



SOROPTIMIST
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Applicants Sought for Awards

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Pat Zuniga with 2008 WOA winner Lucretia Hopkins and daughter

Pat Zuniga, chair of SIA programs is seeking applicants for the Women's Oppor-

tunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, and Making a Difference Award. She has the applications and nomination forms available.

The Women's Opportunity Award applicant should be a woman head of household seeking to improve her live through education and/or training.

The Violet Richardson Award honors girls aged 14-

17 engaged in volunteer work in their schools or community.

Women who have worked to improve the lives of women either through their work or volunteer activities are eligible for the Making a Difference Award.

Soroptimists and their immediate families are not eligible for any of these awards.

Pasta and Bingo Score a Hit for Fundraising

Service fund coffers are heavier today than they were last month thanks to the club's efforts at the Pasta and Bingo fundraiser.

We earned just short of \$5,000 on the event, and with money still coming in we may yet make that goal.

Thanks to some publicity placed by Carol Larson, we were able to attract walk in traffic as well as the many friends and family of members.

As always it was the enthusiasm and can-do attitude of members that made the evening a resounding success.



Judith Brown and Honore McIlhattan man the raffle tickets booth as attendees wait in line to buy chances on the gift basket donated by Belva and on gift cards.

Special points of interest:

- We have a new Soroptimist Fellow!
- New appointments on the Board
- Committee distributes bookmarks to teens.
- Open letter from Angie and Kris
- President's Appeal program selected

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank You for Helping with Fundraiser...



President Carol at the District Meeting in Fairfield, October 19.

I want to thank all the committee and members who participated in our recent Bingo and Pasta Fund raiser. We had a wonderful time and again excellent food was served to over 150 people who attended the dinner. We had several walk-in people who responded to our positive quarter page ads in the Vallejo Times Herald. It really showed the spirit and ability of our club to present a new idea fund raiser.

The Committee chairpersons Angie Thorpe and Kris Shirrell made sure every detail was well covered and I thank everyone who helped this function come off superbly. I also want to thank Steve and Louise Puleo for calling the Bingo Games and adding a lot of fun as the numbers came out of the hopper. The funds raised will go into our Service Account and will be allocated later to service projects.

Pinky Santiago Named as Fellow at Club Birthday

Pinky Santiago was named as a Fellow of Founder Region during our club birthday celebration , capping off the celebration of how Soroptimist has helped members "live their dreams."

The birthday program featuring presentations by Greta Lange, Honore McIlhattan and Karen Jones representing different seniority of memberships. Their talks centered around how our they have achieved

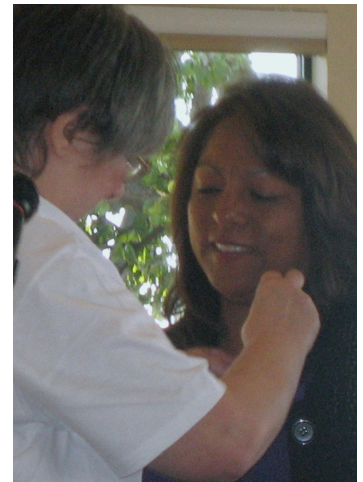
special goals through their Soroptimist membership.

Pinky was chosen as a Fellow by Betsy Milan who won the honor of naming a fellow at a drawing during District Meeting.

"Pinky became a member of our club at almost the same time I did," said Betsy. "Since then she has served on the board I believe every year. You can be count on her to work at every fundraiser, and is always so pleasant and

helpful when you have a problem. I couldn't think of anyone who deserved this honor more."

Joining the club in October, 1992, Pinky has put her financial skills as a banker to use as our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and she has served on the nominating committee several times. She is the manager of the two Bank of the West branches in Vallejo.



Betsy Milan presents Pinky Santiago with her Fellow pin.

"Any concerns members have should be presented to our directors to bring to the board. "

Sharon Powers Named Senior Director

Sharon Powers was named to the Board of Directors as Senior Director, filling a vacancy which developed with Marina Fata going on maternity leave. Sharon will also be taking over Marina's duties as chairman of the service committee.

Cathy Preovolos will be filling the position of Junior Director for the remainder of the club year. As directors, Sharon and Cathy are the eyes, ears, and voice of the membership on the board. Any concerns members have should be presented to them to bring to the board.

A LITTLE SOMETHING SPECIAL

Thanksgiving is a time to share recipes!

Zucchini Fritters with Feta Cheese
Sharon Powers

4 – 5 fresh zucchini (1 ½ lbs or 2 ½ cups) grated
½-¾ tsp salt
2 eggs
½ cup flour
½ cup crumbled feta (I have also used crumbled bleu cheese)
½ cup chopped parsley (optional)
½ cup thinly sliced green onions
1 tsp or more to taste dried dill or 1 ½ tbl fresh dill
Mixture of corn and olive oil for frying (4-6 tbl)

Toss grated zucchini and salt in large bowl. Let stand for 30 minutes . Place zucchini in colander to drain out excess liquid. Place in large dry bowl when dry.

Mix eggs, flour, cheese, parsley, onions and dill with zucchini. If too wet add a little more flour.

Heat oil over medium heat, drop by rounded tablespoons into skillet. Fry for 5 minutes on each side until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Add more oil as needed.

Can be made the day ahead and re-warmed on baking sheet at 350 for 10 minutes



Sweet Potato Casserole
Myrna Kingsbury

2 lg cans sweet potatoes
1 cube butter, melted
¾ cup pure maple syrup

Mash sweet potatoes well with mixer. Make sure there are no lumps left. Should be very smooth.

Mix in butter and syrup.

Bake until brown and bubbly.

Can be topped with a pecan topping during last 20 minutes of cooking.

Pecan Topping

2/3 cup all purpose flour
2/3 cup light brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup butter
1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

Mix flour and brown sugar in medium bowl. Add butter. Cut in until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add pecan. Mix.



Egg Nog Cake
Myrna Kingsbury

2 T soft butter
1/4–1/2 c sliced almonds
Yellow cake mix
2 eggs
1/8 tsp nutmeg
1/4 cup melted butter
2 T rum
1 1/2 cup egg nog

Butter inside of your favorite bundt pan with the 2 T soft butter. Put sliced almonds in pan and gently push into the soft butter evenly all around the pan.

Prepare cake mix, using the 2 eggs, nutmeg, melted butter, 2 T rum and egg nog.

Pour into bundt pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes.

Invert on cake rack and cool before moving to serving plate.

This is a very pretty cake with the almonds all around it. Needs no frosting or glaze, but if you wish you could add a rum flavored light glaze.



On Thanksgiving Day all across America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment—halftime.
Author Unknown

Those Special Days...

BIRTHDAYS

There are *no* birthdays this months.

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

- Josefine Soltz.....November 1, 1981
- Betsy Milan.....November 2, 1992
- Kathy Hume.....November 13, 2000
- Alicia Cook.....November 15, 2004
- Sandy Vollmer.....November 22, 2004
- Louise Puleo.....November 25, 1996

So...you think you know Soroptimist?

You could go nuts trying to figure out what federation some countries belong to. Generally, a country is assigned to the federation with which has historic ties. But does it always go that way? Try to figure these out—which goes to SI of the Americas, Europe, Great Britain and Ireland, or South West Pacific. The answer is on the back page.

- Uganda
- Kenya
- New Caledonia
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Samoa
- Australia

Schedule of Events

- 3—*Jim Mitchell of Tuoro University*
- 4—*Be sure to vote if you haven't already done so!*
- 5—*Board meeting*
- 10—*Business meeting*
- 17—*Diane and Randy Vice from State Farm on motivation*
- 24—*Still open as of publication date.*

Looking forward:

- December 1 we will be dark and will donate our meeting funds to President's Appeal.*
- December 8 is our business meeting*
- December 15—Get your finery out...it's time for our annual Christmas Party!*

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Tuoro University	4 Election Day	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8
9	10 Business Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Motivation	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Open	25	26	27 Thanksg iving	28	29
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Committee Distributes Safe-Dating Bookmarks

Human Rights, Status of Women committee under the leadership of Albiana Doll is this month distributing bookmarks advocating safe dating to high schools.

The four-color, professionally prepared bookmark design was made available through the federation. On one side there is a "dating quiz," asking questions such as "has your boy-

friend or girlfriend been overly jealous or protective?" "Does your boyfriend or girlfriend give orders or make all the decisions?"

The other side of the bookmark has a list of rights. Included in the rights are the right to be treated as an equal, the right to live without fear or humiliation, and the right to be safe.

SafeQuest, the Solano County domestic violence prevention program, has estimated that over half of all teen dating relations in our community involve some form of intimidation or violence. It is hoped that this program will raise awareness by teens about dating abuse and help prevent more serious problems in the future.

"You have the right to live without fear or humiliation."



Decorated table from yesterday (that would be last year!)

Christmas Party Plans Guarantee Lots of Ho Ho Ho

It will be a night of singing and visiting, with a little laughter thrown in the mix when we get together on December 15 to celebrate the season.

Zio Fraedo's will be the venue and our members will provide the decorations. Members who wish to deco-

rate a table should contact Lisa LeFebvre. There are a limited number of tables available, so get your decorating reservation in early.

A special treat will be a surprise stand-up comedian. Not to give too much away, but he is well known to members of our club and has re-

cently appeared at the Comedy Club in Los Angeles.

We will again have our annual singalong, so get those voice pipes ready!

The cost will be \$35. No gifts will be exchanged among members.

And now a word from Angie and Kris...

BINGO! What fun we had! SIOV really knows how to put together a fun, \$4896.00 profitable evening.

We want to thank you all – the donations were astounding from the delicious cookies, the great bottles of wine, the cash donations, the bingo prizes, “Belva’s basket” to the dedication of our members who contributed so much of themselves - our wonderful set-up crew, the amazing kitchen crew, our lovely check-in/drink & raffle tickets crew and our ‘faster than the speed of sound’ clean-up crew.

Our ‘take home’ wine glasses, the program,

tickets, flyer and table cloths were courtesy of our generous Carol Larson. Also, Carol, thanks for the heads-up about the ‘glue dots’ – they work great!

Sharon and Myrna treated us with a delicious sausage pasta sauce and along with Pat Z and Cathy P saved the rest of us from the heated side of kitchen! We also enjoyed the delicious pesto donated by Zio Fraedo’s and the Dillon Bread was very tasty.

Thanks a bunch to our barmen – Jess, Henry, Hank and Keith. Last but not least, to our entertaining caller, Steve “Bingo” Puleo – thanks for

making it so much fun.

We’ll start planning the next fun event – save the date: February 13, 2009.

With our appreciation,

Angie & Kris, Co-Chairs

Ways & Means Committee



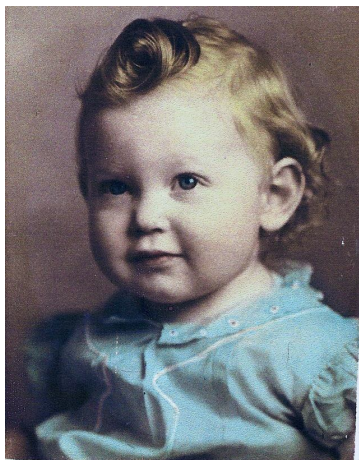
Angie and Myrna in the kitchen, getting the food ready.

Save the Date!

February 13, 2009

Celebrity Waiter Extravaganza!

Secret Soroptimist of the Month



How many of you recognized our own Myrna Kingsbury as the little smiling girl in last month’s picture.

Now, this month we have a beautiful future Soroptimist looking up at us...and her eyes have not changed after all these years! But who is she???

Soroptimist International Program

In December, we along with Soroptimist clubs around the globe will join in supporting President’s Appeal. President Margaret Lobo has chosen to continue the program she instituted last year, “Restoring Dignity—Securing a Future.” This program benefits women and girls of Destra Mendra village at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia where women with vaginal fistulas are treated. We will donate one week’s meeting fees to the program.

Personal Passages

It truly is sad to report the passing of Margueritta Burke-Donovan. She had been a member of our club since 1947, longer than any other current member. Ritta was always willing to help the club in any way she could.

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*improving the lives of women and girls, locally
and throughout the world*

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501 (c)(3) organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs.

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



Our cake celebrating our 69th birthday. Ooooooh! The fresh strawberry filling was soooooo good.

So...you think you know Soroptimist? Answer

Uganda: SI Great Britain and Ireland; Kenya: SI Europe; New Caledonia: SI Europe; Trinidad and Tobago: SI Great Britain and Ireland; Samoa: SI South West Pacific; Australia: SI South West Pacific. In Africa adjoining countries belong to different federations, the Caribbean is nearer SI Americas but is part of SI Great Britain and Ireland, and in the Pacific it's a toss up on which federation a country belongs to. The important point is that we are all Soroptimists with similar interests and goals.

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