



The C-Side Report

Monthly Newsletter for Soroptimist International of Oceanside-Carlsbad
August 2010

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Thought for the Month

The secret of getting ahead is getting started!

Did You Know?

SIA: The Soroptimist Disaster Recovery Fund began was established in 1964 following an earthquake in Alaska and was formalized as a Soroptimist initiative in 1988. In 2002, the program was redesigned to focus on women and girls. This fund helps support relief work that benefits women and girls in areas affected by natural disasters or acts of war. The Disaster Recovery Fund is supported entirely by voluntary donations from Soroptimist clubs and members. To find out more or to make a donation, go to www.soroptimist.org.

SIOC: Turn on the lights! We're out of the dark and our next club meeting is 8-20, same place, different price (\$17).

Personal Project Datebook

Sept. 11



It's a lia sophia jewelry party! All styles from cocktail to statement pieces. Affordable and high quality. Buy two pieces and get the third (more expensive) piece for 1/2 price. \$10 at Beth Levin's house, 1 pm, light lunch. *Call Beth by Sept. 9.*

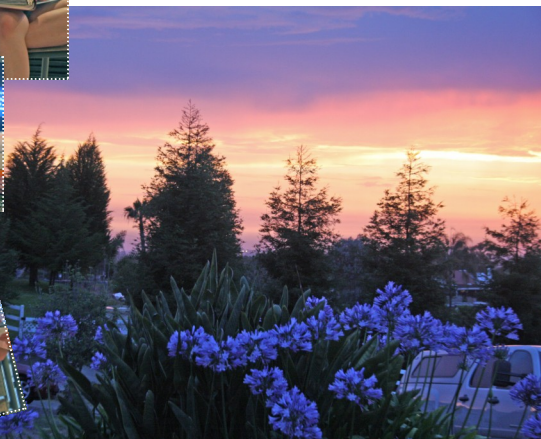
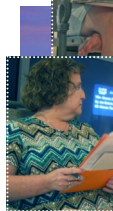
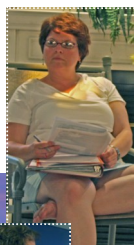
All The Club News

Board Planning Meeting. Did someone say that the club was dark during the month of July?! Maybe so, but there was plenty of hard work going on. At the **Board planning meeting** last month, new board members reviewed their duties and set an agenda for the

new year. They discussed the Planning Retreat and renewed their commitment to the club's mission and Soroptimist purpose. President Adele presided with grace and a delicious **taco buffet**. And at the end of the day, everyone enjoyed a beautiful sunset on Adele's front porch. **Photos courtesy of Director Barbara Bale.**

Wine for Art. While July was "dark," Wine for Art committee members were preparing for the big event on **Oct. 17**. Pat O., this year's chair, is making sure all the bases are covered. Funds raised for this

event provide **art scholarships for high school students**. Watch for sign-up sheets for the auction items you're willing to help obtain and the tasks you're willing to take on. **WE NEED HELP WITH SPONSORSHIPS!** Details and invitations coming soon!



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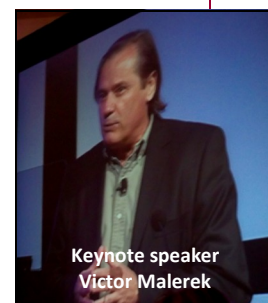
It Was San Francisco or Bust!

It may have been dark in Oceanside but not so in S.F., where it was laughs, good food and beverage, and plenty of enlightenment. . .



The weather was chilly, but the glow of friendship and good wine made it an especially warm experience for the fourteen SIOC women who attended the **41st Biennial Soroptimist International Convention** in San Francisco. Women from all over the world, some dressed in their native garb, came to share their club experiences with each other and vote on important organizational matters. Winners of the SIA Violet Richardson and Women's Opportunity awards gave inspiring talks, pointing out that one individual can start life-changing programs with the support of others and organizations like Soroptimists.

The keynote speaker was a *man*, ladies, who was standing up for women with his work against the legalization of prostitution. At the end of **Victor Malerek's** talk (documentarian, journalist and author of *The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It*), delegates voted on a proposal to not only support legislation against the legalization of prostitution but to also help end prostitution altogether. After the proposal was approved, a press conference was held on the front steps of Craigslist headquarters. Local TV news stations ran the story that night. As for the food at this convention, ask us privately about that. And ask us about our own private moments of inspiration and enlightenment.



All the Club News (cont)

Installation of New Officers. And then during “dark July,” the club installed its new officers and enjoyed an international buffet of appetizers, along with a delicious “down-home” barbeque. This year’s 14 mentors were acknowledged, as were several of our SIOC members. **Barbara Bale** was recognized for her high-earning personal project — a cookbook that brought the club more than \$1,200. **Chris Bartsch** won the President’s Award this year for her hard work on the Salad Luncheon, including her role in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from Supervisor Bill Horn’s community service fund. And our favorite Soroptimistud, **Leon Horn** (NO relation to the supervisor) won our undying love and gratitude for always “being there.” Thanks, Caryn, for loaning him to us! President Adele took the “captain’s hat” from Louann and gave us all a pep talk. And then new officers took the “oath” and were installed. **Here’s to 2010-11!**



2010-11 Board of Directors



Chris Bartsch was the winner of this year’s President’s Award.



Tam contemplated the future at our Aug. 1 planning retreat

Soroptimists Set Sail. Turn on the lights and welcome the new club year! The new club president took Soroptimists on a fun-filled “cruise to success” on Aug. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Carlsbad, where about 35 Soroptimists came together for the annual SIOC **planning retreat**. From a review of last year’s accomplishments and challenges to opportunities to improve this year’s events, the retreat was both fun and productive. This year, use of an outside facilitator allowed President Adele and board members to participate fully in the planning. We sat down together and took a look at results of the club survey and came up with ideas about how to improve member satisfaction, addressing meeting frequency, Wine for Art and other fundraising results. We set goals and came up with our theme for the year: **Soroptimists Set Sail for Success.**

Results of the club survey will be emailed to members before the next business meeting, when members will also receive a report on the planning retreat.

Membership Binders. If you were at the planning retreat, you received updated membership binder contents. If you didn’t attend, Viki will have them at luncheon meetings for the next few weeks so ask for yours. Only one copy per member.

New Lunch Prices/Guest Policy. At the recommendation of the finance committee and the board of directors, the club voted to raise luncheon prices from \$16 to \$17 starting this month. The club will no longer pick up the tab on guest luncheons, but guests who become members will be reimbursed for the first luncheon. Lunch for special guests such as our speakers will continue to be complimentary.

Programs: What a great August /September line-up VP Caryn has for us! **8/20**, Business Meeting with Secret Pal Reveal and Draw; **8/27**, The Ruby Award Video Presentation; **9/3**, Avoiding Breast Cancer; **9/17**, Business Meeting; **9/24**, Acupuncture: How It Can Help You!

Member News

Gini Flores is off on a Mini Takes the States Road Rally this month in her Mini Cooper (with the top down!)

After many ups and downs with her hip surgery, **Ann Slezak** is recovering nicely at the Emeritus Convalescent Home in Carlsbad. You can mail cards to Ann's home address (daughter Diane is picking them up for her), and call Ann before you go visit — 760-720-3173.

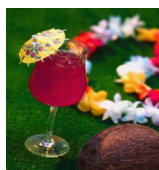
Message from **Marilu**: *The road of recovery — 29 years old, just married and back from her honeymoon, my daughter Melissa was diagnosed with breast cancer, one of the hardest things I've ever endured. Thank you to members who shared my pain and challenges with Melissa's condition. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers. The support from my friends and the support from our members was a major help while going through my toughest time in life. Melissa has done well with her major surgery and now she is in the stage of recovery. The process of reconstruction after the major surgery last month and then getting ready for the challenges of chemo this month, she has prepared herself well. I thought that being in the home care business and seeing the various illnesses of my clients would prepare me for my own family crises. I was totally wrong. It was a lot harder due to the emotional and very personal attachment involved. She lives in Denver with no family close by, which makes it hard for all of us. But my encouragement to her is, "Life must go on! Live life, play hard and work hard," because there so many people praying for her. To follow her journey, please go to www.melissabingham.blogspot.com.*

Opportunities Outside Soroptimists



Call Anne Speraw about these theater nights: **8/12**, A Hot Night at the Blue Note, 7:30 pm, Broadway Theater in Vista \$17.50; **9/22**, The Full Monty, 1 pm, Welk Theatre, \$44; **10/24**, Into the Woods, reception and show, 1 pm, New Village Arts, Carlsbad, \$40.

Line dancing, food and wine FUNdraiser on **8/20** for the **TaTa Warriors** (Edith, Caryn, Robbie and friends), who are doing the Susan B. Komen breast cancer walk in November. 6-10 p.m. at St. Margaret Hall in Oceanside. Fried cat fish and barbeque chicken dinner, \$25. Be there or be square. Call Caryn Leventhal for flier or for more details.



The **Civitan** organization is presenting the Civitan Summertime Luau on Sat, **8-14**, 5-8 pm, Oceana Club House in Oceanside, \$40, buffet dinner, wine, and Polynesian show, Hawaiian barbeque. For information contact Kathie Chan.

The **Women's Resource Center** will hold its annual Magical Evening on Fri., **8-27**, at a home in Carlsbad. The theme is a good ol' Western Hoedown. This event features one of North County's biggest and best silent auctions. \$65 before, or \$75 at the door. See Edith Jones or Colleen O'Harra for more info.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am so excited, and yes, a little nervous to be the "Captain of the SS Oceanside-Carlsbad" for the 2010-11 SIOC year. I want to start this month's message with a very heartfelt thanks to Past President Louanne and the rest of the 2009-10 Board of Directors for a wonderful year. We accomplished so many wonderful things for women and girls and in our community, which was evidenced by the numerous awards and accolades presented to SIOC at the Desert Coast Region Spring Conference, and the SIA Biennial Convention in San Francisco. You ladies ROCK; I definitely have big shoes to fill. I also want to send a special thank you to all of the previous leaders in our club. Those "Long-Standing" members have paved a solid foundation which supports and reinforces our efforts as Soroptimists. For that solid foundation, I am personally grateful. I am looking forward to building on that foundation and leading the club to the next level in pursuit of our mission: "Improving the lives of women and girls locally and globally"! That said, I am committed to jumping in and doing my part to lead this ship - Happy New Soroptimist Year

President Adele McIntosh

THANK YOU to everyone who sent information and photos,
and to all who reviewed this issue of the C-Side Report for accuracy.
For all you EVER wanted to know about our club, go to

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And thank you, Webmistress Diane Scholfield!

Our meetings take place at El Camino Country Club, 3202 Vista Way,
Oceanside 92056, every Friday at noon *except the second Friday of each month ,
and the fifth Friday, whenever there is one.*

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