



**February/March 2011**

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**RECENT EVENTS AND NEWS**

**DISTRICT II MEETING**



Pam Warnock, Tamara Colon, Sue Evarts, Sue Callahan, Wendy Hicks, Stephanie Pollaro, Beckett Williams, Chris Ward, and Judy Horning (Not pictured: Linda Manor and Ann Owen)

The District II Meeting was hosted by SI Laguna Beach on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Aliso Inn. The theme was “Funding our Mission and Continuing your Connection”. The main speakers were Stephanie Pollaro and Wendy Hicks of International Sanctuary ([shopsanctuary.org](http://shopsanctuary.org)). These two young Women started this organization to help young women escape the life of prostitution and abuse in Mumbai. Wendy lives in Mumbai working directly with these young women teaching them the art of jewelry making where it is sold in the United States (“purchase with purpose”). It gives these women financial stability, taking them off the streets.

**DATES TO SAVE**

See also Dates to save section later in Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month- Business meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month- Guest speaker

All meetings Noon Carver’s unless otherwise notified

The women progress "from victim to survivor to advocate". Stephanie lives in Orange County and These works on raising funds to sustain the program. They are truly two young women who fulfilled their dreams by helping these women in Mumbai.

The round table discussion led by Linda England was the sharing of different fundraising techniques. The seating was arranged so the tables were a mix of the 13 clubs. It worked well because there were many shared ideas on fundraising. All of the ideas that came out of this will be compiled and sent to each of the clubs.

There will be new member recognition and member retention awards this year rather than Soroptimist Of the Year representative from each club at the DCR Conference. Members will be recognized for their years of service. We were also reminded not to forget about the Distinguished Soroptimist Member Award. All a member has to do is bring in a new member and be sure treasurer Linda turns in Form 500 along with the money to the District Treasurer.

### AWARDS LUNCHEON



Chris Ward, Jacqueline Socha, Robert Vincent, Marisa Ugarte, Ken Barrett, Sue and Bill Evarts, Cindy Mercardo, Jaime

On February 16 SIRB held its awards luncheon at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo to name our Women's Opportunity (Jaime), Ruby (Marisa Ugarte), and Violet Richardson (Jacqueline Socha) awardees. \$9,000 was distributed to these awardees and representatives of projects SIRB supports: Quaker Bolivia Link, Amigos de los Californios, Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition and Center for Community Solutions



Funds given to BSCC by SIRB at the Awards Luncheon were used to build these stairs in the new building that houses their offices as well as a soon to open re-sale shop in National City.

**MEET NEW MEMBER TAMARA COLON**



**VP of Membership, Barbara Bertran, inducts Tamara at the Awards Luncheon. Tamara is a financial advisor with The Burg Group in Temecula. Welcome aboard Tamara!**

**PROGRAM MEETING**



**Karen Lawrance and Laura Kohl**

**On March 16<sup>th</sup> Laura Kohl, a survivor of Jonestown, gave a moving talk to our organization about her activist life involving Woodstock, the Black Panthers, and the Peoples’ Temple. 918 of her loved ones died in Jonestown Guyana on November 18, 1978. She has written a book, Jonestown Survivor An Insider’s Look, to try to piece together what happened and for her own healing process.**

## GOLD AND SILVER BALL 2011



2011 Honorees  
Jane Radatz, Kimberly Hunt, and Catherine Manis

On March 19 Soroptimist International of Rancho held their annual Gold and Silver Ball. It is the club's main fundraiser to support our service projects. This year nearly 90 people attended the gala raising \$14,400. There were many silent auction items, the Dessert Dash, a raffle for a \$500 Nordstrom gift certificate, lovely music before and during dinner performed by Craig and Deborah Horner and a DJ for dancing after the event. Honored was Jane Radatz, a local volunteer responsible for a number of organizations to help the community of Rancho Bernardo. Kimberly Hunt is a local news anchor who became interested in the issue of human trafficking through her daughter. She has worked with Marisa Ugarte, president of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition. Catherine Manis is a fellow Soroptimist with Vista and also has been instrumental in bringing the issue of human trafficking to the public's attention. She too has worked with Marisa.



### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Soroptimists,

Thank you all for participating in our many events this last 2 months.

The awardees luncheon on Wednesday Feb. 16 was a fabulous event at which we issued checks for \$9000 to awardees and projects. It was extra special for me as we honored a woman, Jaime, from our transitional Housing Program. I have mentored her for the past 18 months and was proud to see her honored with our Women's Opportunity Award.

As always, the Gold and Silver Committee planned and executed a very exciting event at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo on March 19, 2011. Carol LeBeau was an excellent Emcee and the silent auction and dessert dash a great success. We raised about \$14,400 and should all be very proud. Thanks to everyone on the Committee and to everyone who attended the event and brought friends - and a very special thanks to Michele Mason for chairing the event. Great job Michele!

There are still many things for us to accomplish in this Soroptimist year. We have an afternoon tea fund raiser planned with SI Poway for June 4 at Bernardo Heights Country Club - look for an invitation very soon and

please invite your friends. We have a lovely menu planned as well as fashion show and much more! The new Board will be elected at our April Business meeting and the installation luncheon is planned for June 8 at the

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Country Club of RB – again look for your invitation soon. I look forward to welcoming Ann as our new President.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Spring Season.

Love Chris

### **SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS!**

Joan Peterson 3/10 and Pam Warnock 3/25

### **DON'T FORGET OUR NEWEST PROJECT!**

We have started the **“Togs for Tots”** program in conjunction with North County Interfaith. Parents will be able to come to Interfaith to get clothing for their children. Hopefully they will turn in clothing items that their children have outgrown in exchange for larger items. Please bring any baby/children's clothing size infant to 6 to any of the meetings and Jill Wright will take them to the North County Interfaith office in Escondido. Let's put the word out and see how many items we can collect for this much needed cause!

### **SAVE THESE DATES**

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Wednesday, May 4 – Drapers and Damons Fun Event 5:30 PM

Friday-Sunday, May 13-15 – Desert Coast and Camino Real joint Conference at Sheraton Carlsbad

Wednesday, May 18 – SI Poway's Awards Luncheon Stoneridge Country Club 7:15 AM

Saturday, May 21 – SI LaJolla Purse Party Location to be announced 1-4 PM

Saturday, June 4 – SIRB/Poway tea at Bernardo Heights Country Club 1-4:30 PM

Saturday, June 4 – SI Ramona's Barn Dance Mountain Valley Ranch 6 PM

Wednesday, June 8 – SIRB Installation Luncheon at Country Club of Rancho Bernardo 11:30

Wednesday, June 15 – Business Meeting at Carver's Noon

Sunday-Thursday, July 10-14 – 19<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Montreal, Quebec Canada

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