



Soroptimist News

Special Edition ALL THE NEWS YOU DIDN'T GET !

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Best for Women



This Special Edition brings you the news that was submitted by members for the February Newsletter which was omitted because of technical problems with the Email of your Editor –

OH RATS –

I'm so sorry! -Linda

Remaining February Programs and Menus:

- February 20 Ryan Gragnano/Port of Long Beach – "Port 101"
Roasted Beef Brisket – Lemon Dessert
- February 27 Board Meeting – No regular club meeting

Important Dates to Remember:

- February 4- Donna Skinner Exhibits her art at Coastline College Administrative
- March 15 Center/Mezzanine – 11460 Warner Avenue, Fountain Valley
- February 21 SILB Book Club Meeting – Home of Judy Hirsch
Book Discussion: "The Nine" by Jeffrey Toobin
- February 27 Shopping with Soroptimists at Chicos
- March 12 Woman's Opportunity Award Program
- March 18 Ex-Pros meeting, 12 pm, Buster's
- April 23 Inter Service Club Luncheon – location to be announced
- May 2-3 Camino Real Region Spring Conference/Woodland Hills
- May 17 Shopping with Soroptimists at Working Wardrobes
- June 20-21 Camino Real Leadership Training
- July 16-19 Soroptimist of the Americas 40th Biennial Convention -Taipei, Taiwan

APRIL 5 WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON!

We're happy to announce another winner:

Marie LaFortune, Woman of Distinction Winner in the Health category.

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2007-08 Officers and Board of Directors

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Kudos to club members for hosting yet another successful "Holiday Boutique". The event was truly executed first class through the efforts of club members. The theme, "Celebrates the Stars" was congruent with President, Judy Hess's theme selected during her tenure as president.

The centerpieces of holiday greenery and a large metal star in the center were well received. The Club allowed us complete usage of all rooms at the club. This afforded us the opportunity to have more space for the Silent Auction. The Live Auction and the presentation of the Dr. Katherine White honoree went well. Those in attendance enjoyed the ambiance, food and opportunity to purchase gifts for others.

The event's success was due to the hard work of Club members and the President, Judy Hess. Those Club members playing a most active role in planning and implementation of the event, included Beverly Carrette and Robyn Thomas, Co-Chairs, Silent Auction; Freda H. Otto and Pam Seager, Co-Chairs Live Auction; Mary Soth and Imogene Shelton for their work in securing the contract and handling sign in; Sally Lane and her committee for handling reservations; Cheryl Sears for working with the florist - Vickie's Flowers in securing the centerpieces; Sande Rice for storing the articles and coordinating preparation of baskets; Margie Videtto Hersh, Kathleen Ward, Monika Dieckmann and Mary Steele for closing out the auction sales, and coordinating the activities of "S" Club high school volunteers with the assistance of Robin Thorne; Denise Lanuti and her committee for a very festive bake sale; Lori Woodruff for the excellent "Live Auction" power point; Freda H. Otto for presentation of the Dr. Katherine White honoree; and all club members who helped with the set-up of the Silent Auction, under the leadership of Diane DeWalsche, Kimberly BeDell, Charlotte Berry, Blanche Cannady, Stacey Gaines, Anita Gibbins, Nancy Hegelheimer, Erin Holloway, Jaye Johnson, Diane McNinch, Judith Pedneault, Sande Rice, Cheryl Sears and Donna Skinner. In addition, Scott Burchard, husband of Pam Seager serving as the Auctioneer added to the success of the Boutique.

Net Income from the event was \$26,969.34, composed of Almost Live Auction \$3,350; Live Auction, \$8225; Silent Auction \$7120, Bake Sale \$486; Centerpieces \$835; Donations \$2,538; Scholarship donations \$2745; Opportunity Ticket sales \$2,630. Thanks to Michele Wilkolsz for this information.

A hearty thanks to all club members who worked on the committee and/ or attended the event. Your endeavors are truly appreciated.

2007 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SURVEY REPORT

Thank you to those members that completed the survey. Twenty-nine(29) respondents completed the survey. This survey reports the percentage for each response. Percentage results do not total 100% as some respondents did not respond to all items. The percentage is based upon the numbers responding and total received.

1. The cost of each reservation was reasonable. N=(29)

Agree (66%) Disagree (17%) No opinion (17%)

2. The cost of opportunity drawing tickets was reasonable. N=27

Agree (89%) Disagree (4%) No opinion (3%)

3. The location was appropriate. N=29

Agree (90%) Disagree (4%) No opinion (7%)

4. The day and time were acceptable. N=27

Agree (86%) Disagree (12%) No opinion (4%)

5. The food and service were excellent. N=28

Agree (47%) Disagree (47%) No opinion (8%)

6. Serving wine at the table was appropriate. N=28

Agree (68%) Disagree (15%) No opinion (18%)

7. The program was appropriate. N=26

Agree (77%) Disagree (8%) No opinion (16%)

8. The Silent Auction was appropriate. N=25

Agree (92%) Disagree (4%) No opinion (4%)

9. The centerpieces were beautiful. N=24

Agree (80%) Disagree (3%) No opinion (17%)

10. The Live Auction was appropriate. N=24

Agree (71%) Disagree (8%) No opinion (21%)

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rate your participation in the overall activities. N=24

1 (4%) 2 (8%) 3 (21%) 4 (21%) 5 (46%)

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2007 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SURVEY REPORT – Comments

Survey Continued – Comments:

We need entertainment.

How about going back to a Sunday brunch. It was very successful several years ago at Sycamore center. Too early, should be a week or more later. White tablecloths, flowers, and white food not festive for XMAS (Christmas).

Serving of wine-absolutely not. 1) We take on liability;2) some people don't drink; 3) wine was mediocre;4) people drink more when they don't have to pay. Weird combo of salmon and chicken-the sauces were merging in an inedible pool in the center. Choose one or give a choice.

Room not conducive to Live Auction. Need much more publicity (boards balloons). Silent slides were excellent but couldn't see from my end of room

Slightly boring and embarrassing to only give a mother of 6 \$100. The word appropriate is non-descript-what do you really want to know? I was bored and really don't want to go again, but I would help.

Food was not as good as last year. Service was "splotchy".

Dining room too long. Keep(Silent Auction) open until dinner-close all at once.

Late October would be better-no conflicts with other events.

Service good. Food not up to last years standard. Program: Difficult to hear or see the speakers if you were at the end of the room.-impossible to see the power point.

The appetizers were very good, but I recommend using the dollars to improve the meal instead. The 2006 meal was much better than this year.

The stars in the center pieces were not visible so it was a waste of money.

Heard comments regarding food being inappropriate combination on plate. Insufficient time allowed on silent auction.

Food was awful. Live auction: Hard to hear and hard to see.

NEWS FROM MEALS ON WHEELS OF LONG BEACH

by Judy Pedneault

Special thanks to those of you who support the Meals on Wheels program by sending your personal donations. The volunteers, staff and especially the clients, are very appreciative of your generosity.

The Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels (MOW) welcomed new member Nancy Hegelheimer back into the MOW family at its January board meeting. A long time supporter of the program, this is Nancy's second time in service as a Board Member.

Attention: New or recent SILB members, did you know...?

Meals on Wheels was started in Long Beach in March 1971 as a pilot program and service project of Soroptimist International of Long Beach. In 1973, governed by a board of directors, Meals on Wheels was incorporated as a separate non-profit organization and later expanded to North Long Beach. As the agency grew, facilities were opened in East Long Beach and Northeast Long Beach. Each site continues to thrive.

Meals on Wheels was originated in England during World War II when the Women's Volunteer Services were organized to help Civil Defense. The first successful program in the United States began in Philadelphia in 1954 and has spread throughout major cities in the United States.

SHOPPING AT CHICOS SUPPORTS OUR SHOPPING WITH SOROPTIMISTS EVENTS – LOOK AT SOME RESULTS OF LAST YEAR ON PAGE 5!



*The Spring Collection
will be in the store!!!*

CHICO'S loves Shopping Soroptimists!

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Time: 4:00 p.m. to closing
(can't come at 4 ?..???)

Shop earlier in the day and mention SILB so
10% will go to SILB!

Where:

Chico's
4725 E. 2nd St.
Belmont Shore (Long Beach)



Look in your Chico's
catalog and call ahead
(562)433-5559 to hold that
special item for you to
purchase on Wednesday!

Please RSVP to johnson.jaye@gmail.com by Monday February 25, 2008

There will be refreshments provided by Chico's—
fruits, cheeses, chocolates (of course), and non-
alcoholic beverages.

Bring a friend or several!

Shop, save, and make a difference!!

- Bring your coupons!
- Each shopper who is a Passport member receives 5% off
- SILB receives a check from Chico's for 10% of the net proceeds from the event!!!!!!

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WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON

by Michele Wilkosz

The Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held on Saturday April 5, 2008 at the Long Beach Airport Marriot Hotel, 4700 Airport Drive, Long Beach. Our wonderful winners are:

Making a Difference for Women Award

Audrey Stephanie Loftin, Attorney at Law

Businesses and Organizations Advancing the Status of Women

WINTER Training Women in Non-Traditional Careers, Founder Lynn Shaw

Women of Distinction

Health

Marie LaFortune, Retired Director of Nursing, Long Beach Memorial Women's Hospital

Education

Christi Wilkins, Executive Director of Dramatic Results

Environment

Mary Blackburn, Director of the Long Beach Nature Center at El Dorado Park

Human Rights/Status of Women

Kate Marr, Attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Economic and Social

Monica Stel, Executive Director of Harbor Area Halfway Houses