

S. I. L. B. NEWS

Fall 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a year of change for SILB. We are experimenting with meeting times to increase membership and participation. We are reviewing old projects and adopting new. Essentially, we're dreaming big and hoping our first flights into new territory let us soar.

This year our focus is on the *Dream Programs* of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA). The *Live Your Dream* awards provide education support for women who are heads of households returning to school after a break. We are making special efforts to reach out and invite women who were victims of domestic violence and human trafficking to apply.

Our Club has always been in the forefront of supporting students through scholarships that ease their educational journey. This year our focus is even broader. We are helping the women fly by offering them additional support in Soroptimists Day of Success (formerly "Shopping with Soroptimists") and we are bringing our *Live Your Dream* winners to our regional Spring Conference for additional recognition and potential awards.

We are also exploring possible ways of reaching out to younger women during their early high school years through the SIA program, *Dream It, Be It*. If our planning and possible pilot program works, we may be able to mentor and support the next generation of community leaders and career women.

Additionally, three of our members were honored for their service to the Long Beach community at large. Our thanks and gratitude to Judy Pedneault, honored by Meals on Wheels, Nancy Hegelheimer, honored by the Tichenor Clinic, and Josephine Fitzpatrick, honored by Children's Dental Health Clinic, for all of your community service!

Keep dreaming and keep flying,

Susan

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2 Judy Hess
Oct 20 Linda Taylor
Oct 27 Diane Dewalsche
Oct 28 Victoria Wang
Oct 29 Lori DeLaney

Nov 5 Sabira Tejani
Nov 25 Alison Reid

Dec 4 Joanne Romero
Martinez
Dec 23 Sally Lane

Jan 3 Lori Brault
Jan 8 Robin Thorne
Jan 16 Charlotte Berry
Jan 23 Rosalie Rowe

Feb 8 Charlene Wynne
Feb 21 Kathy Ward
Feb 25 Julia McConaghy

March 3 Shirlee Jackert
March 8 Wendy Puzarne
March 17 Terry Erickson
March 25 Renee Simon

CAMINO REAL REGION FALL CONFERENCE October 1, 2016



Five members from SILB attended the Fall Conference this year.

The theme of this year's conference was "Going Beyond a Cash Award to Build Collective Impact." What does that mean? Building collective impact includes mentoring, building support groups, connecting with other community resources, including Live Your Dream recipients in club activities, encouraging them to join our organization, and more.....

One of the ways the Region will include our Live Your Dream recipients is to invite them to the Sunday, April 23rd awards luncheon at the Spring Conference where they will be celebrated and enriched. Jodean, as Chairperson of the Spring event, will keep us informed of the planned activities as the date draws near.

During the year we must keep the Live Your Dream and Dream It Be It goals in mind as we design and implement new programs and award scholarships. We are encouraged to also look outside our Club for grant opportunities and corporate sponsorships to augment our fundraising efforts. Michele Wilkosz has already provided us with an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Port of Long Beach which Julia will complete and submit. Great start to a new funding stream!

The members attending the Fall Conference returned with new ideas, enthusiasm for existing programs, and challenges for us all.

SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

Summer and Fall

FALL FASHION SHOW

September 10, 2016

This fall's Cabi Fashion Show was a huge success! The morning began with shopping at vendor booths and visiting with friends, both old and new. When the ballroom doors opened we entered into a room graced with beautiful tables and excellent food. Several of the Soroptimist members, friends, and even two of our previous scholarship winners gracefully modeled the latest Cabi fashions. The room was filled with energy and enthusiasm, and at the end of the event we were thrilled to discover that we had actually exceeded our expected financial goals for the fall fundraising event.



Program Meetings

SILB has had two excellent program meetings this fall. In September, a member from the **League of Women Voters** came and reviewed the myriad of propositions on the upcoming ballot. Attendees were given a handout explaining each proposition, giving arguments for and against, and listing who supported both opinions. This was a very informative and helpful event.

October program meeting featured the **Women's Shelter of Long Beach**. Tatiana Dorman, Associate Director of Development, gave an excellent presentation covering the mission of the organization, its services, and opportunities for volunteering.

SILB MEMBERS HONORED THIS FALL

Donna Skinner awarded 2nd place ribbon at Orange County Fair Art exhibit.

A group of Donna's Soroptimist sisters gathered together to view Donna's award winning entry, "American Woman," stroll the fair, and eat fair cuisine.

Mira Dujanovic, Donna's friend, was the model and inspiration for "American Woman," the mixed media piece that won a 2nd place ribbon at the 2016 OC Fair Fine Art competition.

Donna's description of her work is as follows: "The background for the piece is scraps of advertisements from newspaper. (When I developed the background, I had recently been to see Gustav Klimt's 1907 portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer ... the one with the gold leaf background. The gold leaf reflected the wealth and privilege of Bloch-Bauer.) I thought the newsprint was an appropriate contrast and background for a woman who had a different kind of history ... one of hard work, struggle and sacrifice ... the story of an immigrant who came to this country to raise her children and eventually to become a naturalized American citizen. My goal was to draw her in a way to show that she is somewhat saintly and fiercely determined.



Nancy Hegelheimer was honored on October 13th at the Tichenor Clinic for Children's 90th Anniversary.

Nancy Mahan Hegelheimer served as the Executive Director at Tichenor for 23 years and as a physical therapist for 15 years! She inspired the staff with her work ethic, optimism, and compassion. Nancy served as a mentor to her staff, being both an excellent leader and skilled clinical physical therapist. She met with each of the families who sought care at the Clinic and worked passionately to see that all children received the care that they needed.

Nancy was supported at the event by a large group of SILB members. Lori DeLaney, Executive Director, and Sally Lane, Chairperson of the Board, were among those who presented.



On October 16th at their Festival of Smiles 84th Anniversary Celebration, the Children's Dental Health Clinic honored Josephine Fitzpatrick.

When Josephine was a child, during the years before fluoride, she spent many hours in a dental chair. Dental disease followed her into her adult life, and Josephine joked that she'd rather have a baby than go to the dentist.

On a tour of CDHC, Josephine learned that the Clinic's mission was to serve children who might not otherwise receive care. She accepted a place on the Board of CDHC ten years ago, and somewhat to her surprise, found that dentists really are likeable.

Josephine is passionate about helping the most vulnerable in our society. She was honored for her guidance, advise, generosity of giving, sense of humor, understanding, kindness, and her dedication to the mission of the Children's Dental Health Clinic.

Jana Martin came from the East Coast to act as M.C. for the event, and several other SILB members and Josephine's husband Art were on hand to recognize her achievement.



Judy Pedneault honored by Meals on Wheels at their 45th Anniversary Celebration.

On Monday October 10th, Judy was recognized for her long time volunteer activities at Meals on Wheels 45th Anniversary celebration. Over 150 guests attended to enjoy wine and beer tasting, appetizers, and to honor the "Meals on Wheels Originals."

It was an evening of celebration as Executive Director Bill Cruikshank recognized the honorees, including Judy, and presented each with a unique personalized medallion and a birthday cake.

Judy Pedneault was recruited and hired as Development Director for Meals on Wheels in 1990. She was responsible for generating the mailing list and marketing the M.O.W program to the community. Judy served as a volunteer president of the board three times during her 26 year involvement.

Many SILB members attended the event to support both the organization and Judy. Soroptimist International of Long Beach, which Founded Long Beaches Meals on Wheels in 1971, was given special Recognition during the event. Josephine Fitzpatrick accepted the honor on behalf of SILB. Congratulations, Judy Pedneault, for your 26 years of service.



A Bit of History



This past summer I cleaned out an old file and found a batch of papers that turned out to be questionnaires sent out to SILB members in **1926**. The question was whether the club should continue supporting Rockhaven House, established in 1925 as our club's first community project, or turn it over to the city or school district to run. Apparently the question was answered in the affirmative as the club continued full support of the home until the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, when the house was damaged beyond repair.

What I found interesting were the rather intrusive questions at the beginning of the questionnaire and the members responses.

NAME/ ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

PLACE OF BUSINESS/POSITION HELD

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER CLUBS: ("L.B. Riders Club, YWCA, Ebell, Daughters of the Nile, Business and Professional Women's Club, Daughters of Veterans' League, P.T.A. etc)

CHURCH AFFILIATION: (" Two Baptist, Three Catholic, Two Presbyterians, Four Episcopal, Five Congregation, Three Christian Scientist and Three Methodist)

MARRIED/SINGLE : (Evenly divided) Several had exclamation points behind "single!"

DATE OF BIRTH AND PLACE: (All gave place, not many gave year of birth. Of those that did, all were born before 1900. The oldest was born in 1867!)

FAVORITE HOBBY: (horse back riding, gardening, mushroom raising, home, work, motoring, and "civic betterment of my town of Long Beach")

SPORTS: (Swimming, motoring, Roque, tennis, golf, horseback riding etc. The oldest member stated she was "too old and stiff to take part in any sports".)

AUTOMOBILE/MAKE AND MODEL: (Three Studebakers, Two Chevrolets, Two Buicks, Three Nash, One Cadillac, One Hudson and One 1926 Franklin)

I thought you might enjoy this small incite into the lives of the very first members of SILB.

Nancy Hegelheimer

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