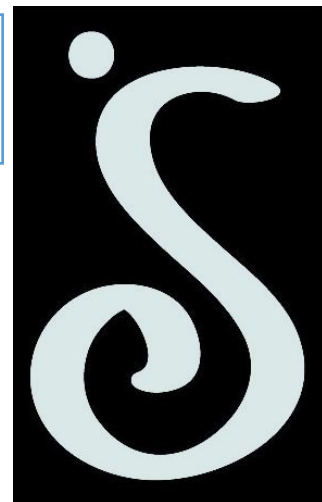


S. I. L. B. NEWS

November / December 2014

A holiday time of the year!



BIRTHDAYS

November 5th
Sabira Tejani

November 17th
Lynn Shrum

November 25th
Alison Reid

December 20th
Susan Reischl

December 23rd
Sally Lane

January 3rd
Lori Brault

January 8th
Robin Thorne

January 14th
Linda Wallace

January 16th
Charlotte Berry

January 23rd
Rosalie Rowe

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Beef or Vegetarian Tostada</i>
November 13	S.I.L.B. Book Club <i>(see page 4 for details)</i>
November 18	ExPros Luncheon Malarkys—12 noon
November 19	Hall of Fame The Grand—12 noon <i>Chicken salad or veggie sandwich</i>
November 24	Board Meeting 12 noon—Judy Pedneault's home
December 3	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Lemon Rosemary Chicken</i>
December 17	Holiday Wrapping Party The Grand—12 noon <i>Asian Chicken Salad</i>
January 7	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Chicken or Vegetarian Tostada</i>
January 8	S.I.L.B. Scrabble Night <i>(see page 4 for details)</i>
January 28	Board Meeting Wendy Puzarne's home —12 noon
January 29	Recruitment Event Information to come



President's Message

Dear Soroptimists,

The new Soroptimist year is in full swing! Seven of us attended the Fall Workshop in Northridge and got new insights into the El Camino Real region's activities, including planning for the Spring Conference which will be held here in Long Beach on April 24-26th. Jodean is our representative on the planning committee, and will keep us updated.



The Avalanche:



The Power of Working Together for Women and Girls

We received recognition at the Workshop, and three certificates signed by the SIA president:

Certificate of Participation in the 2014 Live Your Dream Awards; 2014 Soroptimist Club Award; and Club Giving award. I have included in this newsletter two of the handouts we received: the SIA Club Roadmap, which summarizes the SIA Strategic Plan, and our part in it; and information about Club Giving.

The Annual Appeal letters have gone out, and I hope you all will consider SILB as your charity of choice this year and give generously-remember that all of the money goes to our scholarships and awards!

You are the Best!

Rosalie



Our Programs

Soroptimist's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. In order to accomplish this goal, the organization administers several international programs and grants. These include:

Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women

The organization's major project, this program (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards program) assists women by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and job prospects.

Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls

Through this award-winning program, Soroptimist disburses cash grants for innovative Soroptimist club projects.

Soroptimist Disaster Grants

With these disaster grants, Soroptimist provides funds for programs that assist women and girls after a man-made or natural disasters.

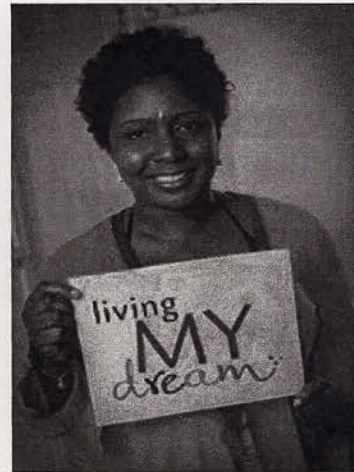
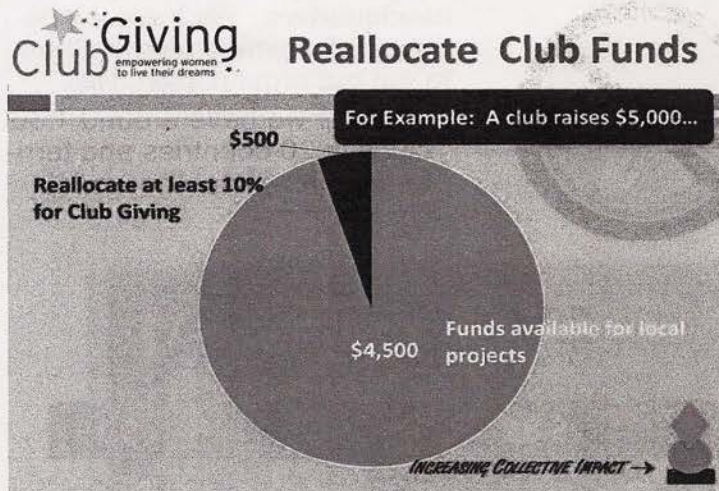
Soroptimists STOP Trafficking

This project raises awareness about the sexual trafficking of women and girls, and seeks to encourage citizens, law makers and service providers to focus on this global problem.

Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence

Through this awareness campaign, Soroptimist addresses domestic violence as a workplace concern.

Soroptimist clubs also participate in organizational programs on the local level, depending on the specific needs of their communities.



Aziza Kabibi McGill was one of 3 winners Soroptimist honored with a \$10,000 Live Your Dream Award

Club Giving Fast Facts!



2012-2013

**100% of all clubs giving
at least 10% of funds
raised locally!**

- ☐ Almost \$600,000 Contributed
- ☐ 1,029 clubs participated – 77%
- ☐ 495 clubs (48%) reported giving 10%
- ☐ 495 clubs gave \$337,000

Aren't dues enough?

PROGRAM COSTS	
Contributions - 60.3%	Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains - 39.7%

NO contributions pay for administrative expenses!

Dues... what are they good for?



Our dues, amongst other things, support our staff at headquarters. We have a little over 20 full time staff members to run out organization. Remember we have around 1,300 clubs in 20 countries and territories throughout the world!



SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

S.I.L.B. HALL OF FAME

Wednesday, November 19th

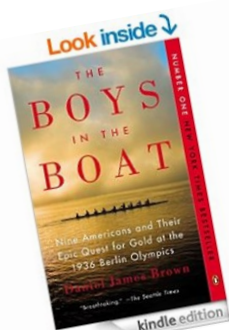
Make an extra effort to attend this year's Hall of Fame luncheon this month. A very special Soroptimist will be honored.

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

Also held quarterly, the SILB Book Club chooses a book each quarter to read, review, and discuss at the subsequent Book Club meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in these lively discussions.

The next Book Club meeting will be held November 13 at Judy Hirsch's home.

The book for the next meeting is **"The Boys in the Boat."**

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Welcome to new member **Armida Kurtz**. Armida transferred to SILB from L.A. Harbor club after it disbanded in June of this year. Armida has been a Soroptimist since 1970 when she joined the Santa Paula Club.

Armida has held many offices in Soroptimist, including 4 times president of her club, secretary for the Pacific Region, and bylaws chair for Camino Real Region.

40 years ago Armida and her husband started a small publishing company, which is currently run by her son and daughter. She goes in each day, however, just to keep in touch.

SILB is excited to welcome Armida into our club.



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Gail Wasil

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Lauri Blanchard

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Judy Murphy

Institutional Affairs

Judy Pedneault

Finance Committee

Jodean Pelzman

Immediate Past President

Wendy Puzarne

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