

S. I. L. B. NEWS

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Guiding Light—Beacon of Hope

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message from President Jodean

The Fall season has been a very busy and informative one for the SILB Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the club members for their support and participation in our Fall fundraiser. The Zombie Bash was a fun time had by all and I hope we plan to keep it in our fundraising curriculum and watch it grow each subsequent year.

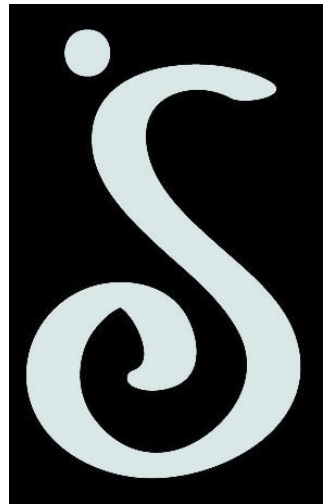
I would also like to offer a special thank you to Obi Osae-Brown for her wonderful and informative presentation on the Nigerian SI club. At our November program meeting she showed us how the SI in Nigeria are making an impact on the lives of the Nigerian women and girls through service projects. This gave us an expanded view of possible service project which could reach beyond our own community.

Our December Holiday gift giving and wrapping party event at The Grand presented fun for all. Each team came together to wrap their gifts for the five Tichenor families we sponsored this year. Following the wrapping and lunch, we participated in a project to make scented bath scrubs and body butters for ourselves or for gifts for the holiday season.

The following night we had our Holiday Get Together and Gift Exchange at the Bixby Riviera Club house. The fire was going and the company was even warmer. Everyone who came with a gift, left with a gift. (Might have lost the gift you wanted, but appreciated the thoughtful gift you received.) Thank you to the ladies who live at the Bixby Riviera for booking the Club House for our event.

We have a very full winter lineup of events, including a Hall of Fame luncheon on January 20th, "Chef" Lunch and a Movie at the Art Theater on January 23rd, the Recruitment event to be held at Soroptimist House on the CSULB Campus on January 28th and the Fashion Show on March 5th at the airport Marriott. I look forward to all of your continued participation and support of our events and projects.

Happy New Year to each of you. I look forward to seeing all of you after the New Year at our January 6th business meeting at the Grand.



WINTER BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1	Lori Brault
Jan 8	Robin Thorne
Jan 14	Linda Wallace
Jan 16	Charlotte Berry
Jan 23	Rosalie Rowe
Feb 8	Charlene Wynne
Feb 18	Dean Porter
Feb 21	Kathy Ward
Feb 25	Julia McConaghy
Mar 3	Shirlee Jackert
Mar 6	Loralin Engel
Mar 8	Wendy Puzarne
Mar 17	Terry Erickson
Mar 25	Renee Simon
Mar 25	Joan Chase Swing
Apr 1	Judy Hirsch
Apr 3	Cheryl Sears
Apr 13	Nancy Hegelheimer
Apr 17	Susan Berkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

DINNER AND A MOVIE

A private showing of **CHEF** will be held at the Art Theatre of Long Beach on **Saturday, January 23rd at noon**. In addition to the movie, lunch will include Cuban Sandwiches, beignets, and beverages. Featured guest will be **Russ Parsons**, Columnist / The California Cook. Bring your friends and come for fun, food, and fantastic friends. Proceeds will go toward Meals on Wheels grant.



SCRABBLE NIGHT



Scrabble Night will be **Thursday January 14th** at Sally Lane's home, 6314 Riviera Circle, Long Beach. Please contact Judy Hirsch at (562) 596-6915 or Sally Lane (562) 795-7669 if you plan to attend. The main dish will be provided and each attendee is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre, a salad, a dessert, or beverages. Hope you will consider joining the "Scrabblers" to eat, play, and enjoy the company!

HALL OF FAME

S.I.L.B. annual Hall of Fame Award luncheon will be held **Wednesday, January 20th from 11:30-2:00 at the Grand**. The name of the honoree is kept secret until the day of the event when the surprise is revealed to all. Reservations must be received by January 11, 2016. These may be mailed to Josephine Fitzpatrick, S.I.L.B., P.O. Box 15064, Long Beach 90815, or bring a check to the January 2nd business meeting.

RECRUITMENT DINNER at SOROPTIMIST HOUSE on CSULB campus

SILB will hold the annual Recruitment Dinner on **Thursday, January 28th** at the Soroptimist House on CSULB campus. This is an opportunity for the first (for some of us) or last (for others) to see Soroptimist House before it is demolished.

Please RSVP to Susan Berkman (sjberkman@gmail.com) or leave a message at (949) 910-2772 to qualify for free parking. Parking instructions are included on the flyer sent via email. Dinner is pot luck.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SOROPTIMISTS

This fall, S.I.L.B. inducted three (3) new members, **Karla Bravo, Loralin Engel, and Joan Chase Smith.**



Welcome Karla Bravo. Karla is a Chief Instructor and Studio Manager at Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios., with a focus on women's self defense and empowering out communities through this kind of knowledge.

Karla is both a Harry Potter fan and a Star Wars fan, and loves all that is imaginary. She enjoys traveling, martial arts, and her cats.

Karla was born in Nicaragua and is fluent in Spanish. We look forward to benefitting from Karla's participation in many ways in the future.

Loralin Engel has been a Health Coach for the last two years, changing careers from her previous occupation as a hair stylist just recently. Quite a change, but Loralin loves her new focus on healthy lifestyle choices.

Loralin has been married for 13 years and has 2 grown children



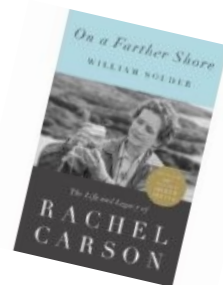
Joan Chase Smith graduated from Babson College in Wellesley MA, majoring in Business Marketing and Economics. Babson College is a private business school with a central focus on entrepreneurship. After graduating, Joan ran a manufacturer's organization specializing in European linens and tableware.

In 2007, Joan started her second career as a Real Estate agent with Remax. When not working Joan enjoys physical activity: exercise rowing, yoga, cycling, running, hiking, skiing, and travel.

ANOTHER UPCOMING EVENT

SILB BOOK CLUB

The SILB Readers will meet on **Thursday, February 11th**, at Judy Hirsch's home (6278 Riviera Circle in Bixby Riviera.) The book for discussion is "On a Farther Shore" by William Souder. The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson. Dinner is the same format as Scrabble Night, and all are invited to attend. Come prepared for a rousing discussion and new thoughts.



FALL FUN(D)RAISER: THE ZOMBIE BASH



The fun started at an event held by Donna Skinner: the construction of multiple terrifying zombie dolls to be sold at the bash. Lots of fun and very artistically messy.



On October 30th, SILB assumed the appearance of the undead as we hosted a Zombie Bash at the Long Beach Expo. Ghoulish makeup did not disguise the fun as we enjoyed zombitinis served by zombie-tenders, who were accepting “finger-tips,” a zombie-themed buffet, a Halloween cake walk, and were entertained by the “undead” jazzy music of Anthony Shadduck and the Undertakers. The Expo was fully decorated with ghoulish decorations provided by Ann and Jeff Haberman. A live and silent auction raised money for the Soroptimist Scholarship Program. The highlights of the silent auction were papier mache zombies made by members at Donna Skinner’s home. Much of the appeal of the event came from the level of creativity dedicated to almost every aspect of the evening. Most of the credit for those ideas and their execution came from Jaye Johnson and Gail Wasil, co chairs. They were assisted by Lauri Blanchard, Cyndi Snyder, Ann Haberman, Alison Reid, Charlene Wynne, and Jodean Pelzman . In addition, Minnie Douglas and Terry Erickson volunteered at the event.



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