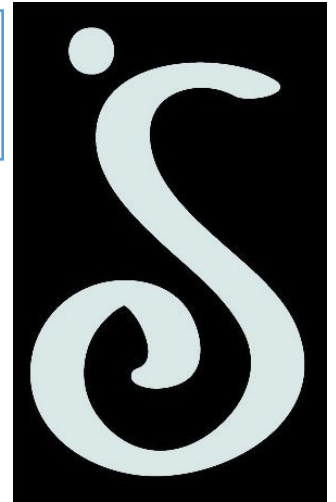


S. I. L. B. NEWS

January/February 2015

Happy New Year



BIRTHDAYS

January 3rd
Lori Brault

January 8th
Robin Thorne

January 14th
Linda Wallace

January 16th
Charlotte Berry

January 23rd
Rosalie Rowe

February 18th
Dean Porter

February 21st
Kathy Ward

February 25th
Julia McConaghy

March 3rd
Shirlee Jackert

March 8th
Wendy Puzarne

March 17th
Terry Erickson

March 25th
Renee Simon

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 7 | Business Meeting
The Grand—12 noon
<i>Chicken or Vegetarian Tostada</i> |
| January 8 | S.I.L.B. Scrabble
<i>(see page 4 for details)</i> |
| January 29 | Recruitment Event
6:00 p.m.—Bixby Hill Garden Clubhouse
<i>(see page 3 for details)</i> |
| January 28 | Board Meeting
Wendy Puzarne's home—12 noon |
| February 4 | Business Meeting
The Grand—12 noon
<i>Chef's Salad</i> |
| February 10 | Chocolate Martini Night
<i>(see page 5 for details)</i> |
| February 18 | Guest and Grant Recipient Speakers
The Grand—12 noon
<i>Asian Chicken Salad</i> |
| February 19 | 24th Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast
<i>(see page 3 for details)</i> |
| February 25 | Board Meeting
Wendy Puzarne's home —12 noon |
| March 4 | Business Meeting
The Grand—12 noon
<i>Beef or Vegetarian Tostada</i> |
| March 7 | Fashion Show
The Marriott
<i>(see page 5 for details)</i> |



President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The Avalanche: The Power of Working Together for Women and Girls

We had our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, and everyone seemed to be enthusiastic and involved in our projects for the Spring. If you aren't on one of the committees, there is still time: just email the committee chair and let her know what you would like to help with. We need all of you to reach our goals! If you weren't there, we missed you!

I was so pleased and grateful for the outpouring of generosity of our members for the Adopt a Family program in December. The Annual Appeal response is lower than last year so far. I know that that holiday time can be very hectic, and things get overlooked. If that is the case for you, please make your contribution this month, so we can meet our budget on this and move on to all fun things that are coming up: Recruitment event at the end of this month, an exciting speaker at our program meeting in February and a Chocolate Martini event, and our Fashion Show in early March and much more! Check it out and mark your calendars!

President Rosalie

SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

RECRUITMENT EVENT

JANUARY 29TH 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

The 2015 Recruitment Event will be held on Thursday, January 29th at Bixby Hill Gardens Clubhouse, 900 Palo Verde Ave, Long Beach CA, 90815

Please invite your friends and business acquaintances. Maggie Shapiro has invitations to email, or give her a call with the name of your guest and she will get the invitations out. Alison Reid is coordinating the potluck. Email or give her a call with what you would like to bring: appetizers, dessert, or beverages. We plan on having only finger foods to give people the opportunity to mingle, meet, and greet. Looking forward to seeing you there — this is always a “fun filled” event!

TRISH JENKINS TO SPEAK AT MEETING

FEBRUARY 18TH AT NOON

Trish Jenkins is a Soroptimist from Queensland, Australia, and will be visiting our area in February. She is the author of “Treasures of Darkness,” a book in which she shares how falling down is the most imperative step to soaring. Her humble tale is a fresh perspective on life and brilliantly transfers to inspiring leadership in business and corporations alike.

If you would like to bring guests to this meeting, please make sure you let Monika know so we will have lunches for everyone.

24TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH/INTERCULTURAL BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 19TH 7:30 AM

Wendy Puzarne is gathering names to put together one or two tables of Soroptimists to attend this event. It will be held in the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center on February 19th with registration opening at 7:00 a.m. and the program starting at 7:30 a.m.

This year the speaker will be Kevin Hines, Mental Health Advocate, International speaker and author. He presents his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder (at 19 years of age) he attempted to take his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only thirty four people to survive the fall. Kevin now works as a suicide prevention advocate and speaker.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Wendy Puzarne before February 1st to be included.

SILB SCRABBLE NIGHT

Everyone is invited to a light supper and an evening of friendly Scrabble on **Thursday, January 8th** at Michele Wilkosz's home. Dinner's main course will be provided. Each person attending is asked to bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage.

Please RSVP to Michele at 562 596-6940 or michelewilkosz@msn.com.

This is a quarterly activity and is a great way to enjoy old friendships and make new ones.

SILB BOOK CLUB

The SILB Readers will be celebrating their 10th anniversary next month. Our first meeting was at the home of Mary Soth in February 2005 where we discussed *The Freedom Writers Diary* by Erin Gruwell.

On **Thursday, February 5** we will gather at the home of Terry Rose to discuss *White Dog Fell from the Sky* by Eleanor Morse. Terry is a member of SI Huntington Beach and a long-time supporter of SILB and member of the book group. Her address is **212 E. Utica, Huntington Beach**, terry@giftsfromadistance.com. *White Dog* is set in 1976 apartheid South Africa. Medical student Isaac Muthethe is forced to flee his country after witnessing a friend murdered by white members of the South African Defence Force. He is smuggled into Botswana, where he is hired as a gardener by a young American woman, who has abandoned her Ph.D. studies to follow her husband to Africa. When Isaac goes missing and Alice goes searching for him, what she finds will change her life and inextricably bind her to this sunburned, beautiful land.

In May we return to our normal 2nd Thursday quarterly schedule and will meet on May 14. Our selection is *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

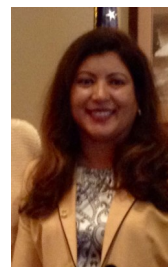
If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, contact Judy Hirsch at ju-dith.hirsch@verizon.net. Everyone who loves to read and discuss a variety of books, enjoys delicious food

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

SILB is pleased to welcome to our membership transfer member **Mandy Gosal** and returning member **Susan Berkman**.

Mandy transferred to SILB from the Oxnard Club. She originally joined the Chino Hills group, then transferred to Oxnard, and now to us. She participated in several Soroptimist projects and looks forward to contributing here in Long Beach. Mandy is a computer mapping consultant.

Susan was a member of SILB in previous years but, because of job constraints, had to leave us for a few years. SILB is very happy to welcome Susan back. She is still working at fundraising at CSULB and commutes from Orange County.



"LUCK OF THE STYLISH" FASHION SHOW

MARCH 7TH



*Soroptimist International of Long Beach invites you to our
"Luck of the Stylish" Fashion Show, Luncheon and Boutique!*

March 7th 2015

*Long Beach Marriott
4700 Airport Plaza Drive Long Beach, CA*

*10:00-11:45 Boutique and No Host Bar
11:45-2:00 Luncheon, Style Show and Raffle*

*Event ticket: \$45
Check payable to SILB*

Above is the ticket for the Fashion Show on March 7th. Enjoy a great afternoon of fashion, friends, and charity! Jockey Person to Person is donating 10% of all sold at the event back to SILB! Please contact Lauri Blanchard (562) 355-5675 for additional information.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI EVENING

FEBRUARY 10TH

Save the date: SILB Chocolate Martini Evening is coming on Tuesday, February 10th. The cost of the event is \$20 and includes dinner, dessert, and Martini or non alcoholic drink. Dove is donating 10% of all sold at the event back to SILB! Please contact Maggie Shapiro at (562) 260-3072 for additional information. Flyer will be sent out soon.



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