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Best for Women

# Log 'n Line



## *It Takes a Crowd to Honor Award Recipients!*

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It was a day to remember when over 100 people gathered to honor our Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, and Making a Difference for Women Award winners on March 14.

Cash awards of \$500 each were given to Making a Difference award winner Carmen Scott for her work with a number of organizations benefiting women and to Victoria Leach, our Violet Richardson Award recipient, who demonstrated the benefits of community service. Joan Nutter received a \$2000.00 Women's Opportunity Award.

Carmen Scott, described as a woman of compassion, love, and understanding, was our Making a Difference for Women award recipient. Her life has been an example of giving, from being a Christian Help Center board member for over 25 years to teaching Christian Doctrine to the mentally and physically disadvantaged, from opening her home to young women from

Mexico and teaching them English and social skills to involvement in the Girls Empowerment Center in Kenya where girls with AIDS or who are victims of sexual attend school.

"Volunteering is not about doing what needs to be done or doing what others might think or say is good, it's about doing what I know in my heart is something good and right," wrote Victoria Leach on her application for her award. With a range volunteer activities which stretches from mentoring programs in middle and high school to coordinating American Canyon's Relay for Life entertainment, from volunteering at a retirement home to assisting teachers in a reading program, she is an example and inspiration to all.

Joan, or J-Lee as she prefers to be known, Nutter is not a total stranger to our club. Last year she was one of our college scholarship recipients. Raised in the foster care system, she had to develop survival skills at an

early age. After residing in multiple foster care homes where the care was less than optimal, she was finally placed in a home where she received love and guidance. She was very pleased that her foster mother came from Oregon to be with her as she received her award.

J-Lee is a 3.5 gpa student at Napa College studying to be a respiratory therapist. Ultimately she hopes to work with premature babies. She lives with her two year old son in American Canyon. Recently she was reunited with her natural sister who had been living in North Pole, Alaska. Her sister has moved to American Canyon to be with J-Lee.

The awards ceremony was presented by the SIA Programs committee in an unusual Saturday ceremony. The schedule allowed award recipients to invite friends and family and attracted a large group which included our region governor, governor elect, and district director.



Pictured are Carmen Scott, President Carol Howard, J-Lee Nutter, Chairman Pat Zuniga, and Victoria Leach.

### *J'Lee Nutter Chosen for Higher Award*



J'Lee Nutter pictured on the right with her sister and foster mother, has been chosen as the District 3 WOA award winner. She will now compete for Region award recognition.

### **Special points of interest:**

- **Nominations for Officers for Coming Club Year**
- **Region Conference to be a red, black, and white affair.**
- **We get pictures from our Akashi friendship link**
- **Quilt raises lots of money for Fellowship.**

*PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

*You Are FABULOUS!*



District 3 Fellowship Director Linda Borzognia with President Carol at the awards luncheon.

I have said it before and I will probably say it again. You are FABULOUS!

I was so very proud to be your President during our SIA Programs awards ceremony. The room was beautiful, the company could not have been better, the women getting awards were so amazing, and didn't Pat make a great moderator? (Getting in practice for next year???)

When we first discussed having a Saturday ceremony, I'll admit there were some questions. What if we gave a party and nobody came?

Well, can you imagine our meeting room without a single place to put another seat and every seat filled! There were even some last minute people who tried to get in after we had to cut off reservations. It was just great to see so many of our members who have difficulty regularly coming to meeting during the week.

I want to congratulate all the women who have accepted the challenge to be board members next year. I will be a nonvoting member

of the board so I will be using my influence to make sure we have wonderful attendance at board meetings. With good attendance, our decisions will be based on a well rounded representation of the club.

Recently I have had the opportunity of sitting in on some committee meetings. Every time I get to meet with committees, I am amazed at the great ideas our members have and their commitment to do the best for the club. I have never seen a self-serving decision made by our members—and that is saying something compared to many other groups!

I want to encourage you to attend Region Conference. We always have so many laughs and such good fun while learning and getting jazzed about Soroptimist. So join us in getting enthused and knowing the "in jokes" when we tell stories about the meeting. You'll be glad you did.

*Love to You All,*

*Carol Howard*



*Glenda Goode  
Tapped for Delegate*

Glenda Goode has been nominated as the club's delegate for the 2009-2010 club year. She will serve along with the President and First Vice President as delegate to the district meeting and region conference.

"The region recommends that elected delegates have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedures and understand Soroptimist laws and bylaws. She should know the objectives and ideals of the organization, and have experience as a member of the club board," explained committee chairman Betsy Milan. "The nominating committee felt this described Glenda and we were so happy that she agreed to accept the position."



Pat Zuniga has been nominated to serve a second term as President of our club.

*Pat Zuniga Steps Up to be President...Again!*

Pat Zuniga has been nominated to lead the club in the 2009-2010 club year. She is joined by a slate of officers which combines experience with innovation by having a number of returning officers and a number of members who have never served or who have not served for several years.

"In selecting nominees we were faced with an abundance of choices, with so many suggestions. We felt we needed continuity and experience, but we also felt it was important to have new ideas on the board. With our outgoing President

Carol Howard's voice and influence being felt by the board as Past President and with a mix of returning members and members who did not serve in the past year, we felt certain that we would be able to have an active, committed board," said nominating committee chair Betsy Milan.

Other nominees are Sharon Powers, first vice-president; Helen Intintoli, second vice-president; Sharlynn Willingham, recording secretary; Alicia Cook, corresponding secretary; Karen Jones, treasurer; Pinky Santiago, assistant

treasurer; Kris Shirrell, senior director, and Shelee Loughmiller, junior director. The outgoing President, Carol Howard, also sits on the board in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

Pat Zuniga returns to the position of President for a second term. A Founder Region Fellow, she previously served as President in 1996-97. Her grandmother, Leone Pierce, was a charter member of our club. Earlier this year she was appointed to serve in the vacant first vice-president position. She also served as chairman of the SIA Programs Committee.

## Fun and Business Combine at Region Conference

It will be a black, red, and white weekend when Founder Region gathers under the theme of Making a Difference Matters May 1 through 3, 2009, at the San Ramon Marriott in San Ramon.

Members who wish to attend should contact Treasurer Karen Jones. The club pays all expenses for its three delegates. Other members are responsible for their own expenses unless the board and club votes to pay part of the expenses.

Throughout the conference, Fellowship will be selling "necklaces" decorated with stars and mortarboards for fellow drawings. Members holding a winning necklace will be named a fellow or may grant the fellow status to another member. The group eight necklaces will be sold for \$80.00. There will also be a limited number of individual necklaces available at \$10.00 each.

The annual trade fair of items available for sale by clubs will be open on Friday and part of Saturday. If the past holds true (and it probably will!) many unique items will be available at the trade fair.

Women's Health and an update on the Soroptimist Trafficking program will be featured

presentations on Friday. The Women's Health program will be held in the morning, followed by a luncheon presentation highlighting S clubs. The afternoon workshop beginning at 2:00 p.m. will feature the trafficking workshop.

Fellows will rush to get ready for their reception from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and everyone will gather for a general social hour until 7:00 p.m. Then it will be time for the doors to open, as we all troop in our red, white, black or ??? upscale finery where we will all "Reach for the Stars" as new fellows are recognized and fellowships are presented to scholars studying within the Founder Region limits. We will be presenting Pinky Santiago as a new fellow along with two other members whose names will remain secret until named during conference.

Then it's up early on Saturday morning for the business end of the meeting. Fellowship is presenting three proposed bylaw changes and the region is presenting one proposed bylaw change. Delegates will vote on these changes. Also to be elected is one member to the nominating committee. Running from our district is Bonnie Silveria of SI Benicia, the only nominee. Members may re-member Bonnie from her visit

to our club at this year's installation. During the business session we will hear from our Official Visitor on federation board decision and plans.

During lunch club awards will be presented and new members will be inducted. In the evening the general banquet will celebrate our accomplishments. It will be followed by music and dancing.

Sunday is the day many members look forward to. It starts with a memorial service, where we will be honoring our beloved members Anne Ligda and Ritta Donovan. This year a special program is planned with photographs and other added features.

The heart of the day will be the presentations of the Violet Richardson Award winners and the Women's Opportunity Award winners. This year our club's J-Lee Nutter will represent District 3. All district winners and the top runner-up finalist will receive special awards from the region as well as a monetary award from the federation. From the six district winners and one runner-up, a region winner will be named and presented with a new laptop computer.

The fundraising program for federation will culminate with the raffle of gift baskets

and other gifts. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the conference and are available in advance from our Assistant Treasurer Pinky Santiago. They are \$5 each or three for \$10.

### Registration Cost

Full Weekend...\$42.00

Sunday Only...\$21.00

### Meal Costs

Friday lunch...\$31

Tuna Salad Nicoise

Friday banquet...\$48

Horseradish Crusted Salmon

Saturday lunch...\$31

San Ramon Deli Plate

Saturday banquet...\$48

Livermore Valley Chicken

Sunday brunch...\$32

Scrambled Egg Buffet

### Room Cost

Rooms are available at the hotel for the group rate of \$81. Deadline is April 18.

## Those Special Days...

### BIRTHDAYS

Anne Fourie  
April 6

Carol Larson  
April 15

Christine Lemke  
April 17

Lisa LeFebvre  
April 29

### CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Mimi Farone  
April 1, 1961

Yvonne Bullock  
April 22, 1996

Karen Jones  
April 24, 2006

## So...you think you know Soroptimist?

It's time for some easy questions, so here goes... (answers page 5)

1. Before the Women's Opportunity Award, we had a similar program, called the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The precursor of the Violet Richardson award was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ and was open to both boys and girls.
3. There were an award for women who had contributed to their community, known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The award for individuals or groups who had worked on behalf of women was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ award.

All of these awards were modified to better reflect our mission of improving the lives of women and girls.

Schedule of Events

# April 2009

13—We will be electing board members and delegate for the coming year. The Laws and Resolutions committee will also be presenting some important information on recommended revisions to our bylaws and procedures.

There are a few important deadlines related to Region Conference:

Any reservations received after April 18 will be subject to a \$50.00 late fee.

There are no refunds on reservations cancelled after April 18.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Linda Seiffert	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11
12 	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Vallejo Symphony	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Kaiser Hospital	28	29	30		

## Akashi Sends Photograph

One thing we can rely upon each year is the thoughtfulness of our friendship link, SI Akashi, sending a photograph of their club members each year.

This year was no exception. To the right are pictured the members in their New Year's photograph. The members look particularly

festive in their kimonos.

The tradition of their sending this photograph goes back many years. Many of our members are expressed amazement in their being able to get all of their members together for the picture. However, they accomplish this, we are so glad they are able to do it!



2009年 1月 1日撮影の新年写真 (2009年1月1日撮影の新年写真)

*“The program will be viewed by the 450+ Conference attendees as well as indirectly by the over 1800 members of Founder Region”*

## Advertising Opportunities at Conference

Founder Region is offering advertising opportunities to members and other businesses within the region's boundaries.

For a very affordable price advertising can be placed on the Region Conference program. The program will be viewed by the 450 plus Conference attendees as

well as indirectly by the over 1800 members of Founder Region.

Other opportunities are available as sponsors at the Sunday morning awards program and the Friday seminar.

Business card space ads are a very affordable \$35 for members and \$50 for non-

members. Sponsorships are \$250 for the Sunday morning program and \$500 as a seminar sponsor. The number of sponsorships available is limited.

The deadline for placing advertising and securing sponsorships is April 10. Forms can be obtained from President Carol.

## Quilt Raffle Raises Over \$2,000 for Fellowship

District Director Bobbi Enderlin was the lucky winner of the handcrafted quilt raffled by the Fellowship committee to raise money for fellowship.

The winning ticket was drawn at the awards program on March 14. Tickets were sold by club members and were also available at the Celebrity Auction fundraiser and at the awards ceremony.

With the money raised, the club will be able to name two fellows this year. Members may give their nominations by April 7th to Sharon Powers and Cathy Prevolos, our senior and junior directors. The selection will be made by the board.

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### THANKS

to all of you (regular members, life members voting, life members non-voting, retired members-voting, retired members non-voting) to all your friends, acquaintances, relatives, co-workers and others who said “yes” to the Celebrity Waiter event attendees (and the planners who included our fundraiser)

We raised **\$1,991.89 for Fellowship**

### Then, thanks

To the attendees at our awards presentation we raised **223.00**

For a grand total of **\$2,214.89**

(In case you are wondering, the .89 came about because we had a few expenses and they don't always come out even!)

This means that we can name two fellows to join the 14 we already have. Your job, as you already know, is to submit who you would like to see named a Fellow to either the Sr. Director (Sharon Powers) or Jr. Director (Cathy Prevolos). They will present the information to the Board of Directors which is charged with naming the Fellow(s). Please do so before our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### THANKS again from Soroptimist International of Vallejo Fellows:

Belva Gibson Greta Lange Anne Fourie Phyllis Neely Sharon Powers  
Betsy Milan Kris Shirrell Honoré McIlhattan Pat Zuniga Carol Howard  
Honoré McIlhattan Pinky Santiago Glenda Goode Sharlynn Willingham



Sharon Powers with THE quilt.

## Secret Soroptimist of the Month



Yes, last month's Secret Soroptimist was no other than our own Sharon Powers—and didn't she look lovely showing off her beautiful vanity set!

Peter Cottontail was especially kind to this month's Secret Soroptimist. Look at all those “babbits” and baskets! Our friend is all dressed up in her first Easter dress, with her hair styled and ready to go!

## Personal Passages

Ursula Williams recently spent a tense few hours at Kaiser Emergency when she experienced chest pains. On being told that more tests were needed, she went home (drip in place!) for the evening and returned the next day for her tests. The tests came out “real well,” according to Jim.

### So...You Think You Know Soroptimist (Answers)

- 1 Training Awards Program, aka TAP;
- 2 Youth Citizenship Award, aka YCA;
- 3 Woman of Distinction;
- 4 Advancing the Status of Women

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*Soroptimist International of Vallejo was chartered in October, 1939, and since that time has been an integral part of the community. Numerous local programs which benefit women and girl are funded through the club. Known for it's dynamic scholarship program, benefitting girls in local high schools and colleges, the club is also a proud, enthusiastic participant in Soroptimist Founder Region Foundation which funds fellowships for women in the final years of their doctoral studies.*

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### *Picture Of the Month*



Myrna Kingsbury is apparently being instructed by Albie Doll on the positive points of Pat Zuniga as Anne Fourie looks on.

#### **Officers**

**Carol Howard, President**

**Pat Zuniga,  
1st Vice-President**

**Helen Intintoli,  
2nd Vice-President**

**Sharlynn Willingham,  
Recording Secretary**

**Kathy Hahn,  
Corresponding Secretary**

**Karen Jones, Treasurer**

**Pinky Santiago,  
Assistant Treasurer**

**Sharon Powers,  
Senior Director**

**Cathy Prevolos,  
Junior Director**

**Delegate**

**Phyllis Neely**