



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

Soroptimist News

Newsletter of Soroptimist International of Long Beach
June 2009 Edition

**June
Happy Birthdays!**

**Michele Wilkosz
June 2**

**Louise Cunningham
June 4**

**Barbara Freeman
June 5**

**Agnes A. Herbst
June 17**

**Hazel Wallace
June 24**

**Jean Barrett-Graham
June 29**

Calendar

President's Message

Program News

*Announcements &
Upcoming Parties*

*Successful Events
& Congratulations*

Community Events

Donations & Ideas

Board of Directors

June Programs and Menus

June 3 Chef's Salad, Cheesecake

June 10 Grilled Chicken and Fettucini, Sherbert

June 17 Chicken Caesar Salad, Peach Cobbler

Important Dates:

June 3 Business meeting-President Margie

June 10 China, Culture and Controversy-Lori Brault

June 17 Funding Issues for California Children-Tammie Kyle
Executive Director-CCD, Inc. Long Beach

June 24 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS-Denice Lanuti et.al.

MORE SOROPTIMIST RESOURCES

www.si-longbeach.org, www.caminorealregion.org, www.soroptimist.org
"Best for Women" - Soroptimist International Quarterly Magazine

I was both deeply moved and inspired by our First Annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on May 13th. We had 91 in attendance and I only wish every club member could have been there to hear our 16 award and scholarship recipients tell what a difference the award will make in their lives. Several of the women expressed their gratitude that someone believed in them enough to give them a helping hand when they needed it most; this brought tears to my eyes and I realized this encompasses all that we stand for and work so hard to accomplish. This was a moment for us to be truly proud of having made a difference not only in the lives of these young women, but the ripple effect that they will ultimately extend through the lives that they will touch. Like ripples from pebbles...cast into the ocean.

...then our May 20th Archive presentation was truly impressive, our club has such a rich history and thankfully we have some extraordinary club members who have worked tirelessly to preserve the history. I would like to thank Dorothy Deatherage and Louise Carlson for their many hours spent at the CSULB Library working on the archives and for gathering the information to ensure our archives are complete and up to date, Nancy Hegelheimer for preparing, updating, and presenting our history, Jaye Johnson for preparing the video presentation and Monika Dieckmann for chairing and coordinating the archive committee and working so hard to bring us this presentation...I would also like to give a big thank you to Monika's "Soroptimister" Chris for his help in bringing the archives to us for the day.

Our – Shopping with Soroptimist – event on May 30th was a huge success. We don't see Robin Thorne at many of our meetings due to her work schedule but she puts in many hours every year coordinating SWS and working with our S-Club...thanks Robin for all your hard work. It was such a rewarding experience to meet and work with thirteen delightful women and to see their transformation after a new hairstyle, makeup application, wardrobe and lots of encouragement and good wishes from our SILB ladies. As I watched the women leave in the afternoon with their head held high, big smiles on their faces and gratitude in the hearts I knew why I love being a part of SILB. Thank you to all who participated. Thirteen women will never forget us!

We are nearing the end of our 2008-2009 Soroptimist year; I want to thank all of you for making this a very successful and fun-filled year! As Dale Carnegie said, "People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing." I have had a lot of fun this year working with and realizing anew what a great group of women make up SILB! I have so enjoyed being your president and thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Margie Hersh
President

1st Annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon

We were all proud to be Soroptimists as sixteen scholarships and awards were presented. Everything, from the “pebble cast into the ocean” theme, splendid programs, special seating, centerpieces and certificates to the event honorees, was very special. There wasn't a dry eye when all the honorees spoke about their lives and their goals. Proud parents and guests had places at every table. Women and girls were honored from Poly and Wilson High Schools, LBCC, El Camino College, CSULB, CSUDH as well as our SIA Women's Opportunity Awardees (truly a community wide event). All of the women and girls were pursuing their educational goals. We were especially honored to have our newest award donor present, Jean Huddleston McGetrick who helped present her SILB award.



This is the first year we have had an event to honor all the Soroptimist scholarships and awards at the same luncheon. We had more than 90 in attendance at the May 13th luncheon. At the end of the ceremony, Linda Haines, Soroptimist International, 3rd District Director awarded service pins to 5, 10, 25 and 35 year SILB members.

SILB is an all volunteer organization chartered in 1924 to bring together professional and executive women in pursuing the mission of improving the status of women in our community and throughout the world. In the last five years over \$175,000 has been awarded to deserving individuals and organizations in the Long Beach Community.

It was a wonderful inaugural event and special thanks to all the Philanthropy Committee members who helped with this luncheon. We are looking forward to next year's 2nd Annual SILB Scholarship and Awards Luncheon event.



The Archives Committee

One Big Round of Applause for the Archives Committee!



The Archives Committee put together a wonderful presentation of SILB through the decades with their personal presentations as well as albums of historical interest for everyone. They dressed in Roaring 20's style for the meeting. We thank them for all their hard work. Louise Carlson and Dorothy Deatherage have been doing this for 10 years. Judy Hirsch, Monika Dieckman and Jaye Johnson have also given many hours to this project

Kudos to Freda

Freda Hinsche Otto and her husband Doug Otto were honored with the California Conference for Equality and Justice's 2009 Humanitarian Award at CCEJ's 46th Annual Humanitarian Awards dinner on May 21, 2009. Several Soroptimists attended the event including Blanche Cannady, Dana Walch, Denice Lanuti, Pamela Seager, Minnie Douglas and Lori Brault. Both Freda and Doug were recognized for their advancement of the mission of the CCEJ, their civic contributions, and their commitment to humankind.

The mission of the Long Beach-based CCEJ is to reduce bias, bigotry, and prejudice in the United States. Freda has been a member of Soroptimist since December 1998 and served as President of the club in 2002-2003.

Planning for WWMD 2010

*** JUNE 10 ***

June 10, 2009 - Wednesday

Wrap Up for 2009 WWMD & Planning for WWMD 2010

Will be held at Freda Hinsche Otto's home
@ 5:30 pm

5537 East Ocean Blvd. Long Beach 90803

SILB members who were involved on the 2009 WWMD committee & those who would like to be involved with 2010 WWMD co-chairs Pamela Seager and Freda Hinsche Otto on the 2010 WWMD luncheon committee please join us if you can.

Lynn Shrum will be providing lasagna, bread and salad.

Please email Lynn Shrum if you are able to join us @ lynn.m.shrum@smithbarney.com so that we can make sure that we have enough food.

If you CANNOT join us for the dinner BUT want to be involved with the Pamela & Freda for the 2010 luncheon, please email Pamela@rancholosalamitos.com & fhinscheotto@charter.net to let them know of your interest.

Thank you. Lynn

Editorial By Joel Brinkley – McClatchy-Tribune Syndicate, May 26, 2009

On the subject of human rights for women around the world, this recent editorial:

In much of the world, women have a long way to go

It's an unfortunate axiom of modern life that women's rights are seriously curtailed in much of the less-developed world. In Northwestern Thailand, for example, mothers sell their 12-year-old daughters into sexual slavery so they can pay to send their sons to school.

In Russia, so many husbands beat their wives, with total impunity, that an ancient Russian proverb seems apt even today. It says: "A beating man is a loving man."

In Saudi Arabia, clerics sentenced a 75-year-old woman to 40 lashes and three months in jail for asking two men to bring her some food. Meantime, religious authorities encourage child marriage, and last month an 8-year-old girl managed to divorce her 50-year-old husband.

In Afghanistan before 2001, women lived in a medieval Taliban theocracy that did not allow girls to go to school or women to leave the house without a male escort. So, after the invasion, the United States needed to do very little to give women a sense of liberation. Still, in both Afghanistan and Iraq right now, women's rights are facing setbacks. Perhaps the best known of them, in Afghanistan, was President Hamid Karzai's recent decision to

sign a law requiring Shiite women to put on fancy clothes and makeup if their husbands request it - and then to have sex whenever he demands it. Karzai, relatively unpopular now, did this at the behest of Shiite clergy whose support he needs in the elections this summer. The Afghan government could not function without Western aid, most of it from the United States. After absorbing a broad international rebuke, Karzai said he would try to change the law. But if he caves in to Western concerns, he knows full well that he may lose re-election in August.

While we watch Karzai squirm, Afghan women are subjected to the same brutal treatment women face worldwide in fundamentalist religious states. So far this year, there has been a rash of acid attacks on women and girls who, the attackers believe, have somehow besmirched their honor.

With help from U.S. forces, the Iraqi military now controls Basra, and women are far less threatened - for now. But the American-mandated promotion of women in government has not taken women very far. Women do sit in the parliament, but they wield little influence. Meantime, Nawal al-Samarraie, Iraq's minister for women's affairs, quit her job when the central government cut her budget - to \$1,500 a month for the entire Ministry of Women's Affairs.

In the United States, women have fought for 200 years to win equal rights and have come a very long way. In Iraq and Afghanistan, women must climb a far steeper hill. Let's hope that the accomplishments of western women can serve as an inspiration to shorten the journey.

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS from OUR SOROPTIMIST SISTERS

* JUNE 5 *

Relay For Life of Long Beach

June 05, 2009 at California State
University Long Beach

Want to help?

We need you on the team – Jaye Johnson is the team captain.
SILB will be on the t-shirts – we'll be there as a group
and we need YOU.

One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during
their lifetime. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life®
unites communities across the country each year to celebrate
the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved
ones lost, and fight back against a
disease that takes too much.

This year marks the beginning of our celebration of 25 years
of Relay For Life®. Won't you join us this year and be a part
of Relay? Help us mark this milestone and celebrate the
successes we've achieved together
during the last 25 years.

Be a part of the fight against cancer - Sign Up or Donate today!
Thanks for being a part of Relay For Life!

Learn more about Relay For Life® and how together we can
celebrate, remember, and fight back against cancer!
Log on to www.main.acsevents.org - Click on Sign Up, then SI
Long Beach (team name) and click on join.

The Rancho's Newly Restored Native Garden

* JUNE 6 *

**Rancho Los Alamitos Celebrates the Opening of the
Newly Restored Native Garden, Saturday, June 6
from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**WHAT: In the Nature of the Place Native Plants and
Mediterranean Gardens.** Rancho Los Alamitos Historic
Ranch and Gardens will commemorate the much anticipated
reopening of the restored one acre Historic Native Garden.

Family members of all ages will enjoy **Free** on-going
tours of the Ranch house and gardens along with art activities,
children's garden explorations and musical entertainment. Visit
the native plant sale and gift shop for unique home and garden
items. Refreshments are available at a reasonable price.

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2009, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WHERE: Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and
Gardens, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA, 90815.** Free
parking is at Cal State Long Beach Lot 11 with continuous
shuttle service to the Rancho

ADMISSION: General admission is **FREE**. Pre-
registration and fees required for optional garden
seminars. Register at www.rancholosalamitos.com or call
562-431-3541

ABOUT: Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and
Gardens is a nationally-recognized 7.5-acre historic site
featuring an adobe ranch house and a nationally
significant four-acre historic garden.

Rancho Los Alamitos is owned by the City of Long
Beach and operated by Rancho Los Alamitos Founda-
tion, a nonprofit organization, as a public/private
cooperative effort under the auspices of the Depart-
ment of Parks, Recreation and Marine.

Shake and the Chantoosies

* JUNE 10 *

**Shake and the Chantoosies
Performing at DiPiazza's Lava Lounge
On Friday, June 10th, 7—8:30 p.m.**

5205 E. Pacific Coast Hwy
Long Beach, CA 90804
(562) 498-2461
www.dipiazzas.com

Dinner reservations at 6 p.m. Jaye has 20 seats
reserve. Email her if you are interested. The
event sold out last time! The cover is \$7/each,
plus your food and drinks.

Art Show Closing Reception

* JUNE 12 *

If you missed the opening of BuyArt Studios
Spring Show, "Oil and Silver", the Closing
Reception will be
June 12, 2009 from 5pm to 7pm

at
BuyArt Studios
2828 East 10th Street
(cross-street is Temple)

Presented will be the art of Dawn Morishige
and Steven Looman.

for more information contact Dawn Morishige
562-856-9095 or by email, buyart@earthlink.net

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS from OUR SOROPTIMIST SISTERS

*** JUNE 27-28 ***

**Long Beach Bayou
&
Mardi Gras Festival**

Party at a festival and support deserving families!

Long Beach Bayou & Mardi Gras Festival
June 27 – 28

Gates open at 11:00 a.m.

Music starts at 11:30

Saturday ends at 9:00 p.m. – Sunday ends at 8:00
p.m.

Rainbow Lagoon Park
Shoreline Drive/Pine Ave.
(Behind the LB Convention Center)

Special group offer exclusively for Soroptimists:

General Admission \$35 –

Group Rate \$25 (\$10 savings)

VIP Tickets \$60 –

Group Rate \$50 (10 savings)

VIP Includes: Admission, access to Backstage,
Reserved Seating, one meal, beer/wine, sodas
and water.

Two Stages with Live Music featuring Blues, Jazz,
Cajun & Zydeco. Delicious Food, Free Dance
Lessons, Music Workshops and Free Arts &
Crafts for Kids. Bring Mask or Costume and join
the Mardi Gras Parade!

This is the annual fundraiser for Comprehensive
Child Development and programs for the
children of low-income working parents.

Questions:

Call Louise Cunningham – 562-427-8834

Group Code: Soroptimist

To order tickets: call 562-427-8834 and ask for
Group Discount Department.
Offer ends June 12th – though there will be
tickets at the gate at regular price.

Pink Martini at the Hollywood Bowl

*** SEPT 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.

This is a great event with a catered picnic.

Bring your friends and family.

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

Payment must be received by
July 1, 2009.

Fall Event - Trick or Treat, Shabby to Chic

*** OCT 30 ***

Fall Event - Trick or Treat, Shabby to Chic

October 30 at The Grand

Early Birds Notice – Focus for June

Items needed for Silent Auction:

Restaurants Gift Cards, any size or
shape, or amount!

Donate Early!

Ask your favorite host for a Donation Early!

Can't donate now, how about
50% off Coupon?

Please let Judy Griffin know and she will
schedule a pick up!

If you are interested in being on the commit-
tee, contact Jaye Johnson. Jaye & Jane are co-
chairing the event. It's going to be a lot of
fun!!!!!! We will be meeting only a couple of
times over the summer to work on this. We've
got Shake & the Chantoosies lined up to
perform after dinner.

We're shakin' up our Fall Fundraiser!

2009 SOROPTIMIST HALL OF FAME

★Call for Nominations★

Since 1984, Soroptimist International of Long Beach (SILB) has recognized one of our outstanding members with its highest honor, the Hall of Fame Award.

This award recognizes the contributions and accomplishments of one or more of our members as a Soroptimist, for her service to the community, and to her business or profession.

(There is no other award as special as an award by your peers!)

Our Committee depends on your thoughtful consideration of our members and your nomination of a woman (or women) from our Club who deserves this award.



**This year, our award will be presented on
September 16th, 2009.**

Please review the criteria on the attached form and submit your nomination no later than June 24, 2009, via fax (562)430-9694, email to Pamela@rancholosalamitos.com or by snail mail to Pamela Seager
6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815

**Remember that part of the thrill of this award is that it is a secret!
(like our Big S!)**



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

Submission Specifications for Soroptimist Newsletter:

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
4. Deadline is the 25th of every Month.

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