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Best for Women

# Log 'n Line



## *It's All Hands on Deck for Celebrity Waiters!*

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### Special points of interest:

- **Fellows come up with a patchwork of an idea for fundraising.**
- **Awards ceremony to be extra special this year.**
- **SIA names convention site.**
- **It's www. Us finally.**
- **Disaster Recovery Fund aids women throughout federation.**

It's less than one month and counting until our Celebrity Waiter fundraiser. The long anticipated event will be held Friday, February 13 at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

Tickets and money are due at our meeting on February 2. The choice of entrée—chicken or beef—should be indicated on the ticket. If you don't have a table to sit at, don't worry, the committee will seat you at a fun table!

While there is already a great lineup of waiters, we are looking for more! Yes, you can sign up for the fun, develop some great ideas for raising money among your table guests, and really get into the spirit of the evening.

There will be a meeting of all the waiters at City Lights cantina Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. If you are willing to be a waiter or if you are "volunteering" someone else to be a

waiter, all the information on waiter duties and benefits will be covered. It will also be an opportunity to share ideas for making it a super evening!

We still need desserts for the dessert auction. Remember, you don't *have* to make the dessert yourself—just make sure it is delicious.

There will be a smallish silent auction. If you have something wonder-

ful that you wouldn't mind parting with, please bring it to Angie or Kris. It is important that all silent auction items be donated in advance so the planners can have an accurate idea of the amount of items available.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities still available for members. Contact Angie or Kris for details.



Ways and Means committee members meet to put the final touches on the Celebrity Waiter fundraiser.

*PRESIDENT'S CORNER**We face changes, challenges, and new adventures*

As we move forward in the New Year we have a new President and many changes on the horizon. I am particularly concerned about our membership and our businesses and jobs. We need to be aware of other members in our club and support their services and processes they offer. These are also tough times for many, with their life savings and investments under attack, please coalesce around your friends and members in these times of need.

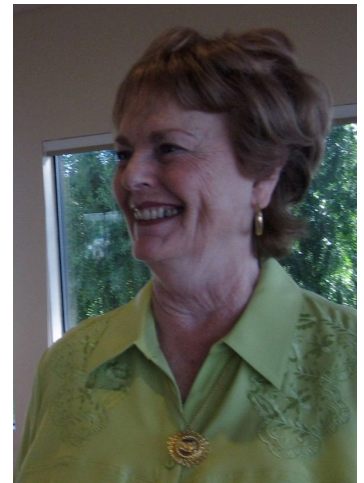
On behalf of the SIOV, I want to express our sincere condolence to Anne Ligda's family and her husband Paul. Many members attended her Memorial Services and our Club surely brought comfort to her passing. I want to personally thank Glenda Goode for eloquently praising Anne Ligda at the Memorial Service. Family members thanked our club for honoring Anne's memory and her work in Soroptimist over the past years.

On February 13, 2009 we have a very important fund raising event, Valentine's Day Celebrity Waiter Dinner. I ask all of the members to participate and support the efforts of Ways and Means Committee, headed up by Kris Shirrell and Angie Thorpe who are setting up this gala event.

Lastly, I want to bring to your attention our new web site and it is an outstanding demonstration of what we Women of Soroptimist in Vallejo have accomplished.

The web address is: [www.sivallejo.org](http://www.sivallejo.org). Give it a try!

Carol Howard



President Carol getting ready for meeting January 26, 2009.

*Helping Fellowship One Stitch at a Time*

Sharon Powers shows off the quilt that is being raffled for Fellowship to chairman Glenda Goode.

A beautiful handcrafted quilt made of Hawaiian theme fabrics will be won by one lucky raffle winner in the Fun for Fellowship drawing to be held March 14.

Tickets will be sold by club members at \$5 each or three for \$10. Tickets will be available from now until the drawing. They will also be sold at the Celebrity Waiter fundraiser.

The quilt was handmade by our own multitalented Sharon Powers from fabrics she purchased while on vacation in Hawaii. The border is a light blue and the reverse is a sand colored mottled design.

Our Fellowship Committee, made up of all the fellows in the club, developed plans for the fundraiser. Chairman of the committee is Glenda Goode.

Fellowship is the Permanent Identifying Program of Founder

Region. Through Fellowship, grants are made to women in the final stages of their doctoral studies to assist them financially in completing their dissertations. Typically the grants are used for funding statisticians to analyze data, computer time, purchase of unique tools needed, and other expenses related to their research.

For every \$1000 raised, a club can honor a member as a Fellow (or as Glenda prefers to call it, a "fella.") Members can also become "fellas" by making a direct contribution, by combining contributions with other members and a name being drawn at random, by being gifted the honor, or by being named by a higher level.

Fellows in our club are Pat Zuniga, Greta Lange, Phyllis Neely, Belva Gibson, Betsy Milan, Myrna Kingsbury, Honore McIlhattan, Glenda Goode, Kris Shirrell, Sharlynn Willingham, Sharon Powers, Carol Howard, and Pinky Santiago.

## *Awards to Be Presented at Special Luncheon*

It will be a gala event, both touching and exciting, when our SIA Programs Committee hosts a Saturday noon program to honor our club special award winners. It will be held March 14 at Zio Fraedo's restaurant.

The Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, and Making a Difference for Women award will be presented at the luncheon.

According to chairman Pat Zuniga, a Saturday noon was selected for the event to accommodate winners and their guests who have in the

past had difficulty attending a weekday program.

It is also hoped that by having the program at this time we may be able to attract more publicity for the event.

This will be the first time in several years that we have had award winners in every category.

The Women's Opportunity Award is given to a woman head of household who is the primary support for her family. She must be going to school (either college

or a training program) and cannot have obtained her baccalaureate degree.

A young woman will be honored for her volunteer activities with the Violet Richardson Award.

The Making A Difference for Women award is given to a woman who through her volunteer or professional activities provides services for girls or women.

The club meeting for March 16 will be dark to accommodate this special program.



Alicia Cook presents the Making A Difference for Women award in April, 2007.

## *Federation Board Plans for Future Events*

Save the dates of July 18-21, 2012 for the biennial convention to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Room rate will be \$199. The hotel is located at Waikiki on the island of Oahu. This follows the 2010 convention to be held right here in the Bay Area in San Francisco.

The selection of the site and dates of the 2012 con-

vention was made at the December meeting of federation leaders at the Federation Board of Director meeting.

In other actions taken during the meeting, the Renaissance Campaign was extended to 2010, when an updated campaign can be presented. The new campaign will be based on market research and progress on the

SI strategic plan.

Soroptimist's disaster relief program (see the related story on page 5) was renamed the Soroptimist Disaster Recovery program to better reflect the emphasis on efforts to assist women and girls in the aftermath of either natural or manmade disasters, not immediate aid. Updated application methods will be forthcoming.

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## *Those Special Days...*

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Geneva Brownridge  
February 22**

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARY**

**Belva Gibson  
February 14, 1968**

**Phyllis Neely  
February 15, 1960**

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

The Founder's Pennies program, originating during World War II, was originally called the Madame Noel Fund. One penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence was collected from each member. The funds generated were used to re-establish clubs which had been disbanded due to prewar political activities and the war itself. Each Soroptimist now voluntarily may give six pennies for each year of Soroptimist to this fund. Do you know what the funds are now used for? Answer on page 4.

- A. Establishing new clubs.
- B. Developing Recruitment and Retention material
- C. Programs advancing the status of women

Schedule of Events

# February 2009

With our major fundraiser this month, there are some important deadlines:

Absolutely last day to turn in tickets to reserve seating—Feb. 9

Last day to turn in Silent Auction items—Feb. 11

Day of Event:

Set up and decorate tables

Set up Silent Auction

Turn in dessert auction items

Show up prepared to have fun!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Member Presentations on Travel Experiences	3	4 Board Meeting 5:30p.m. Waiter meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 Celebrity Waiter Fund-raiser at the Museum	14 
15	16 Dark for President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Leadership Vallejo	24	25	26	27	28

## It's Official—We're On Line Now!

*"A long term goal of the club has been met with the launching of our club's website."*

A long term goal of the club has been met with the launching of our club's website, [www.sivallejo.org](http://www.sivallejo.org).

The public section begins with an overview of our club's history and mission. The activities of our club, including service, social, and fundraising are covered in depth and include information on how to apply for monetary grants, how to contact us to speak to the membership at a program, and how to seek our assistance with service projects.

The news page has links to past issues of the Log 'n Line. However all contact information on members has been redacted from these posted issues. There is also a calendar and a contact form. And you won't want to miss the greeting message from

our President!

The public section also has links to the region, federation, and international websites, the Live Your Dream website, the Project SIerra website, and the Women's Opportunity webpage.

Documents which can be accessed from all pages include the Women's Opportunity Award application and reference forms, the SI Vallejo scholarship application, and the Making a Difference for Women nomination form as well as the leaflets "The Face of Soroptimist" and "Our Commitment to Service."

The member section, which is password protected, includes breaking news, a photo gallery, and commonly

used forms. Members can also access e-mail addresses of club leaders, the annual budget, financial reports, and minutes for both business meetings and board meetings. Mailing labels in two different fonts are available with members' addresses and with clubs in District 3's addresses.

The member section has bylaws and procedures for the club, the region, the federation, and International. There is also a link to Roberts Rules of Order online.

*Answer to So You Think You Know Soroptimist?*

Founder's Pennies are now used to help fund programs that advance the status of women such as Women's Opportunity Award and Violet Richardson Award.

## Soroptimist Fills Needs During and After Disasters

Say the word "disaster" and what comes to mind? Toronados, hurricanes, floods, cyclones, earthquakes. With global warming, these natural events will become even more frequent. Unfortunately, while disasters create hardships for everyone, women and children are particularly vulnerable to them.

As caregivers of children and the elderly, women have additional burdens in disasters. They also frequently have a more tenuous position in society than men. Socially determined roles in certain cultures compromise women's ability to survive and recover in disasters. One study of disasters showed that women and girls die at a disproportionately high rate because of their limited mobility and reliance on men to make decisions regarding evacuation.

Single mothers have even fewer options. Even when there is warning of an impending disaster, these

women frequently do not have the resources to evacuate.

After disasters, women are less able to migrate for work. They also have increased burdens as caregivers of sick and injured family and community members which ties them to the home. Domestic violence also increases during times of stress and change. These affects have been observed worldwide in all cultures, and among all income groups.

While people are always generous after a disaster, the special needs of women, such as sanitary supplies, diapers, and formula are frequently overlooked.

The Soroptimist Disaster Recovery Fund, funded by voluntary member donations, is available to step in and provide assistance to women in disasters. The fund was recently renamed to reflect the importance of providing recovery, and not just relief funds for women. Funds can

be used to provide housing, safety, specialized needs, health care, and ensure equality before the law. Since the 2001 WTC bombing these funds have been used to relieve the special challenges faced specifically by women.

### Disaster Recovery Funds Distributed

The following distribution of disaster funds was recently announced:

\$20,000 to Kalibo, Philippines to reestablish a livelihood center for women affected by Typhoon Frank.

\$20,000 to San Fernando, Philippines to help women build homes after Typhoon Frank.

\$10,000 to Blumenau, Brazil to provide housing and necessities for 25 girls displaced by flooding and mudslides.

\$20,000 to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to restore a homeless shelter for women destroyed by floods.



Flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in July, 2008, displaced women at a disproportionate rate.

## Secret Soroptimist of the Month



Did you recognize last month's prankster as Cathy Preovolos? She was right in the middle of the action even then!

Now this month we have an especially elegant young lady, all dressed up in her most fashionable carriage. She is still elegant and fashionable, but who is she?

## Personal Passages

Our best wishes go out to Al Lange, husband of Greta Lange. Al recently had open heart surgery. While the surgery went very well, his recovery has hit a few bumps in the road and he will be hospitalized a bit longer than originally anticipated. Cards can be sent to the Lange home.

It was with shock and sadness that we learned of the passing of our member Anne Ligda, only days after she had led us all in singing at our Christmas party. As we gathered at her home church to celebrate her life, Glenda Goode eulogized her on behalf of our club. We have received condolences from our Friendship Link in Akashi, mentioning Anne's several visits to their club and the special friendships she developed with their members.

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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.*

## *Picture Of the Month*

It's always wonderful to have special guests for meetings, especially when they are fine gentlemen such as Jack Willingham. Jack was the guest of his mother, Sharlynn, but was nice enough to take time to "talk" with other Soroptimists.



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