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Women Who Make a Difference Winners Announced

Soroptimist International of Long Beach (SILB) is proud to announce outstanding women as winners in each for 2009's Women Who Make A Difference Awards. Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization for women in management and professions working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. SILB has given back thousands of dollars to individuals and organizations in the Long Beach community in an effort to improve the lives of women and girls.

SILB Club members do not vote at the judging event. The winners of the previous year form the panel of judges to choose from the nominations submitted from a variety of sources. Here they are with their categories:

Economic and Social Development: Shirley Wild, Columnist and Founder of Steel Magnolias

Education: Michelle Molina, CEO and Founder Peace Partners, Inc.

Health: Lillian Lew, Director Families in Good Health

Human Rights & Status of Women: Alyce La Violette Therapist specializing in domestic violence issues.

International Goodwill and Understanding: Sithea San, Cambodian Community Activist

Women Making a Difference for Women: Virginia DeMoss, Director, The Found Theatre

Business or Organization: National Council of Negro Women, Long Beach Chapter

Trail Blazer Award: Beverly O'Neill

The Awards Luncheon will be held April 4, 2009 at the Grand. The public is invited to attend this inspiring event. For more information call Lynn Shrum at 562-624-1812 and invitations will be available at soon at www.si-longbeach.org.

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of women and girls,
in local communities
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