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Soroptimist International Hall of Fame Award Winner – Pamela Seager

Pamela Seager is the 32nd member to be honored for her many years of service to Soroptimist International of Long Beach (SILB) and the Long Beach community by induction into SILB Hall of Fame. Last year's winner Jaye Johnson presented the award at the September 17th luncheon. Also honoring a very surprised Pamela at the luncheon was her husband Scott Burchard and dozens of her many friends and colleagues including Vice Mayor, Bonnie Lowenthal who presented a proclamation from the City of Long Beach.

Born and raised in England, Pamela emigrated to the US in 1968. After serving for eleven years with the California Historical Society, in 1986, she came to Long Beach to accept the position of Executive Director of the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation. She has been the major creative force behind the rancho's award-winning historical and educational programs and the restoration of the rancho gardens. Honored by local, state, national and international organizations for her work in historical preservation and educational programs, she has been a guest lecturer at USC and Cal Poly Pomona College of Environmental Design. At the 2000 at SILB's Women Who Make A Difference Awards, Pamela was named Woman of Distinction in the area of Environment. Later that year she became a member of SILB, serving as our President in 2005-06. During her term, she developed a new organizational structure, which has streamlined the committee structure. Each year she organizes the live and silent auction for the SILB major fund-raiser, a huge and time-consuming job.

Founded in 1946, SILB is a nonprofit volunteer service organization whose outreach activities include scholarships and grants to individuals and agencies promoting the education and welfare of women and girls in the Long Beach area.

In her acceptance speech, Pamela provided an inspiration once more, reminding us of the women in our community and around the world whose lives the members of Soroptimist International of Long Beach endeavor to serve – and the meaning of “Soroptimist” = Best for Women.