



Soroptimist News

Newsletter of Soroptimist International of Long Beach May, 2008

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Best for Women



Happy Birthday!

Judy Pedneault	5/2
Arlene Sellers	5/6
Minnie Douglas	5/7
Josephine Fitzpatrick	5/11
Nancy Freeze	5/23
Erin Holloway	5/27
Robyn Thomas	5/27

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

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May/June Programs and Menus:

May 7	Business Meeting Tostada Supreme/Ice Cream
May 14	Gladys Neff and Youth Awards Asian Chicken Salad/Strawberry Dessert
May 21	Speaker: Rebecca Turrentine/Children’s Issues Chicken Marsala/Chocolate Dessert
May 28	Board Meeting/No regular meeting
June 4	Business Meeting Chicken Caesar Salad/Cheesecake

Important Dates to Remember:

May 2-3	Camino Real Region Spring Conference/Woodland Hills
May 8	Bridal Shower for Renee Simon (see page 5)
May 13	Book Club – “Water for Elephants” (page 5 too)
May 17	Shopping with Soroptimists at Working Wardrobes
May 29	WMMAD Recap/Planning Meeting (page 5)
June 3	Wine & Cheese Membership Mixer -Bixby Riviera Clubhouse (pg 4)
June 20-21	Camino Real Ladership Training
June 25	Installation Luncheon
July 16-19	SIA 40th Biennial Convention -Taipei, Taiwan

MORE SOROPTIMIST RESOURCES:

Websites: www.si-longbeach.org, www.caminorealregion.org, www.soroptimist.org

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2007-08 Officers and Board of Directors

President: Judy Hess	Community Outreach: Sally Lane
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Assistant Treasurer/Events: Margie Hersh	
Immediate Past President : Judy Pedneault	

From the Soroptimist Galaxy

I wish you a very happy Spring! Although it has officially arrived, it feels more like the middle of summer! But not so fast...we still have several activities on the books! For instance, this Friday and Saturday is Spring Conference in Woodland Hills. Nancy, Margie, Denice, Linda, Robyn and I will be attending and celebrating Nancy's 35 years as a Soroptimist at the Friday Awards Dinner. We also anticipate receiving recognition for our newsletter, our assistance with sheltered women with Working Wardrobes, our Heart Health Awareness, and our participation in Violet Richardson, Founders Pennies, Women's Opportunity, and Making a Difference for Women. At the Friday Governor's luncheon we will meet the new SIA President, Machiko Yamada. Saturday's breakfast is a memorial service for members who have passed away this past year (we don't have any, thankfully). Saturday's luncheon is a 30th Anniversary celebration for Camino Real Region. Saturday's dinner is the official installation of new officers that will be voted in (along with the bylaw changes). We will bid adieu to Sharon Lyde, Governor for the past 2 years, and welcome Cheri Fleming as the new incoming Governor. We will extend a fond farewell to the other existing officers, including our very own Jana Martin, who served as Secretary for the Region Board for 2 years. It will be very busy conference and we will also have to find time to shop!

Rounding out the year - May 14th, we will have Gladys Neff Award and the Youth awards. Our three last program meetings have exciting speakers. And of course, Installation will be June 25. Watch for the official invitation.

May 17th is our Shopping with Soroptimists event. If you have never participated, do yourself a big favor and sign up. Robin Thorne makes it a wonderful and heart warming opportunity.

Our Social Chair, Madam Jaye, is busy planning a picnic, now sometime in July - more to follow.

Membership Mixer - June 3rd 5:30 PM at Judy Hirsch/Sally Lane Clubhouse. See flyer.

Bridal Shower for Renee at the Crab Pot, May 8, 5:00 PM. See flyer.

A special thanks to the 20 Soroptimists who attended the Interservice Club Luncheon. I think we know more about the Port than any one else in Long Beach! We host the event next year - so keep your ears open for an exciting speaker.

Some Region and Federation updates:

- 2007-08 Federation welcomed 23 new clubs, 1422 total - 654 in the US, Camino Real Region welcomed S.I. of Greater Santa Clarita Valley with 51 members
- Federation dues \$48, Region \$30, and S.I. \$6 due July 6 (in case you wondered)
- Leadership Training June 20 and 21 (Margie and Michele attending).
- Founder's Pennies - 6¢ for each year of Soroptimist existence to S.I.A. - \$5.28 total
- SIA continues to provide disaster relief grants to women and their families who are victims of man-made or natural disasters.

Find out more at www.caminorealregion.org and www.soroptimist.org

You are all my hero-stars...remember - *"To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your own path, and don't worry about the darkness - for that's when stars shine the brightest."* -

Author Unknown

President Judy

2008 LBCC Soroptimist Scholarships

by Denice Lanuti

The 2008 Long Beach City College Soroptimist Scholarships have been awarded. Each of these deserving scholarship recipients will receive \$1000:

*Sokha Ou – Career Certificate/Office Assistant

*Desiree Vega – LVN Program

*Shonda Day – Social Work

*Lillie Burroughs – Human Services

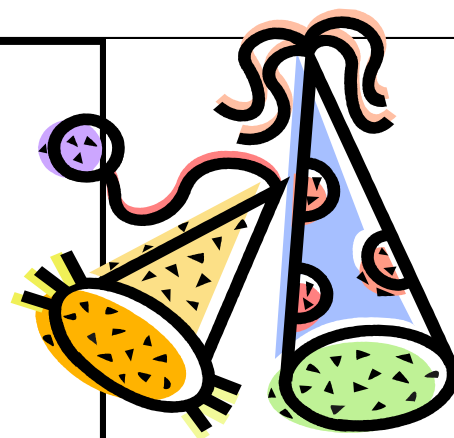
*Lakisha Moore – Human Services

Please join us at the May 14th meeting to honor our 2008 Scholarship Recipients and our Gladys Neff and Women in Philanthropy Awardees.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dorothy Matteson and Nancy Hegelheimer are celebrating their 45th (Dorothy) and 35th (Nancy) anniversaries in Soroptimist this year. We are so lucky to have these great role models in our midst. Nancy will receive a commendation at the Spring Conference in May (unfortunately Dorothy is unable to attend).

Congratulations to you both and thank you!



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.



**We're ready to
dispel some
Soroptimysticisms!!**

Fancy talk for an excuse to have fun!

**SO..... NOW YOU ARE A
SOROPTIMIST....**

**Tired of trying to explain
to your friends the **BIG S?****

(otherwise known as the big secret?)

**It's time to let the secret
out of the box!**



WHEN: Tuesday, June 3, 2008

WHERE: Bixby Riviera Clubhouse
6278 Riviera Circle, Long Beach

WHAT TIME: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT: A little wine, some tasty snacks, fun times with other Soroptimi and candid discussions about what it means to be a Soroptimist and how to make our organization the best!

RSVP TO: Lynn Hermstad (562)596-1717 or
by email to t_hermstad@yahoo.com

Shopping with Soroptimist 2008 is May 17

May 17, 2008 is this year's date for Shopping with Soroptimists at Working Wardrobes. The event begins at 8:30 am and goes through lunch (about 1pm). Applications have been distributed to local organizations and shelters to select ten deserving shoppers and volunteer positions are now open. Drivers, Personal shoppers, Greeter, Valets, Food Services, Re-stockers, Salon Assistants and Wrappers are needed. There's a job for everyone. To volunteer, sign up at the next meeting or contact Robin Thorne: chmeng97@verizon.net or by phone: 562-984-0539.

NEWS and Notes –

“What a wonderful way to wrap up my tenure at El Dorado Nature Center. The luncheon and awards ceremony were exquisite and the honor of being recognized by a community of dynamic women was overwhelming. Please share my deep thanks to all the women in the organization for the honor “ – Mary Blackburn

Congratulations to our Book Club member, Freda Matsuda, named Soroptimist of the Year by her club (SI Huntington Beach) at the WMD luncheon. (HB Soroptimist of the Year award is similar to our Hall of Fame award.)

Check out the LB City College Women and Men’s Resource Center website and follow the link to the Soroptimist Women in the Trades Center at <http://wmresources.lbcc.edu/> According to Anita Gibbins, in addition to helping LBCC Re-entry women enroll in the trades (helping with books, equipment, etc), Soroptimist funds are also helping Rosie the Riveter High School students from WINTER who are taking classes at LBCC in “trades” related education.

If you plan to invite a guest to Margie’s installation on June 25th, please send the name and address to Monika Dieckmann at monikaLongBeach@aol.com. She is sending out “save the date” and invitations to all guests.

WWMAD RECAP &

PLANNING MEETING

At the home of Michele Wilkosz

3331 St Albans, Los Alamitos

May 29th -6:30 ish

Join us for a light dinner and discussion of what went right and what we can do better in 2009! RSVP to Lynn Shrum , lynn.m.shrum@smithbarney.com

Book Club – May 13th

The next meeting of SILB Book Club will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at the home of Renee Simon. “Water For Elephants” is the book selection of the month. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Renee at reneeimc@aol.com or by phone: 562-434-8228. She will provide address and directions to her home.



It's Never Too Late To Celebrate!

An SILB shower for

Renee Simon (& Jack, too)!

Thursday, May 8

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Crab Pot

215 Marina Drive

Long Beach

Wine, appetizers & the “garment”
RSVP to Jaye Johnson
(562)673-3107 or johnson.jaye@gmail.com

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What is the Laurel Society, anyway?

By Judy Hess

In 1994, the Laurel Society was established to recognize and honor those individuals whose contributions ensured continued funding for Soroptimist programs. The donor is awarded a Laurel Society pin, designed with laurel leaves of the Soroptimist emblem which typify friendship and success.

Members of the Laurel Society are emissaries promoting international good will and understanding, for the improvement of the lives of women and girls.

An individual wishing to become a member of the Laurel Society makes a financial contribution to Soroptimist, although an honorarium can be set up whereby the family, club or friends can donate in recognition of exemplary service, leadership, and special life events.

The contributions range as follows:

\$1000-2499 Sapphire, \$2500-4999 Ruby, \$5000-9999 Diamond, \$10,000-24,999 Pearl
\$25,000+ Custom Pin

Those wishing to join the Laurel Society can access the application form on the SIA website (www.soroptimist.org).

Got NEWS? ANNOUNCEMENTS? GOOD GOSSIP? JOKES? - Email the Editor: Linda.jensen6@verizon.net OR send by regular mail: 3529 Olive Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807