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2010 INSTALLATION & RETREAT



DATES TO SAVE
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2nd Wednesday each month- Business meeting

3rd Wednesday each month- Guest speaker

All meetings Noon Carver's unless otherwise notified

SIRB retreat 2010 Saturday June 19 at Country Club of Rancho Bernardo

Nancy Willson, Sue Bair, Judy Horning, Pam Warnock, Linda Manor, Ann Manor -Owen, Sue Evarts, Beckett Williams, Pat Hamilton, Melanie Duong, Karen Lawrance, Karen Sixt, Chris Ward, Sue Callahan, Toni Wozmak, Fran Blumenthal



STAR Donna Ronca with SIRB 2010-11 Board

Pam Warnock (Corresponding Secy), Chris Ward, (President), Ann Manor-Owen (President-Elect), Linda Manor (Treasurer), Toni Wozmak (Secretary), Barb Bertran (Membership)



STAR Donna with President Chris



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

On June 16 we had a really lovely Installation Lunch at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo; thanks to Sue Callahan and Bequette Williams for all the arrangements and favors and to Sue for acting as Emcee. Also, thanks to STAR Donna Ronca, immediate past Governor of Desert Coast Region and member of SI Fullerton, for presiding over the Installation itself. The theme was Everyone a Gem – and every one of you qualifies! The new Board was installed and the outgoing Board thanked and honored.

The 2010 Anita Loeber Award was also announced.

Each year SIRB recognize an outstanding Soroptimist with the Anita Loeber Best for Women Award. For those who do not know, Anita was a long standing, highly respected member of SIRB and was Governor of Desert Coast Region from 1978-1980. Her legacy to our Club is the annual award.

She asked that it be given each year, at the Installation Luncheon, to a member of the Club who has demonstrated the spirit of Soroptimism, in a manner that would make Anita proud. She further asked that the awardees be chosen by the President and President Elect from nominations from the Board and that the award be an inscribed clock.

For 2010, we choose a relatively new member of SIRB who has been a very active member from day 1. She has generously volunteered her time and expertise to mentor a Mum, to help with the organization of the transitional housing Christmas party, to help with the cook book and to help with the Gold and Silver Ball, among other things. And always with great efficiency and a smile. The 2010 Anita Loeber awardee is Bequette Williams. Congratulations!

We have had a fantastic year. Looking first at membership, we held our awards luncheon in February and took the opportunity to invite potential new members. RB Alive was also a very successful venue for possible recruitment. The Club has inducted several new members this year and although we have lost a few of our existing members, all for the right reasons, at the end of the year we are in positive numbers. I want to thank all of you who have introduced new members and encouraged them to join. Our future for a happy and healthy Club and for growth will come from active new members, working alongside established and experienced members.

Fundraising is critical to supporting Transitional Housing and our other programs. The annual Gold and Silver Ball, our major fund raising event, brought in \$15,000, which allows us to continue to support Transitional Housing and our other programs. Thank you all for making it such a great event, and so successful despite the current economic climate.

This year, we also reintroduced a Fun Committee. Several Fun Events were held, some of which were also small fund raisers. We had a jewelry sale, a cooking class at a local restaurant, a fashion show, and we produced a cook book. These Fun Events raised an additional \$2000, as well as being lots of FUN. Our future opportunities for Fundraising were one of the key items for discussion at our retreat on Saturday June 19 and there was lots of input and new ideas for 2010-2011. The Gold and Silver Ball is our mainstay, although we will look to streamline the event in 2011 and we will add a second event, probably on a Saturday afternoon.

Four of us attended the SI Oceanside-Carlsbad Saturday luncheon event on June 26 looking to see how they organized their event. It was an awards luncheon, but also included shopping with vendors who returned a % of their takings to the Club and a very lighthearted, fun fashion show with clothes from local shops. It was entitled Women Rock and Club members served as models. It was a lot of fun for everyone!

As I have said, we held our awards luncheon in February and honored our Violet Richardson, Ruby and Making a Difference for Women Awardees. We also handed out the funding for our current key programs:

- a survivors clinic for rape victims, helping to restore self esteem to victims of sexual abuse
- the Quaker Bolivia project bringing running water to remote villages and freeing up the time of the women and girls and thus improving their quality of life and health and also allowing girls to go to school
- Amigos de Los Californios providing much needed dental and medical support to remote parts of Baja
- the Miss RB and Miss Teen RB pageant with scholarships to support the young ladies in our Community who will be our future leaders.

SIRB continues to actively support the Transitional Housing Program for battered women and their children, together with SI Poway.

This year we also started to work with local girl scouts with projects to support advanced scouting awards. The first was a collaborative effort on the Christmas Party for the Transitional Housing families. I hope that we will do more of these in the future. We will also look for a new project supporting underprivileged girls.

Again, I thank you all for the last year and for allowing me to serve as your president for a second year. I look forward to a very interactive dialogue at the second retreat on July 24 and a very productive and interesting new year. Love, Chris

SOROPTIMIST ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE AREA



Judy Horning, Beckett William, Chris Ward, Sue Callahan

FUNDRAISING JEWELRY PARTY



Sue Evarts and Judy Horning checking out the Jewelry at Claire Bugado's jewelry fundraiser to fight human trafficking. \$1,290 was raised!



**Claire Bugado (SI Poway)
Claire personally makes all of the jewelry herself.**

SETTING UP THE LATEST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING APARTMENT



Linda Richardson (SI Poway) and Cathy Peterson cleaning up the apartment in Poway for our newest Transitional Housing mom.



Pat Hamilton and Joan Peterson putting the final touches to the apartment.

41st SIA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO



Nancy Brokaw, Sue Evarts, Judy Horning



Outgoing SIA President, Cathy Standiford

Ann Manor-Owen, Judy Horning, Linda Manor, Nancy Brokaw, and Sue Evarts attended the convention at the Union Square Hilton Hotel. It was a wonderful location for both meetings and nearby sightseeing. We started off with the General Session Thursday morning during which Victor Malarek, author of *The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It*, provided us with amazing and horrifying statistics. He is a Canadian journalist with a passion for exposing the real cause of human sex trafficking and prostitution. International Soroptimist guests included Hanne Jensbo, SI President and Alice Wells, SI President-Elect. Cathy Standiford, SIA President and Alice Wells co-chaired the program. We also enjoyed a video tour of the new SIA headquarters in Philadelphia.

The afternoon was spent attending a variety of informational workshops. Judy and Sue joined Linda England and April Mitchell, SI Poway, for a fun evening of riding the BART, exploring the Ferry Building at Fishermen's Wharf, and walking more than 2 miles to Pier 47 for a great dinner at Scomas.

Friday began with another General Session, during which minor revisions to the Bylaws were discussed, amended, and voted in by the delegates, including our own Ann Manor-Owen, our SIRB delegate. Hanne Jensbo invited all to the SI 2011 in Montreal. Awards were presented for Founders Pennies and Annual Club Campaign participation. Workshops were again the main agenda for the afternoon. The evening featured a reception for outgoing SIA President Cathy Standiford in a 2-level suite with a panoramic view of the city. Hugs, wine, and goodies flowed.

Saturday was spent in workshops all morning with a final general session in the afternoon. Cynthia D'Amour, an author and speaker, presented a humorous talk on "Party Your Way to Your Club's Future Success." Final announcements included reminders regarding The SIA 2012 biennial convention and the SIA Women's Leadership Institute in 2011, both in Hawaii.

MEETING SISTER SOROPTIMISTS



Marie-Laure Poiret-Sasse and Pam Warnock

Pam traveled to Prague and Budapest in May and was able to contact the Soroptimist Club of Prague. Unfortunately their meeting had just passed, but one of their newer members, Marie-Laure Poiret, came by the hotel to visit. Marie-Laure, an interior designer, recently moved to Prague. She is French, but prior to her move to Prague she lived in Brussels with her husband and three children. She was a member of the Brussels Soroptimist Club. She is now learning her fourth language! Hopefully we will keep in touch and share our clubs' projects. Maybe we can add on another sister club!

FEATURED CLUB MEMBERS SUE BAIR AND NANCY WILLSON



Nancy Willson

I was born in Bluffton, Indiana , lived in Chicago as a child then moved to Kalamazoo and Ezst Lansing, Michigan. While in Michigan I met my husband Keith. We married in 1951 and I worked at Auto Owners Ins. Co. in Lansing running their travel section (like AAA) while Keith went to Michigan State. After his graduation we made the big move to California. We were in the Inglewood area for a while and then decided San Diego was our place to live.

I went to work for Morris Plan Co. of California after our move to San Diego. (around 1960). I worked my way up to become one of 2 female branch managers. In 1977 I went to work for United California Bank in Mission Valley as Consumer Credit Manager. I was promoted to Assistant Manager at the Escondido Branch and then on to Rancho Bernardo where I wore many different hats in consumer lending, personal banking and investing for clients. I had a VP title in RB. I left the bank, First Interstate, after the Wells Fargo buy out. That was in 1996 and after Keith died in Oct 1996 I did some part time work for Bernardo Flooring and then in 1997 went to work for the Rancho Bernardo Chamber becoming their Controller. I left for hip surgery in May 2007. Now I am back in member relations part time.

Not long after I came to work in RB with the bank I was approached about joining a new service club, Soroptimist of RB. That probably was about 1980. I have served in all positions and was President from 1985 – 86. Believe it or not when I worked for Morris Plan I was in the Altrusa Club and served as President of that one too. I'm not sure if they still exist. I am now also a member of RB Historical Society, Ed Brown Center and of course still a Soroptimist!

Just a foot note, Sue's dad was one of my great clients here and I knew him long before I met Sue! It's a small world and hard to believe we have become such good friends.



Sue Bair

Sue, a graphic designer and owner of EGADS, was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and raised in Canton, Ohio. She graduated with a BFA in graphic design from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She became an illustrator and an educator as an elementary teacher and art department director. Her first venture into business was “The Bair Beginnings” which was a small ceramics firm.

After moving to San Diego in 1981, Sue researched the history of electricity for the Knoxville World's Fair in 1984 and the Louisiana World Exposition in 1986. She prepared design proposals, created and developed interactive computer/laser discs and game concepts, and performed on-site supervision for photos and artifacts for exhibits. Sue and her husband, Bud, formed a graphic and exhibit design firm named EGADS (Electronic Arts & Design Service) in 1989 with offices in the Promontory in RB. Widowed in 1994, Sue moved EGADS to a home-based business and became more involved with the then RB Chamber of Commerce and eventually became the vice-president of communications and events for San Diego North Chamber of Commerce

Introduced to Soroptimist by her sister, Sue Johnson (yes, there are two Sue's in the family) 24 years ago, Sue found a wonderful group of women who really made a difference not only in the community, but nationally as well. She has served on many committees, produced the club newsletter for 17 years, and has held every office

except treasurer. At the regional level, she was secretary for Desert Coast Region and produced the regional newsletter for two years. In reminiscing, Sue recalls RB Soroptimist fundraisers such as two Fiesta de Bernardo street fairs, the Chautauqua theater series, 'diggin' in the dirt' for the Soroptimist Grove, and the RB Soroptimist leading other service clubs in financial support for building the new RB Library. Now, as a seasoned (that means really aged) Soroptimist, Sue enjoys traveling, reading, and a little work mixed up with a bit of play to round out each day.

SIA CORNER

December 10th Appeal Every year, the Soroptimist International President appeals to all Soroptimists to make a small sacrifice and donate funds saved to a specially designated project that will assist women. The 2009 December 10th Appeal, Hopes and Dreams for Everyone, is a project to prevent human trafficking from Moldova by providing life-skill education and sustainable living conditions for vulnerable children. More information is available on the SI web site at www.soroptimist.org.

DID YOU KNOW??

SIRB HAS E-SCRIP!

Many members may not know that we have e-Scrip at our disposal. If you would like to be a part of this "painless" way of contributing, simply go to e-scrip.com and sign up! SIRB's Group ID is 1412780. You just need to list your card(s) and a percentage of your purchase will go toward SIRB from participating merchants. (The website has a link with all the program merchants.) That's all there is to it! Vons has been the largest contributor over the years so if you shop at Vons you can help out SIRB at the same time! Any questions?? Call Pam at (858) 204-8624 or e-mail warnockpam@yahoo.com.

TRIVIA

WHEN TO FLY THE U.S. FLAG

The U.S. flag can be flown everyday of the year. It should be illuminated at night. It should be especially flown on the following days: New Year's Day (1/1), Inaguration Day (1/20), Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday (3rd Monday in Jan.), Lincoln's Birthday (2/12/), Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in Feb.), Easter Sunday (varies), Mother's Day (2nd Sunday in May), Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May), Memorial Day (half-staff until noon – last Monday in May), Flag Day (6/14) Independence Day (7/4), Labor Day (1st Monday in Sept.), Constitution Day (9/17), Columbus Day (2nd Monday in Oct.), Navy Day (10/27), Veteran's Day (11/11), Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in Nov.), Christmas Day (12/25) and any other day proclaimed by the President, i.e. birthdays of states (date of admission) and state holidays.

If you would like some specific trivia printed in the Newsletter please let Pam know at warnockpam@yahoo.com

SOROPTMISTS CELEBRATING JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Fran Blumenthal (6/10), Judy Horning (6/12), Jill Wright (6/21), Sue Bair (6/26), Linda Gordon (7/9), Sue Callahan (7/15)

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, July 24 - Second SIRB Retreat - StoneRidge CC 9:30am - Noon

Wednesday August 4 - Board meeting

Wednesday August 11 - Business Meeting Carver's Noon

Wednesday August 11 – Wine Tasting 5-7 at Wine Styles 12045 Carmel Mtn. Rd

Wednesday August 18 - Program meeting Carver's Noon

Saturday October 16, 2010 – District II Fall Meeting at Doubletree Hotel in Rancho Penasquitos

Wednesday March 30, 2011 – Not For Sale (Time and location TBA)

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