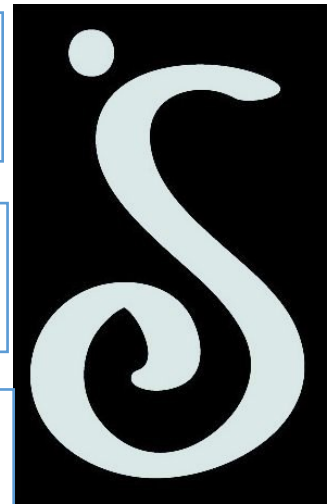


# S. I. L. B. NEWS

## Fall Edition

Covering Events that occurred in  
Summer and Fall



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### Guiding Light—Beacon of Hope

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Message from President Jodean

I would like to welcome all of you back for an exciting new year. Our year has already started off with a bang. Our first two, of four “Dinner and a Movie” nights to support Meals on Wheels of Long Beach are successfully behind us. We are now moving towards the Camino Real Regional Fall Workshop on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Scrabble Night on October 8<sup>th</sup>, League of Women Voters Program meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and one of our big events, the Zombie Bash on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We also recently hosted New Life Beginnings at the Campfire Lodge of Long Beach as a possible Club Service Project.

The women of this group have embraced the theme for this year. You are shining beacons of hope and guiding lights, not only for your fellow members, but also for women outside our club. The support we have received from the community for the “Dinner and a Movie” is growing due to the efforts of the members who have hosted and the members who have attended.

Please keep up the good work and your tremendous spirit and drive for the rest of the year. May we all grow as a club and as individuals from the positive experiences we have this year.

#### FALL BIRTHDAYS

Sept 4	Margie Hersh Jana Martin
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
Oct 2	Judy Hess
Oct 17	Marie LaFortune Dorris Moore
Oct 27	Diane DeWalsche
Oct 28	Victoria Wang
Oct 29	Lori DeLaney
Nov 5	Sabira Tejani
Nov 17	Lynn Shrum
Nov 25	Alison Reid
Dec 20	Susan Reischl
Dec 23	Sally Lane

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ZOMBIE BASH—OCTOBER 30TH

Save the date! SILB's Zombie Bash has been resurrected ... introducing the third ever Zombie Bash at the Expo, 4321 Atlantic Ave. in Long Beach. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes food, a band, games, raffles, a Zombie Fashion Show, and much much more. Invitations are in the mail: look for yours this week!



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### SCRABBLE NIGHT



Our first Scrabble Night of this year will be **Thursday October 8th at Judy Murphy's** home, 6340 Riviera Circle, Long Beach. Please contact Judy Hirsch at (562) 536-6915 or Judy Murphy at (562) 400-3112 if you plan to attend. The main dish (sushi and teriyaki chicken) will be provided and each attendee is asked to bring an hor d'oeuvre, a salad, a dessert, or beverages. Hope you consider joining the "Scrabblers" to eat, play, and enjoy the company!

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### SILB BOOK CLUB

The SILB Readers will meet on **Thursday, November 12th at Lynn Hermstad's**, 1215 Cataline Ave, Seal Beach, 90740. The book selection is *Me and You* by JoJo Moyes. The dinner is the same format as Scrabble Night, and all are invited to attend. Come prepared for a rousing discussion and new thoughts.



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### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters will again provide us with an informative and interesting program at our meeting on October 14th. Be sure to attend to get the latest information on issues for our community.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SOROPTIMISTS

In September S.I.L.B. inducted two (2) new members, **Obioma Osae-Brown and Victoria Wang**. Joan Chase Swing also joined S.I.L.B. in September, but was unable to attend the meeting so will be inducted in October. In addition, Ann Haberman was introduced to the attendees. She was unable to attend the June Meeting.



### Obioma Osae-Brown

Currently, Obioma is an account executive with a company that networks with doctors and attorneys to manage their Workers Compensation programs. In addition she substitute teaches. And if that isn't enough, Obi has a third job raising a young family.

Prior to coming to the United States from Nigeria, Obi had a career in television and advertising. She also worked in education, first as a Director of Public Relations for Babcock University in Nigeria and secondly as a lecturer of Business Communications and Industrial Relations. Babcock University is a private Christian co-educational university owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nigeria.

While a senior in high school Obi was "tagged" by the local Soroptimist Club in Nigeria .

### Victoria Wang

Victoria has been in the financial brokerage industry for over a decade. She currently is the Branch Service Manager and an Investment Associate for Dilday & Associates. Victoria is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Analysis and Design. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors doing yoga on the beach, camping, hiking, and kayaking.

### Joan Chase Swing

In 2007 Joan started her 2nd career as a Real Estate agent with Remax. Joan graduated from Babson College in Wellesley MA, majoring in Business Marketing and Economics.

Babson College is a private business school in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Its central focus on entrepreneurship education has made it the top entrepreneurship college in the United States. After graduating Joan ran a manufacturers Rep organization specializing in European linens and table ware.

When not working Joan enjoys physical activity: exercise rowing yoga cycling running hiking skiing and travel to Europe.

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S.I.L.B. was also sad to **say "good-bye" to Mandy Gosal** as she resigned in July. In an email to Membership Chair Michele Wilkosz, Mandy writes,

"I enjoyed being a part of the Long Beach Soroptimists group and feel sad that I cannot continue on there as my work situation changed drastically over the last few months. I am now working in the Bay area and do weekly commutes here. As things settle I will try to transfer my membership to another group."

We will miss Mandy and wish her happiness in her new job.

## SUMMER and FALL FUN(D) RAISERS



### KITCHEN WITCH CREATIONS

Kicking off the summer, Donna Skinner hosted an Awaken Your Inner Artist event in her home as eighteen artists gathered together to create fun and whimsical rustic sculptures (Kitchen Witches) from newspaper, fabric scraps, wire, tape and paint. There were scarecrows, kitchen witches, mermaids, and various other creations. We raised \$500 in support of Soroptimist scholarships for worthy women in greater Long Beach!

Thank you everyone who helped and participated in the very fun event.



### DINNER AND A MOVIE BAGDAD CAFÉ

Next, Jaye Johnson lead the committee to create our very first Dinner and a Movie featuring an Indie Classic, Bagdad Café, at the Found Theater. Diner food, beer, and wine (for purchase) as well as door prizes and a raffle completed the evening.

The Café staff included Susan Berkman, Terry Erickson, Ann Haberman, Judy Hirsch, Jaye Johnson, Sally Lane, Donna Skinner, Terry Erickson, Alison Reid & Gail Wasil. Sound and lights by Rick Johnson. President Jodean was also there to supervise.

Virginia DeMoss of the Found Theatre graciously donated the space and some beer!

Bake N Broil donated the meatloaf, which was very generous. There were 55 movie goers enjoying meatloaf, mac 'n cheese and pie. The club raised a bit more than \$1300 for Meals on Wheels. The winner of the 50/50 walked away with \$107.

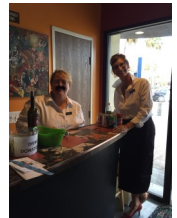
Jaye was celebrating a birthday, so there was cake, too! Hot cha cha!



### BIG NIGHT

The second Dinner and a Movie night was, indeed, a BIG NIGHT.

A full house ate pasta donated by K Pasta and enjoyed a movie with lots of friends. Another big success hosted by Jaye Johnson and her team of willing servers. Thank you all! These two events have netted \$2,900 toward our club goal of \$5,000 for Meals on Wheels.



## **DO YOU KNOW WHY THE SOROPTIMIST MISSION FOCUSING ON IMPROVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IS STILL NEEDED?**

### **Women:**

- ♦ 1 in 3 women will be beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in their lifetime.
- ♦ The number of women being infected with HIV/AIDS has been rising steadily and is now at 17.5 million worldwide.
- ♦ Of the 600-800K people trafficked across international borders annually, 80% are females.
- ♦ Women work 2/3 of the world's working hours but earn only 10% of the world's income and own less than 1% of the world's property
- ♦ Of the 550 million working poor, 330 million or 60% are women.
- ♦ 2/3 of the 880 million illiterate adults are women.
- ♦ Only 15% of parliamentary seats and 6% of cabinet posts are held by women.
- ♦ In Africa, a woman faces a 1 in 13 chance of dying in childbirth. In Western Europe, the risk is 1 in 3,200.

### **Girls:**

- ♦ Of the more than 110 million children not in school, 60% are girls.
- ♦ By age 18 girls receive an average of 4.4 years less education than boys.
- ♦ Adolescent girls have HIV rates up to 5 times higher than adolescent boys.
- ♦ Pregnancies and childbirth-related problems take the lives of nearly 146K teenage girls each year.
- ♦ 2 million girls and women are subjected to female genital mutilation every year.

**As you can see there is still a lot of work to be done to improve the lives of women and girls.**

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