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Subject: Column Item from Soroptimist International of Long Beach

“Go for the Gold” is the theme for Soroptimist International of Long Beach this year. The Long Beach Yacht Club was the perfect summer setting for the annual officers installation luncheon. The program began with the awarding of scholarships for college tuition support to three of the S Club girls from Poly High School (**Elizabeth Lund, Brook Garcia and Aslissandra Carias**). The S Club was established four years ago as a Soroptimist sponsored group under the guidance of member Dr. Jana Martin. These girls are the first graduating class. Her daughter Mackenzie Martin was given a special gift from club members in appreciation of her four years of volunteerism. The club members have been involved in countless community events and are tomorrow’s leaders.

Following a refreshing salad lunch, President Judy Hess thanked her outgoing board members, presented each with a small gift basket and recounted year’s variety of successful activities, which included distributing \$39,200 in grants and scholarships to benefit women and girls. The gavel was then passed to new President Margie Hersh who presented roses and a special engraved memento to Judy from the club. Board members and directors were sworn in, and in keeping with the Margie’s theme an “award ceremony” Olympic-style medals were awarded to new board members and directors: **Margie Hersh, Denice Lanuti, Robyn Thomas, Jaye Johnson, Michelle Wilkosz, Kathy Ward, Susan Berkman, Lori Brault, Stacey Gaines, Minnie Douglas, Judy Griffin, and Louise Cunningham.**

FYI: Founded in 1924, Soroptimist International of Long Beach is a nonprofit volunteer service organization for women in business, management and professional work. In addition to many community outreach activities, throughout the year they award scholarships and grants to individuals and agencies promoting the education and welfare of women and girls in the Long Beach area. For information about SILB mission how you might help, email Member Services Director Lori Brault at lbrault@earthlink.net.

Seen at the scene: **Mr. JC Hersh, Christy Lund, E. Jann Harris, Michelle Carias, Margaret Leake, Donna Skinner, Pamela Seager, Josephine Fitzpatrick, Marie LaFortune, Judy Hirsch, Monica Dieckmann, Kathy Ward, Mary Soth, Lynn Hermstad, Rev. Libby Tigner, Terri Nikoletich, Dr. Jana Martin, Sally Lane, and Judy Pednault,**