



**SOROPTIMIST**  
Best for Women

# Soroptimist News

Newsletter of Soroptimist International of Long Beach  
April 2009 Edition

**April  
Happy Birthdays!**

**Judy Hirsch  
April 1**

**Cheryl Sears  
April 3**

**Carol A. Churchill  
April 11**

**Nancy Hegelheimer  
April 13**

**Mary Steele  
April 15**

**Susan Berkman  
April 17**

**Jeanie Miller  
April 21**

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\*President's Message\*

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\*Announcements &  
Upcoming Parties\*

\*Successful Events  
& Congratulations\*

\*Community Events\*

\*Donations & Ideas\*

\*Board of Directors\*

## April/May Programs and Menus

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| <b>April 1</b>  | Business Meeting, Chef Salad, Chocolate Dessert                                  |
| <b>April 8</b>  | Speaker: Karyn Reddick, Pastoral Care<br>Chicken Caesar Salad, Strawberry Sundae |
| <b>April 15</b> | Interservice Club Luncheon replaces our meeting                                  |
| <b>April 22</b> | Dark   |
| <b>May 6</b>    | Business Meeting, Tostada Supreme, Ice Cream                                     |
| <b>May 13</b>   | Philanthropy Scholarship & WOA Luncheon<br>Asian Chicken Salad, Chocolate Cake   |
| <b>May 20</b>   | Soroptimist Archives, Chef's Lasagna, Fresh Fruit Desert                         |
| <b>May 27</b>   | Dark   |

## Important Dates:

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| <b>April 2</b>     | Meals on Wheels Benefit at Long Beach Playhouse<br>Reception 7: 00 pm, Play: Sabrina Fair starts at 7:30 pm |
| <b>April 4</b>     | WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE<br>Awards Luncheon - The Grand  |
| <b>April 24-25</b> | Camino Real Region Spring Conference -<br>Crowne Plaza, Ventura Beach                                       |
| <b>May 13</b>      | Philanthropy Scholarship & WOA Luncheon<br>(regular meeting)  |
| <b>May 30</b>      | Shopping with Soroptimists at Working Wardrobes<br>SAVE THE DATE  |
| <b>June 24</b>     | SILB Installation   |

## MORE SOROPTIMIST RESOURCES

[www.si-longbeach.org](http://www.si-longbeach.org), [www.caminorealregion.org](http://www.caminorealregion.org), [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)  
"Best for Women" - Soroptimist International Quarterly Magazine

Several of you have asked me recently "Can you believe that your year as President is almost over"? It is indeed hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by and yet there are still so many exciting upcoming events; I look forward to the next and final quarter of our year with anticipation and pleasure.

Our Women Who Make a Difference event this year is turning out to be a greater success than any of us could have imagined...can you believe we already have over 400 luncheon reservations! I don't know how to begin to thank Lynn Shrum, Louise Cunningham and their hard working committee; you ladies are awesome! If you have not sent in your reservation call Judy Hirsch today, you don't want to miss this event and it looks like we could sell out!!

As you know, SILB is hosting the Interservice Luncheon; it will be at The Grand, on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Justin Rudd will be the speaker so please plan to attend this will be an event that you won't want to miss.

Next we have the Camino Real Spring Conference on April 24-26; I am pleased that we have five members who will be attending the entire conference and another eight members that will join us on Friday night for the awards dinner. Last year at the Spring Conference I realized again how truly fortunate I am to be a member of this great organization. It was an uplifting and motivating time for me; one I would like all members of SILB to experience. There is still time for late registration so please let me know if you would like to attend.

Our Nominating Committee, chaired by President Elect Denice Lanuti, has been selected and they are busy putting the leadership team in place for next year. Our Finance Committee has reviewed the 2007/2008 Financials and will report at the May Business Meeting. Being President has allowed me to realize what wonderful, talented, and generous women our club has; I appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Margie Hersh  
President

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to SOROPTIMIST CLUB, LONG BEACH

Happy Birthday Soroptimist International  
of Long Beach!

Eighty-five years old!



The March 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary date was celebrated by past president's **Nancy Hegelheimer, Sally Lane, Louise Carlsen, Dorothy Deatherage, Blanche Cannady, Dorothy Beam, Judy Pedneault, Judy Hess, Margie Hersh**, leading us through the highlights of the club's decades since 1924 when SILB was chartered as the eighth club in the world. SILB began with 48 Long Beach women decked out in hats and gloves for the weekly meetings. From the beginning, Soroptimists aren't "ladies who lunch". They were activists who over the years established Rockhaven Preventorium which provided health programs for "undernourished girls" from ages 4-16, established Meals on Wheels, built Soroptimist House for the students' at CSULB, sponsored numerous other local Soroptimist clubs, established the annual Shopping with Soroptimist to outfit women returning to the workforce as well as chartering an S Club for high Poly High School girls and donating thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants to women and area nonprofit agencies.

In addition to sharing the history, the members shared a bit of birthday cake. Retired members came out for the special day too, including **Dorothy Fornia, Marie LaFortune, Mary Soth, Renee Simon, Minnie Douglas, Margaret Leake, Jane Barrett. Janice Cole** was saluted as the member with the most years with the club – since 1968!

President **Margie Hersh's** goal of 85 members for the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary was reached with the induction of two new members, **Rosalie Rowe** and **Wendy Puzarno** who were inducted by **Lynn Hermstad**– a fitting milestone for this outstanding organization to celebrate eighty-five years of improving the lives of women and girls in Long Beach and around the world.



## Welcome New Member!

*Editor's note: Member profile – We asked new member **Nicolassa Galvez** to pose some internal questions and share her thoughts. We hope this will be a new feature and way of getting to know our new members as well as refresh us about our long-time members.*



If you could do anything in the entire world without any chance of failure, what would you do?

**I would learn how to fly**

What is one thing you would like to have in your life that you don't currently have?

**I would like to own a home in Long Beach with a few of the ocean and a yard for my dog**

What is your favorite item at Trader Joes's?

**Garlic Naan and Chocolate Torte cake**

What is your favorite Long Beach restaurant?

**At Last Café**

What is one thing you want to accomplish this year?

**I would like to meet my fundraising goal as a grant writer at my new job at Su Casa.**

You have to give a 10 minute speech at your high school, what is it about?

**How important it is to love family, friends, enemies and people you've never even met.**

What traits in others are you attracted to?

**Confidence and ambition. A "never give up" attitude!**

Two truths and a lie...

**I am afraid of the dark**

**I collect Mexican art**

**I press snooze at least four times every morning**

What are some Long Beach locations you love to visit or some local finds you would like to share with the rest of us?

**The stairs (for running) on Ocean between Junipero and Redondo, Dog beach, MOLAA**

What cause do you think is most important to the future of women?

**Self-Esteem. If we could raise our girls with enough self-esteem, there is so much they would avoid and so much more they could accomplish.**

## Meals on Wheels Invites You!

### SABRINA FAIR

**\* APRIL 2nd \***

The Meals on Wheels board of Directors will host a reception at 7:00 PM and the performance of Sabrina Fair will begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

Remember the old Humphry Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, William Holden movie *Sabrina*?

This is the original stage version *Sabrina Fair*, and promises to be a really fun program.

Tickets are only \$25 per person and seating is open. This would make a great birthday or special occasion gift. Invite your friends and call or e-mail Nancy Hegelheimer (phone: 562-421-1446 or e-mail: [cwh3058@verizon.net](mailto:cwh3058@verizon.net)) to make your reservations ASAP. (Reservations are limited, SILB has first choice.)

Don't miss the opportunity to meet and socialize with the board, staff, volunteers and advocates of the community service program our SILB created and has supported since 1971.

Your investment....over \$150,000.

## Casino Night

**\* APRIL 17th \***

It's that time of the year again! Soroptimist International of Downey will be hosting "A Night at the Copacabana Casino" at the Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey, 10627 Old River School Road,

on Friday night, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Our mission is to make a difference for women and children through volunteer community service work. Your attendance at this event will not only provide you with a fabulous night at the "Copacabana", but it will also help us to provide the funding and scholarships needed to continue our work.

If you would like to purchase tickets prior to the event and save \$5 a person, I would be happy to sell them to you. The price per ticket is \$40 pre-sale and \$45 at the door. Please make checks payable to: SI Downey. We also have \$10 opportunity tickets available. You would have a chance to win \$200, \$300, or \$500!

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Speak Out"

**\* APRIL 17th \***

Long Beach Sexual Assault Crisis Agency (SACA) and  
CSULB Women's Resource Center (WRC)  
present:

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Speak Out"  
An Evening of Healing and Empowerment  
for Sexual Assault Survivors:  
Open Mic, Clothesline Project, Self Defense  
and Safety Instruction.

When: **Friday, April 24, 2009, 5 – 9pm**

Location: Soroptimist House at CSULB,  
1250 Bellflower Blvd.

More Information:  
SACA at 562.989.0309, x103 or WRC  
562.985.8576

## Rosie the Riveter Comes to Soroptimist International Long Beach



“They came to Long Beach during World War II to work in the Douglas Aircraft Plant. They riveted, welded, wired, assembled and inspected the war planes that eventually won the war. They were affectionately and collectively known as ‘Rosie the Riveter’”.

The March 18, luncheon program was not to be missed but in case you did.....

Gerrie Schipske, *AKA* Long Beach Councilwomen, presented a wonderful slide video showing us the life and times of “Rosie the Riveter” at the Douglas Plant in Long Beach. Gerrie found a treasure trove of WWII vintage photos at the Boeing Company Archives. She decided to share them with the world in Her New Book, *Rosie the Riveter in Long Beach*. In addition to the slides, she shared tidbits about how women not only worked but how women were treated in the workplace...

and how this WWII time changed women’s lives in the United States forever. Gerrie brought wonderful postcard photos and copies of her book which she autographed



Gerrie Schipske at SILB luncheon program.

## Art is at the Heart!

Dramatic Results, the organization founded by Christi Wilkins, one of our Women Who Make A Difference honorees from last year, is having an open house:

Wednesday, April 29 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Art is at the Heart  
Open house event at:  
3310 Lime Avenue  
Signal Hill, CA 90755

A heartwarming evening filled with beautiful hand-made art and delicious snacks to feed your body and your spirit.

Everyone is invited, but please RSVP to (562)595-4600.

## INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON

**\* MAY 13th \***

Attention all Philanthropists!  
That means you, Soroptimist members.

Don't miss this meeting!

This is the program that defines Soroptimist International's mission and vision. This is an opportunity for you to see and hear, first hand, from the beneficiaries of the funds that are donated to Soroptimist International of Long Beach. You'll be inspired by their stories, as well as their courage.

It's your chance to see in person the lives your volunteerism impacts. It's their chance to meet the women who have made a difference in their lives.

All year we buy tickets, we make baskets, and we work on committees and at events. Why? To fund our service projects, scholarships and awards. So, come to the meeting on May 13 and enjoy the fruits of your labors! And, better yet, bring a friend. This is the best showcase of our club you could provide to a potential new member or donor.

**Inaugural Scholarship  
Awards Luncheon  
May 13, 2009 at 12 p.m.  
The Grand  
4101 E. Willow St. Long Beach**

Please join us.  
The awards and scholarships that  
will be presented at this  
luncheon are:

**Violet Richardson Award**

**Helen Diamond Scholar  
Award**

**Dr. Katherine White Award**

**Gladdes Neff Award**

**Women & Philanthropy**

**Women's Opportunity Awards**

**S-Club at Poly High School  
Continuing Education Award**

**Long Beach City College  
Scholarships**

**Soroptimist International of  
Long Beach**

**The Past to the Present**

**On May 20, 2009**

**Noon**

**The Monarch Room  
At The Grand**

**Presented By  
The Archive Committee  
Louise Carlson & Dorothy Deatherage**

**Please come join us for a program  
celebrating our history in print & pictures**

**Hats & gloves & vintage attire encouraged**

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\* SEPTEMBER 19 \*



Saturday Night,  
Sept. 19

Pink Martini at the  
Hollywood Bowl

Tickets are \$50.50

each. Picnicking begins at 5 p.m.—show starts at 7:30 p.m. Folks coming from Long Beach—we'll have a bus just for our group—cost will be around \$18/each

**Contact person: Jaye Johnson**

**Phone: 562.596.6859**

**Email: johnson.jaye@gmail.com**

There will be a catered picnic..  
Information will be available  
by July 31.

This is a great event to bring  
friends and family.

Tickets are limited, so please  
make your reservation as  
soon as possible.

Payment must be received by  
July 1, 2009.

PINK MARTINI

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 Pedneault

**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

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1. Garamond Typeface in 12 point
2. Plain text in a word document or an email - NO FORMATTING
3. Flyer submissions MUST be either PDF or JPEG
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