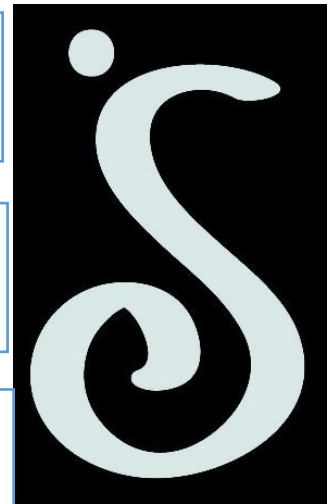


S. I. L. B. NEWS

Special Edition

Covering Events that occurred in
April, May, and June.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

S.I.L.B. LADIES IN THE NEWS

On April 10th, **Dr. Minnie Douglas**, Governor, Long Beach City College Foundation and Chair California Conference for Equality and Justice was honored by L.B. Mayor Robert Garcia for her outstanding contribution to the City at the Go Long Beach Awards. "These amazing members of our community have demonstrated a love for Long Beach, a passion for service, and a commitment to improving our community with creativity, hard work, and dedication," said the Mayor. Minnie was one of 28 community leaders to be honored at the event. **Congratulations, Minnie!**

July 17	Pamela Seager
July 19	Lynn Hermstad
July 24	Jaye Johnson
July 25	Judy Murphy
July 29	Donna Skinner
July 29	Nadia Vega-Sharrar
August 18	Jane Barrett
Sept 4	Margie Hersh
Sept 10	Maggie Shapiro
Sept 12	Monika Dieckmann
Sept 17	Margaret Stimson
Sept 20	Kimberly BeDell
Sept 22	Armida Kurtz
Sept 28	Dorothy Deatherage
Sept 30	Louise Carlson

At the Long Beach Community College Foundation Board of Governors meeting this Spring **Jodean Pelzman** attended to represent S.I.L.B. Our club moved up on the donor wall in honor of donating over \$100,000 to the Foundation for scholarships.

In attendance at the meeting were LBCC Board members **Sabira Tehani, M.D., Lori Brault, and Wendy Puzarne**. Not pictured, is Diane Dewalsche. Another area in which S.I.L.B. members serve their community. **Thank you all!**





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Guiding Light—Beacon of Hope

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Jodean Pelzman's theme for 2015-2016 is:

S.I.L.B. is a Guiding Light, a Beacon of Hope for Women Everywhere

You are Invited to these Upcoming Summer Events

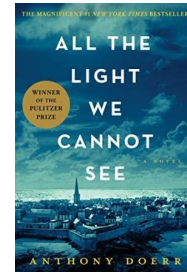
SCRABBLE NIGHT



July events began with Scrabble Night **Thursday July 9th at Sally Lane's** home, 6314 Riviera Circle, Long Beach. Please contact Judy Hirsch at (562) 536-6915 or Sally Lane at (562) 795-7669 if you plan to attend. Sally will provide the main dish and each attendee is asked to bring a salad, a dessert, or beverages. Hope you consider joining the "Scrabblers" to eat, play, and enjoy the company!

SILB BOOK CLUB

The SILB Readers will meet on **Thursday, August 13th at Michele Wilkosz's** home, 3331 St. Albans, Los Alamitos, 90720. This summer's book selection is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The dinner is the same format as Scrabble Night, and all are invited to attend. Come prepared for a rousing discussion and new thoughts.



DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT

July 24th - Dinner and a Movie to Benefit Meals on Wheels! SILB decided to try something different and scheduled the indie classic Bagdad Cafe' at the Found Theatre located at 599 Long Beach Blvd. We are pleased to announce that this event is now SOLD OUT. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm. The movie centers around a diner so we decided that comfort food was perfect to serve - meatloaf, mac and cheese and pie!

The next chance to attend one of these events will be August 14th when a showing of "The Big Night" will be accompanied by Italian dinner. More information to come.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The first meeting for 2015-2016 will be **Wednesday, September 2nd** at the Grand. Lunch will be Chicken or Vegetarian Tostada.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SOROPTIMISTS

In April S.I.L.B. inducted a new member, **Charlene Wynne**. Charlene is the Manager of Administration and Grants for the Security Division of the Port of Long Beach. She is a Long Beach native, and has worked for the City for over 18 years. Charlene currently has three teenagers attending Long Beach schools. Her hobbies include ocean sports such as swimming and stand up paddle boarding, and hiking, biking, and all things outdoors. She is also a lover of music and the arts.

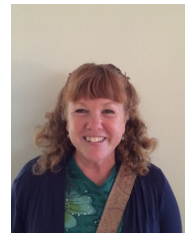
In May we inducted three (3) new members into S.I.L.B.

Kristin Mann (pictured) is an account executive and physician recruiter for MES Solutions, and networks with doctors and attorneys who are involved with the Worker's Compensation system. Her hobbies / interests are her family, reading, cooking, and collecting beach glass, French dolls, and cooking tools.



Cynthia Snyder (pictured) has an extensive financial services and banking background (potential future treasurer??) and is currently a Realtor with First Team Real Estate. She is the mother of three adult children, and enjoys knitting, reading, and cooking.

Ann Haberman (pictured) has worked at the Blue Bayou Restaurant in Disneyland for 37 years. She loves architecture and interior design, and loves using her gifts to design creative entertainment for her two grandboys and her friends.



Obioma Osae-Brown, Joan Chase Swing, and Victoria Wang will be joining us in September. Pictures and information about these ladies will appear in the fall newsletter.

45th ANNUAL INTER SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON

May 14

The 45th Annual Inter Service Club Luncheon served as SILB May program meeting. It was held May 14 from 11:30-1:30 at The Grand. This year's event was hosted by The Exchange Club of Long Beach, and included a speaker addressing The Peanuts Movie.

The Inter Service Club is a wonderful organization for "getting the S.I.L.B. name out" and we will again be members of this organization next year.

SCHOLARSHIP / AWARDS DINNER

April 15

The Seventh Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner was held on April 15th at The Grand. Eleven scholarships and awards were granted, totaling **\$14,000**. Seventy people were in attendance. S.I.L.B. honored Daniela Moreno with the Katherine White Award, and through the Live your Dream award program, Kassandra Ortiz-Lopez won first place; Kayla DaCosta won second place, and Cheri Drake won third place. Andrea Curl was the honoree for Women and Philanthropy. David Lee won the Glad-des Neff Award and Josefina Cruz, Kathleen Shea, Sundy Chea, Sayanu Adisa, and Dawnnea Butler were all Long Beach City College Scholarship winners.

The winners made poignant remarks, and it was mentioned by at least one honoree that the scholarship was even more special because it came from an organization that supports women and girls. Congratulations to **Gail Wasil** and her team for a very special night.

Here are just a few of the winner's stories:

Daniela dreamed of becoming a nurse as a child. She found the strength to leave an abusive relationship and to start school in the vocational nursing program at LBCC. Daniela is the sole support of her four year old daughter and her mother. She said the scholarship she received changed her life.

When **Kassandra** was a child, she was sent to a domestic violence shelter with her mother and sister. Kassandra works two jobs to support her mother and sister, and is also a full time student at LBCC. She volunteers with a non-profit that works with children with HIV/AIDS and hopes to obtain a degree and work in the non-profit world.

Kayla gave birth to her second child during her time in a domestic violence shelter. Determined to improve life for herself and her children, Kayla will receive her Early Childhood Education Certificate from LBCC in December. She ultimate goal is to obtain a B.A. in Child Development.

Cheri was born in South Central Los Angeles to parents who were heroin addicts, and is herself celebrating 20 years of sobriety from cocaine. She is a volunteer teacher and counselor in women's prisons, but wants to obtain her degree so her volunteer work can become her life's work. While doing all this, Cheri is also supporting two minor children.



CAMINO REAL REGION SPRING CONFERENCE

April 24, 25, & 26

PORTS O'CALL 2015

Lead by Governor **Dora Zavala**, the Camino Real Region Spring Conference was a huge success. Many S.I.L.B. members assisted our conference chair, Jodean Pelzman, to help make this a memorable weekend. The Conference opened Friday with workshops in Membership Recruitment and Retention, Retirement Savings Information, Managing Stress, and Diminshing Conflict by Understanding People Styles, to name a few. Friday evening dinner included presentation of Years of Service awards to many of our S.I.L.B. members.

Saturday was all business, with a dinner in the evening which was quickly moved from poolside to inside due to weather. Really? In Southern California? Yes, it happened.

Sunday morning consisted of speakers and tying up final pieces of business. Jodean was lucky that day and won one of the "purse drawings." Congratulations Jodean. Everyone seemed to enjoy the hospitality of Long Beach and the renewing of friendships.

SAVE THE DATES: Next year's Spring Conference will be held May 15th , 16th, and 17th.



WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE 2014-2015

A memorable time was had by all on May 2, 2015 at the WWMD Champagne Brunch. The food was delicious, and the speeches enjoyable. We especially delighted in the song sung by Helen Dolas, and the stories of their experiences shared by the other honorees. This year's honorees were:

Elizabeth Minor , Ruby Award

Jennifer Ostergren, Education

Joan Hanks, Health

Chan En-Hopson, International Good Will

Bobbie Smith, Economic and Social Development

Helen G. Dolas, Education

Cacilia Kim, Human Rights/Status of Women

Long Beach Day Nursery



Make sure you go to S.I.L.B. web page and view the amazing video Nadia compiled of the event!

As Soroptimist Women, We need to be the
Guiding Lights and Beacons of Hope to Women Everywhere.

Soroptimist International of Long Beach and
Incoming President Jodean Pelzman
Invite you to the Installation of Offices for 2015/16
Wednesday June 17, 2015
12 noon to 2:00 PM
Boathouse on the Bay
190 North Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803
\$41.00 per person
Indicate your Choice of Entrée when you RSVP
Maecadamia Crusted Chicken
Grilled Salmon
Vegetarian Option-Penne Pasta Bolognese
RSVP to Sally Lane: salhalla@verizon.net or 562-335-2999 (call or text)

SHOPPING WITH SOROPTIMISTS

June 13

SHOPPING WITH SOROPTIMIST is one of SILB's hands on projects and was held this year on June 13th. We selected ten women who were entering or re-entering the workforce and needed guidance and assistance with wardrobe, hair, and make-up. We sent out applications to approximately 25 nonprofit organizations and our recipients were selected from the applications by the Shopping with Soroptimist Committee.

At the event we served a continental breakfast and lunch, Terri Rose from SIHB gave a true colors workshop which gave us a glimpse into our personality profile and was a delightful ice breaker for the group. During lunch we discussed interviewing techniques and Christina Lopez from WHW talked about their training classes and programs which were offered to our recipients at no cost. The ladies had their hair and makeup done by cosmetologists who donate their time to the program. With the help of our SILB personal shoppers they selected professional outfits for their job interviews. They also received a gift bag with personal products before leaving. What a great experience... fun was had by all. Our recipients left with big smiles and feeling great about their ability to land a job or find a better one. Many thanks to our committee Charlotte Berry, Terry Erikson, Judy Hess, Robin Thorne, and Gail Wasil and our many helpers that included Lori DeLaney, Sally Lane, Jodean Pelzman, Rosalie Rowe, Lauri Blanchard, Alison Reid, Nancy Hegelheimer, Judy Hirsch, Charlene Wynne and Nadia Vega-Sharrar.

This year for the first time we partnered with "Women Helping Women" for our Shopping with Soroptimist Event. In the past, we have partnered with several other groups and had very successful events; however, we are very pleased to have been introduced to WHW and to have had the opportunity to work with this great nonprofit. They not only help women by providing professional clothing, they also offer many classes in Resume Development, Mock Interviews, Application Support and Computer Classes to improve their skills. In addition, they have a Employment Incentive Program where members of their program bring in their pay



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