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Friendship Links Reach Out During Holidays

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What better time is there is to hear from our Friendship Links than at the Holidays? We were fortunate in hearing from SI Akashi, SI Makati, and SI Stockport this year.

SI Akashi sent us a picture of their officers and expressed their appreciation for meeting with Anne Ligda earlier this year.

SI Makati sent a newsletter reporting on their activities—and what activities they were! Among other things they have accomplished are holding an awareness building seminar on human trafficking at their adopted barangay and holding a seminar on how to raise extra holiday funds with the women of the barangay. They also have held seminars on health issues,

participated in a debate on a reproductive health bill.

They also have an active social program and mentioned that a number of their members love to dance and "would surely 'die' if they could not go dancing once a week!"

Their newsletter mentioned meeting President Carol and Guia Del Rosario in Taipei as well as reporting on Guia's upcoming visit to their club.

SI Stockport sent greetings for the holiday with their best wishes for the coming year.



SI Akashi officers for this year.

Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday, Irene!
- Christmas party a great success

Due to the holiday vacation, this is an abbreviated edition of the club bulletin.

Regifting for a Very, Very Good Purpose

So you don't quite know what to do with that—well, you don't know what to call it—*thing* you received for Christmas from your son-in-law's second stepmother? It's too nice to discard, but really, rococo in your minimalist home?

Well, someone likes rococo and that someone may

be at our Celebrity Waiter fundraiser!

Now is the time to gather all of those "I don't quite know what to do with these things everyone but me seems to like" items. Angie Thorpe and Kris Shirrell will be happy to receive them for the silent auction.

This is not an opportunity

to get rid of junque, but it is a perfect opportunity to recycle nice items you have never used and know you never will use, but other people may find useful.

Go through your wine collection for duplicates, think about your special hand-crafted items, and share, share, share.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Can You Believe It? What a Year We Have Had!



President Carol raises a toast to one and all at the Christmas party.

Can you believe it? We are halfway through the club year! Where does the time go? But in looking back I am so amazed at all we have already accomplished.

Honore got the year started for with Relay for Life. Guia led in the effort to start our new Friendship Link with Makati (and by the way, Guia, thanks for being my travel buddy to Taipei!)

Lisa—you're one amazing woman! As a new member stepping up and organizing our Home Dinners, getting the first one underway, planning and putting on a baby shower for Anita and then—the fun Christmas party! Thanks so much.

Myrna gave us the opportunity to assist an AIDS survivor and her grandchildren get on her feet. Another single mother family was helped at Thanksgiving thanks to Kathy Hahn.

The District Meeting had our club's full support when we made our donation to women in the service (thanks for the pillow slips, Sharon!), and Betsy won a Fellowship for Pinky.

Angie and Kris got our fundraising underway with the Pasta Bingo night which raised money and created wonderful memories. Thank you!

Albie spearheaded the bookmark distribution to high school students program, with

great success. This is such a creative way to reach teens about safe dating.

Helen made sure we have had the fun and informative programs we have enjoyed every week. Great job!

We have welcomed Ginger as a new member and Shelee as a transfer. What great new additions.

Pat has not only spearheaded the SIA programs, and made sure we contributed to women's literacy, but also kept me sane!

Thanks for all you have done and now it is full steam ahead to the second half of this great adventure!

Good Wishes to a Lucky Lady

When a member has a special birthday, especially when that birthday is four score and ten, it is a time to really celebrate, and so the members of SI Vallejo gave Irene Heenan a surprise gift to remember.

Sharon Powers collected lottery scratcher cards from members and attached them to a small Christmas tree.

The goal was to collect 90 scratchers, but when all was said and done, there were even more than 90 cards on the tree.

During our Christmas party, as everyone sang Happy Birthday, the tree was wheeled out and presented to Irene. Her face said it all: surprise, shock, delight! Happy birthday, Irene.



Irene Heenan is absolutely awed with the presentation of a tree covered with over 90 lottery scratchers.



Lisa LeFebvre, Anne Ligda, and Kris Shirrell enjoy some predinner conversation during the annual holiday festivities.

We Let Our Hair Down at Christmas

There was singing, laughter, and plenty of visiting December 15 during our holiday festivities thanks to Lisa LeFebvre and her social committee..

Matt Larson, son of our member Carol Larson, gave us a taste of his stand-up comedy revue, featuring his dry sense of humor.

Past member Charlotte Chiolero was a surprise visitor who

in typical Char fashion volunteered to accompany us on the keyboards as Anne Ligda led our singing. Mary Ellen Ryan stepped in to lead us in a competitive "Twelve Days of Christmas" before we finished off the singing with our traditional "Let There be Peace on Earth."

Zio Fraedo's put forth a varied selection of food, featuring carved roast beef.

Those Special Days...

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BIRTHDAYS		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marina Fata January 4						1	2	3
Anita Hawkes January 4								
Kris Shirrell January 5								
Shelee Loughmiller January 17	4	5 Program	6	7 Board meeting	8	9	10	
Pinky Santiago January 26								
CLUB ANNIVERSARY		11	12 Business Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
Christine Lemke January 22, 1956								
Carol Howard January 1, 2000	18	19 DARK MLK Day	20 	21	22 Celebrating Success Applications Due at SIA	23	24	
Judith Brown January 12, 2004								
Onetta Munkres January 23, 2006	25	26 Committee Meetings	27	28	29	30	31	
Albiana Doll January 23, 2006								

Secret Soroptimist of the Month



How many of you guessed our December Soroptimist was Marina Fata? What a cutie she was—and still is!

Now, this month's Secret Soroptimist is a real scamp. One morning she crept down stairs, aided and abetted by her sibling, and got into the kitchen supplies. What neat make-up flour makes! On finding them, Mom screamed and Dad ran for the camera. Now who could she be?

Personal Passages

Our most heartfelt good wishes are with Anne Ligda as she begins chemotherapy. Anne, you have beaten the odds before and we know you can again! You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Cathy and Mike Prevolos on the birth of their new granddaughter Magdalena. We are anxious to see pictures!

We are sorry to report the passing of Seana Pangia. As a Soroptimist, Seana was an upbeat, involved member and as a friend she was concerned and empathetic. Seana truly knew how to make lemonade out of lemons!

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Picture of the Month



December 15, members gather to enjoy each other's company with drink, food, song, and visiting. It was a Ho! Ho! Ho! evening.

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