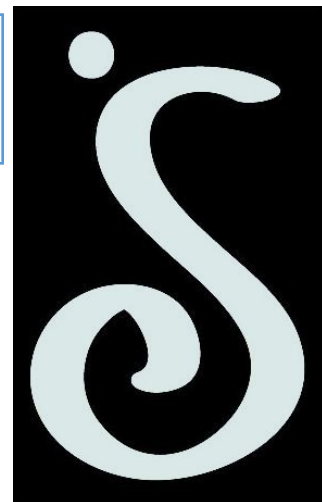


S. I. L. B. NEWS

March, April, and May 2015

Spring is Here



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Chicken Salad or Veggie Sandwich</i>
April 9	S.I.L.B. Scrabble Judy Hirsch's home <i>(see page 5 for details)</i>
April 15	Scholarship Dinner 6:00 p.m.—The Grand <i>(see page 5 for details)</i>
April 25-27	Spring Conference Long Beach Marriott
April 29	Board Meeting Wendy Puzarne's home—12 noon
May 2	Women Who Make A Difference Champagne Brunch The Grand—10 a.m.
May 6	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Chicken or Veggie Tostada</i>
May 14	45th Annual InterService Club Luncheon The Grand-12 noon <i>(see page 5 for details)</i>
May 27	Board Meeting Judy Pedneault's home —12 noon
June 3	Business Meeting The Grand—12 noon <i>Asian Chicken or Veggie Salad</i>
June 17	Installation The Beachhouse Restaurant <i>(see page 6 for details)</i>

BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Judy Hirsch
April 3	Cheryl Sears
April 9	Mandy Gosal
April 13	Nancy Hegelheimer
April 17	Susan Berkman
May 1	Judy Pedneault
May 6	Arlene Sellers
May 7	Minnie Douglas
May 11	Lori Blanchard
May 11	Josephine Fitzpatrick
May 23	Nancy Freeze
May 27	Robyn Thomas
June 2	Michele Wilkosz
June 5	Barbara Freeman
June 24	Hazel Wallace
June 27	Jodean Pelzman
June 29	Jean Barrett-Graham
June 29	Gail Wasil

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

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 12	Denise Desmond
August 18	Jane Barrett
Sept 4	Margie Hersh
Sept 10	Maggie Shapiro
Sept 12	Monika Deickmann
Sept 17	Margaret Stimson
Sept 20	Kimberly BeDell
Sept 22	Armida Kurtz
Sept 28	Dorothy Deatherage
Sept 30	Louise Carlson



President's Message

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

We are speeding into the last quarter of the year at an amazing pace! The Scholarship/Awards Event is this month, which is the heart of what we do. The Spring Conference is this month, as well and it is so exciting to have it here in Long Beach. I am hoping that many of you will attend and get to meet members from all of our Camino Real clubs. A number of members will be getting service pins at the Awards dinner on Friday night, including me (5 years). And then Women Who Make a Difference is the first week in May!

The Board will be working on the budget for next year, and making plans. The May and June business meeting are very important, as we will be voting on the slate of new officers as well as the budget, so we need all of you to attend and participate.

Thank you all for your participation and hard work on our projects and event this year.

President Rosalie



SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

January, February, and March

RECRUITMENT EVENT

The 2015 Recruitment Event was held on Thursday, January 29th at Bixby Hill Gardens Clubhouse, with many SILB members and three guests attending. It was lots of fun meeting new potential members and sharing with them the objectives and directions of our club. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success.

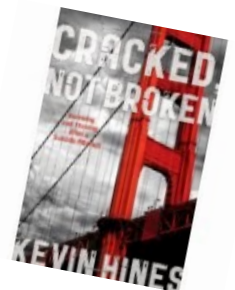
TRISH JENKINS PROGRAM MEETING

On February 18th, SILB was privileged to have as a guest speaker, Trish Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins experienced two years imprisonment for “white collar crime,” and subsequently spent her prison time supporting and teaching other prisoners. Trish Jenkins shared her inspirational story with a spellbound group of Soroptimists and guests during this program luncheon. Her books were available for purchase at the event and may also be purchased online.



24TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE BREAKFAST

The 24th Annual California Conference for Equality and Justice was held on February 19th at the Hyatt in Long Beach. Well over a thousand people attended, including two tables of SILB members and their guests. The speaker, Kevin Hines, captured everyone’s undivided attention as he described his life story. 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. His courage, determination, and desire to share his story with others was inspiring and thought provoking. Kevin’s book, “Cracked Not Broken,” is available in bookstores .



LUCK OF THE STYLISH” FASHION SHOW



On March 7th over 160 women, including Soroptimists, community leaders, family, and friends gathered at the Marriott in Long Beach for the 2nd annual “Luck of the Stylish” luncheon, fashion show, and boutique.

Cheryl Sears and Armida Kurtz did a fantastic job with fun centerpieces: a bedazzled green fashion shoe and a 4 leaf clover plant. We had a FANTASTIC group of models and I believe everyone enjoyed the show, the boutique, and the Jockey sale!

SILB raised approximately \$#,000 to help support our scholarships and grants.



CHOCOLATE MARTINI EVENING

February 10th marked a new event for SILB: Chocolate Martini Evening.

Sixteen people attended and enjoyed good food and chocolate tasting. The event netted \$300 for our club.



SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

Upcoming in April, May, and June

SILB SCRABBLE NIGHT

April 9



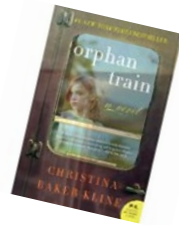
Everyone is invited to a light supper and an evening of friendly Scrabble on **Thursday April 9th at Judy Hirsch's** home. Dinner's main course will be provided. Each person attending is asked to bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage.

Please RSVP to Judy at: judith.hirsch@verizon.net

SILB BOOK CLUB

May 14

The SILB Readers be meeting May 14 to discuss their current selection: The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. The time and place for the book club meeting will be announced at the May business meeting. All are invited to attend.



SCHOLARSHIP / AWARDS DINNER

April 15

The 7th Annual Scholarship / Awards Dinner will be held April 15th, 6:00 p.m. at The Grand in Long Beach. Please join Soroptimists as we celebrate the women who will be receiving cash awards and scholarships for their academic achievements, and efforts to improve themselves in the face of adversity. This is an opportunity for you to see and hear first-hand from the beneficiaries of the funds that are donated to or raised by Soroptimist International of Long Beach. You will be inspired by their stories, as well as their courage.

The awards and scholarships that will be presented at this dinner are:

Dr. Katherine White Award

Gladdes Neff Award

Women & Philanthropy

Live your Dream Awards

Long Beach City College Scholarships

45th ANNUAL INTER SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON

May 14

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

Cost for the event is \$30. Please contact Charlotte Berry at cvberry350@juno.com to reserve your seat.

CAMINO REAL REGION SPRING CONFERENCE

April 24, 25, & 26

PORTS O'CALL 2015



We in Long Beach are the host club for this year's Spring Conference. The event begins Friday and ends Sunday. Many of our club members have signed up with Jodean to help in the arrangements of the event. It would be wonderful to have a big turnout from SILB this year!

Club pictures will be taken Saturday between 5:30-7:00 during the cocktail hour. If you are not attending the dinner, please try and make it for a cocktail and pictures.

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

May 2

May 2, 2015 we will again celebrate the "Women Who Make a Difference" in our community by honoring 7 deserving women and one business at our Champagne Brunch. Brunch and program begin at 10:00 a.m. at The Grand in Long Beach.

This year's honorees are:

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

Please attend and help make this one of the biggest and best events ever!

Ads are due to Jodean by April 1st. Reservations are due to Jaye by April 11.

INSTALLATION

June 17

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 Officers 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

Macadamia Crusted Chicken

Grilled Salmon

Vegetarian Option-Penne Pasta Bolognese

RSVP to Sally Lang: salhalla@verizon.net or 562-353-2999 (call or text)

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