhattan Beach Mira Costa S Club did a presentation as well.

My folder is bulging with information, too much to pass on in a President's column. Suffice to say, I continue to be impressed with the dedication of our Soroptimist leaders, inspired by the work the Soroptimist organization is doing, and hopeful that our efforts will continue to make a difference. My job is to inspire those of you who haven't attended one of these workshops to take advantage of this opportunity. I guarantee you will be glad you did. The District and Regional teams put much thought and hard work into planning and executing these events. The workshops are informative, fun and invigorating. Please, please, please plan now to attend Spring Conference which will be May 2-3 in Woodland Hills. If not then, Leadership Training Retreat will be in June. So there is ample opportunity.

Margie and I passed out fliers on our Holiday Boutique. As you know, it is 3 weeks away! Hopefully you are all out there securing items for the silent auction and inviting guests to attend. We need 100% involvement to make this the most successful Holiday Boutique ever.

"Good friends are like stars - you don't always see them, but you always know they are there."

President Judy



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – URGENT UPDATES!!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS STILL NEEDED! Bring your items TODAY! Silent Auction items 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.

ALL STARS BAKE SALE! All members are asked to please donate to the All Star Bake Sale at the Holiday Boutique. Please bring one or two items – cookies, cup cakes, cake or candy – to be sold at the Holiday Boutique. Last year we had a great turnout of homemade and store-bought “homemade” tasty treats. The bake sale has been a long-standing tradition at the Boutique and last year raised over or \$700. Please support the sale again this year!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY! Send in your RSVP card and reserve your tickets to “Celebrate the Stars” today. Ticket price is \$85.00, tables for 10 at \$850. Or, for reservations e-mail or call Sally Lane – 562-795-7669.

SILB IN THE NEWS!

By Denice Lanuti

Long Beach city council presents SI – Long Beach with two proclamations in October

Mayor Bob Foster and the Long Beach City Council declared October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and End Domestic Violence Month, as part of the SI Camino Real Region for the “Color Me Pink and Purple” Project. The request was in accord with SI of the Americas’ resolution making the prevention of domestic violence and breast cancer awareness focus projects for SIA in 2008.

On October 9th, SILB member Dianne McNinch accepted the End Domestic Violence proclamation from Mayor Bob Foster and the City Council. Joining Dianne were representatives from Interval House. SILB supports Interval House’s Annual Christmas Toy Drive. On October 16th, President Judy Hess, Denice Lanuti and Dianne McNinch accepted the Breast Cancer Awareness proclamation from the Mayor and the City Council. Also named in the proclamation was St Mary Medical Center whom SILB supported to fund mammograms for low-income at risk women in Long Beach.

BOOK CLUB November 8

The 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.



WHO ARE THE "EX-PROS?" - "An ex-officio social group of retired and life members"

Retired members of Soroptimist International of Long Beach organized this small group in the early 1970's. Many retired members no longer attended regular club meeting and the purpose was to continue friendships established over the many years of their club services. As we all know, working together cements friendships which are long-lasting.

The first organizers, Thelma Murtland, Dorothy Heard, Gladys Neff and Bernice Powers are no longer with us, but the group continues. The purpose was to have fun and the group took day trips and had lunch at each other's homes. The original group averaged 8 to 10 gals, but as the number of retirees grew, so did the group. This increase made it necessary to begin meeting at local restaurants and we usually reserve private dining rooms as we sometimes get a bit boisterous!

We do pay dues annually, usually \$10 to \$20 each depending on what the balance is in the "cigar box," and occasionally there is special assessment for special projects. We always contribute to the SILB Holiday Boutique and place a half-page ad in the Women Who Make a Difference program.

We elect a chairman and treasurer each year and the object is still to have a good time. Approximately 12 to 18 members attend the bi-monthly meetings. We think our name aptly describes the group as we are all experts in our own fields, hence our name "Ex-Pros." Of course many of us still participate in the regular SILB activities, after all...we are "pros."

(Original history by Bernice Powers, revised by Barbara Freeman in 2005, and Nancy Hegelheimer in 2007.)

Cheryl Sears adds:

Ex-Pros had their first meeting of the year in September and were pleased to have 22 members attend. Nancy Hegelheimer presided. Always fun to hear about everyone's summer adventures. We meet every other month on the third Tuesday. Meaning, we will be at "Buster's Beach House" on November 20th. We meet at 12pm in the back room. All Ex-Pros (retired and life members) are invited to join us.

MORE GOOD STUFF!

Welcome to new member Terri Nikoletich, RN, MCAH Director, City of Long Beach Dept of Health & Human Services inducted 10/1/2007! (e-mail: terri@nikoletich.yi.org).

Speaking of e-mail addresses: Blanche Cannady has a new e-mail: canbrew2@yahoo.com and Margie Hersh has a new home address and phone:: 203 Calle Mayor, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, phone 310-378-7010.

Sandy Olewine finished the Long Beach Marathon! She's planning to "celebrate" by donating \$10 per mile to SILB for the Live Auction!

"I've heard you can tell a lot about a person by the way she handles 3 things: unjust criticism, lost luggage and a flat tire!" (Perhaps we should add a 4th—successfully finishing a marathon.)

The Violet Richardson Award honors young women for volunteer action. As you know, last year's winner was Veronica Matagaono and she went on to receive the highest recognition from Soroptimist International of the Americas in Philadelphia.

Now is the time for applications to be submitted for 2007-2008. We need your help in finding the right candidates. The young woman must be between the age of 14 and 17. They must be inspirational, responsible, motivated, dedicated, honest, independent, creative and caring. They need to work to make the community and world a better place through their volunteer efforts.

Please let me know if you can help by distributing brochures to possible candidates. Thanks for your help, Shirlee Jackert, Violet Richardson Award Committee: shirleejackert@earthlink.net.

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"

Besides grants and scholarships, we help year-round with smaller projects. Please bring your items 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 – Judy Pednault

Greeting Cards - Jane Barrett and Mary Soth

Used Cell Phones – Lori Brault

Eyeglasses – Jane Barrett

Coupons (either cut or uncut) – S Club – Jana Martin

Biographies – Denice Lanuti

Clothing for Working Wardrobes – 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.

Judy Pedneault asks: "Do you have a favorite charity you'd like to have receive our toiletry donations?" Currently on the list to receive them:: Flossie Lewis Home, Precious Life Shelter and Meals on Wheels.

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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

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