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Officers “Light a Candle” as Members Celebrate the Beginning of a New Club Year

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Under the theme “Lighting a Candle for the Future,” the officers for the 2008-2009 club year were installed in an impressive ceremony June 23.

Carol Howard, being installed as President by for the second consecutive year, chose Pat Zuniga as her Installing Officer and as the moderator for the evening.

In her comments to the club, President Carol detailed the many successes of the past year and expressed her desire for a continuation of the club's efforts in the coming year.

A highlight of the evening was the performance by the

barbershop quartet appearing in Vallejo Music Theatre's upcoming presentation of “The Music Man.” This special treat was courtesy of Judith Brown, Soroptimist member and Executive Director of VMT.

The club was also honored by many special guests. Our Governor, Amelia Benko outlined her 110% program for recruiting new members. (See related story, below.) We also greeted Governor Elect Linda Sue Hansen, District 3 Director Bobbi Enderlin, six special guests from SI Central Solano (the club we helped charter in 2002), and Bonnie Silveria, outgoing president of SI Benicia.

Thanks to the creativity of Sharon Powers, the conference room of Zio Fraedo's Restaurant was transformed with decorations of birds, bird houses, and egg wreaths in a full spectrum of colors. The tables were accented by programs and votive favors reflecting President Carol's theme and prepared by Betsy Milan.

Pat Zuniga presented each of the incoming officers with a lovely candle to reinforce the message that as club leaders they have a special responsibility in “lighting a candle” The candles had been purchased in a Relay for Life fundraiser.

Special points of interest:

- Year begins on a high note.
- Relay for Life is the year's first service project.
- Interview with President Carol
- Our Successes in 2007-2008

Be the 110% Soroptimist!

If you meet the goal, you have done 100%—what is expected of you. It is when you exceed the goal that you become exceptional—you are the 110% contributor.

During the next biennium, Governor Amelia Benko will recognize members who

go the extra step of sponsoring a new member by presenting them with a special gold 110% pin.

Governor Amelia stated that either she or her representative will personally present each 110% pin to members who earn it.



President Carol talks with Governor Amelia at installation. Looking on is President Carol's granddaughter.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER**Thank You for Our Successes and Now, It's Full Steam Ahead...**

"I was asked by the nominating committee if I would consider offering to stand for the second year as your President....I thank all of you for your vote of confidence"

As you review this edition of the newsletter, our "success edition," we could not have accomplished all of these wonderful tasks without the help of board members and all of our strong committees that make our club so successful. Each member of our club plays an integral role in completing our tasks and I thank all of you for hours of help, monetary contributions and being good and active members.

I was asked by the nominating committee if I would consider offering to stand for the second year as your President. I pondered this matter

with my husband, friends and members and took it under due consideration. I thank all of you for your "vote of confidence" in re-electing me to the office for 2008-2009. I can promise you, I will do my best to carry the high standards for Soroptimist forward and seek to make things better for women locally and throughout the world.

Soroptimist International of Vallejo will participate in this year's Federation Convention and Exchange of Friendship. I am humbled to be able to attend the Federation Convention as a Delegate in Taipei, Taiwan in July 2008. I am also pleased

to inform you that Past President Guia Del Rosario will also participate in this convention with me. We will share our meeting results and findings with the membership when we return.

Thank you all for making 2007 - 2008 a very successful year and for all of you helping me to accomplish so many outstanding things to make our club the best Soroptimist Club in the Founder Region and making our community a better place to live for all women and girls. I am looking forward to an awesome year in 2008 - 2009.

Walking, Fun, and Service—A Great Match!

Whether you walk one lap or many, bring food and beverages to resupply the walkers, or just stop by to show your support, Relay for Life will fulfill your ability and desire to participate in our first service project of the year.

For the fifth consecutive year, Soroptimist of Vallejo will be a Silver Sponsor of the Vallejo-Benicia Relay for Life,

August 2 and 3, at the St. Patrick-St. Vincent Athletic Field.

Our members who will be walking laps will happily accept pledges from the less active members. All proceeds go to the Solano County American Cancer Society, to help offset expenses such as transportation to treatment sites.

Among the memorable mo-

ments are the first lap, led by survivors, the lighting of the luminaries just after sunset, and the closing lap. Luminaries can be purchased in advance on line or at the event. They are dedicated in honor of survivors or in memory of a loved one.

For further information on how you can participate, contact Honore McIlhatten.



SI Makati member Laling Ordonez and President Dolly Buenafior babysitting at Cribs Orphanage.

We Welcome SI-Makati with Friendship

SI-Makati, Philippines was chosen at our June meeting as our third Friendship Link, joining SI-Stockport and SI-Akashi. Our member Guia Del Rosario visited with this club when she was on vacation earlier this year.

The home club of past federation President Tess Choa, SI-Makati is very much a service oriented club. They have received two grants from SIA to help support their projects, the most recent being a \$7,000 grant awarded this past month.

Their signature project is "Barangay New Frontier," an agricultural project which includes an organic vegetable garden, hogs, chickens, and a fish farm. It provides a livelihood for 40 women and their families.

They are also very active in legislative affairs, a local orphanage, and other service projects. In the 2006-08 biennium they have received 26 awards and two trophies for their work, including the highest federation award for Renais-

sance fundraising.

President Carol Howard and Guia will take the paperwork with them to Federation Convention in Taipei to formalize this agreement.

The club is located relatively near areas where both Guia and Rozzana Verder-Aliga stay when they vacation in the Philippines, so hopefully we can establish a close, long lived and mutually beneficial friendship link with SI-Makati.

AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CAROL

Increased Membership and Fun Lead the Wish List for 2008-09

The following interview took place July 7 between President Carol Howard and Betsy Milan.

First, congratulations on your election, for the second consecutive year, as President of our club. Tell me, considering your experience over the past year, what do you think are the greatest challenges we as a club face in the coming year?

I think increasing membership for sure, retaining the people we have, really working on our committees, trying to stimulate volunteerism.

How do you plan to meet these challenges?

One thing is keeping the members well informed. Trying to attend as many as possible meetings of committees. Being a good listener and take seriously everyone's opinion.

And what other goals do you have for the year?

Make sure we have enough money to name at least one Fellow. Having more fun in our meetings. Try to make everyone feel equal to everyone else.

How do you believe an individual member can best benefit

from her club membership?

Getting involved, volunteering, not being afraid to speak up. Everybody's opinion is valuable and that is how we come by our wonderful ideas. Encourage people to come to our conventions and conferences.

Considering our institutional mission to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and internationally, how do you believe our club can influence our community?

By public awareness. Maybe even join up with some of our other Soroptimists in the area and do projects together. I like the idea of being in the parade and Relay for Life.

What do you believe should be the role of nonprofit service organizations in our community considering the present economic status in the city?

To try to help those less fortunate. Watch our service funds very closely to make sure they are used for women and girls in need.

Considering what you learned in your previous tenure as President, what do you believe the major role of the President

should be and how do you intend to fill this role?

I know one thing—be a good listener. Somehow let people know more about my personality and to let people know I would never hurt people's feelings.

What is your main personal goal for the year and how do you intend to go about fulfilling that goal?

To have people get along, have committees do their jobs, have fun, and have members mingle and mix more so that we can all get to know their personalities. Go to meetings—try to help anyone who is having problems, try to get people to say their views honestly, to get people to support the majority and be happy about it.

What is your vision for the immediate future of our club?

To drastically increase our membership with wonderful women and younger women, to work hard, but keep it light. Still have fun!

Thank you for taking the time for this interview. Again, congratulations and best of luck in the coming year.



President Carol speaks out on her goals and plans for the coming club year.

Those Special Days...

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Rozzana Verder-Aliga.....	July 2
Honore McIlhattan.....	July 5
Angie Thorpe.....	July 6
Sandy Plate.....	July 14
Betsy Milan.....	July 21

CLUB ANNIVERSARY	
Pat Zuniga.....	July 1, 1990
Honore McIlhattan.....	July 1, 1997
Carol Larson.....	July 6, 1992
Sandy Plate.....	July 8, 1980
Glenda Goode.....	July 9, 1989
Guia del Rosario.....	July 12, 1999

So...you think you know Soroptimists!

It's no secret that most Soroptimists are women. In fact the Soroptimist International web page defines Soroptimists as "a worldwide organization of women in management and the professions, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women." However, there are men who have been accepted in membership in some clubs. Where can men legally join Soroptimist? Answer is on page 8.

- Any Soroptimist club worldwide
- Soroptimist of the Americas clubs only
- Soroptimist clubs in the United States and Canada only
- Soroptimist clubs in the United States and Brazil only
- Soroptimist clubs in the United States only

Our Successes 2007-2008

Sharon Powers is surprised by President Carol Howard with the news that she is the club's selection as our newest Fellow.

FELLOWSHIP

Four New Fellows Honor Higher Education for Women

When we contribute to Founder Region Fellowship we do more than support our Founder Region service project. More importantly, it is a way we support women who through higher education are making a difference in our world. For every \$1000 contributed to Fellowship, a Fellow can be named. Four—yes, *four*—new fellows were named from our club this year. At the district meeting Sharlynn Wilingham and Kris Shirrell bought tickets in a pool from which fellows were drawn and they were the lucky recipients. Linda Glantz, our District 3 Fellowship Director, came to the club to make the presentation to Sharlynn and Kris. Similarly, President Carol Howard added her contribution to fellowship in a pool at Region Conference in May and her name was drawn. Our club also made a \$1000 contribution to Fellowship which gave us the opportunity to name a fellow. From names suggested by the membership, the board chose Sharon Powers—a most worthy recipient—as our newest Fellow. Congratulations to all the new Fellows. This honor demonstrates their commitments to helping women live their dreams.

AD HOC SERVICE COMMITTEES

Christian Help Center, Service Women Assisted by Members

We selected the Christian Help Center as a major service project. Under the leadership of Chairman Guia Del Rosario we furnished one room of the extended living facility, which primarily serves single women with children. Members donated furnishings, we bought some items (notably new mattresses and pillows and one set of bunk bed), some of the items were refinished and overall it was a wonderful room. At Christmas, we put an accent on this contribution by establishing a library of books for all the children in the facility. During our Saturday of Service project we donated cleaning items for the Christian Help Center. It was so heartwarming to see how appreciative everyone was for the assistance we gave them. Another project was the gathering of toiletries and other items for women in the armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Everyone pitched in and brought items. These were combined with similar items from other clubs in our district. There were so many items donated by our clubs, it took a warehouse storage unit to hold them all until the Air Force could fly them to Iraq and Afghanistan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Whew! We Made It!

Why do we do this to ourselves? Every year we worry and wonder, will we make our goals...and of course we always do! Raffling off a car at times seemed like more of a gamble than a fundraiser, but due to diligent ticket selling (especially by Karen Jones and Ike Redman!) and Sharon Powers' idea of allowing people to contribute to a "Name a Scholarship" fund, we have been able to add \$25,250 to the Service Fund for service projects (such as scholarships, WOA awards, and projects similar to our Christian Help Center room buildout) as well as leaving funds for the philanthropic element of our service in which we donate money to worthy programs. Great job, ladies!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Helping Make Dreams Come True

Nine young women's academic futures were eased and they were truly given the opportunity to live their dreams by our club when they were awarded scholarships in amounts varying from \$500 to \$3000. The total amount awarded was \$15,000. Seven of the young women were graduating seniors from local high schools and two of them were students at Napa Community college. The selection of the winners was based on their academic record, recommendations, personal statements, financial need, and a personal interview conducted by our scholarship committee. We returned to the practice of awarding the scholarships in May, which allowed for their inclusion in the graduation programs. We also again awarded scholarships to college students with proven academic records and well defined goals.



Scholarship winners celebrate their accomplishments with President Carol and peeking in the back Chairman Kathy.

Our Successes 2007-2008

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Oh! What Fun We Had!

The goal this year was to create a lively and fun atmosphere. We had four home dinners, where the food was fabulous, the drinks were fabulouser, and the friendship was the fabulourest. Thank you to our hostesses. Myrna Kingsbury, Carol Howard, Sharon Powers, and Rozzana Verder-Aliga. Our Christmas party was great fun—wonderful food, the loveliest of table decorations courtesy of our soooooo creative members, we sang ourselves silly (especially on our Twelve Days rendition!), exchanged gifts delivered by our own Soroptielves, and who will forget the bell ringers—such a holiday treat!—courtesy of Helen Intintoli. We also celebrated our club birthday and Founder’s Day with games including stick the pin on the Soroptimist, guess my identity, Soropti-word-search, and we heard some recollections from past Presidents. We decorated for special holidays and searched far and wide for Girls Night Out events. Our social events help bring club members together so we can be more effective in fundraising and service projects. This year we did our best to accomplish that goal.



Helen Intintoli leads the bell ringers during our Christmas party.



Chairman Pat Zuniga beams as she presents the WOA winner Lucretia Hopkins and her delightful daughter.

SIA PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Not Just One, but Two WOA Winners!

What do you do when you have two very qualified applicants for our federation’s signature award program? Well, if you have the means, you give them both awards. On March 3, Elvie Sarmiento was given a runner-up award of \$1000 and she was so deserving, we thought, who could be better. Two weeks later, we met the winner, Lucretia Hopkins (who had a test the day of the first ceremony and couldn’t attend) and then we saw what a first class winner she truly is! She was so appreciative when she picked up her \$2000 prize. Both are studying nursing at Napa Community College. Lucretia has plans to continue her studies and become a Nurse Practitioner. Our committee benefitted by having two outstanding judges, Dr. Jerry Kea from Solano Community College, and Dr. Jim O’Connor, from Tuoro University.

FINANCE AND LAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES

Keeping the Wheels Turning

Our two administrative committees an important reason we are still around. These committees make certain that we have money when and where we need it and that our rules are in compliance with higher law, make sense, and do not contradict each other. We don’t hear much from them and that is good—it means they are doing a good job and that the committees are conscientious about their responsibilities.

The Finance Committee’s major responsibility is developing a budget. Based on historic needs, requests from committee chairmen, and club requirements, they were able to present a balanced budget which not only covered all of our needs for this year, but also allowed us to accumulate funds for future high cost conferences and conventions. This ensures that we are all well informed about Soroptimist matters and that we are represented when decisions that may affect our club are made .

The Laws and Resolutions Committee developed recommendations for several changes in bylaws and standing rules. Some of these changes were to bring our rules in compliance with higher law and other items considered at members’ requests. However, Founder Region leadership asked us to not make any changes until the new region bylaws were adopted. There was then not sufficient time to give the one month notice to members of proposed changes before a vote could be taken so the recommendations are being passed on to the incoming committee for action.

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Our Successes 2007-2008

SERVICE, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL & UNDERSTANDING COMMITTEES

Our Service Touches the Community in Many Ways

We work hard, hard, hard to earn our money and the Service Committee works almost as hard to try to allocate the money to organizations and programs which improve the lives of women and girls. We distributed nearly \$33,000, 86% of which went directly to programs benefiting women and girls. Of the remainder, most of the funds went to programs where we were able to get high visibility through ads which shows our mission and lists the programs we support. We saved a little over \$5,000 in the service fund to be used next year. Over the past six year, a little over \$167,000 has been donated by our club to organizations, service programs, and educational grants.

The major project of the Health and Environment committee was the silver sponsorship of the Relay for Life. We sponsored one team and thanks to our participants were able to raise well over \$1000 for the Solano County branch of the American Cancer Society.

One of the best ways to reach world peace (the goal of all of us Miss America want-a-bes) is to get to know people similar to us. Through our Friendship Links we have a unique opportunity to do this. This year we got in touch with both SI Akashi in Akashi, Japan and SI Stockport in Stockport, England. We exchanged greetings and learned a bit about each group. Guia Del Rosario visited SI Makati while she was visiting in the Philippines which resulted subsequently in our establishing a Friendship Link with them. (See related story, page 2.) Anne Ligda may have the opportunity to visit SI Akashi when the Sister City delegation goes to Japan in August.

SOROPTIMIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

Happy Founder's Day, Violet

Oh, Violet would have been so proud on Founder's Day with the program put on to honor this organization which she helped found and of which she was the first President. Thanks to the considerable efforts of our Soroptimist Leadership Training committee, we learned about the nineteenth century background of optimist organizations from which many types of service and community groups developed. It was primarily our newer members who researched the archives and information on the web to give us a full history of where we began what we have accomplished and finally, we looked ahead to the SIA Renaissance movement with its goals of growing membership, increasing public awareness, increasing service projects, and rebranding—in short, bringing us into this new century with the strong background of our history and looking forward to constructive changes.



Violet Richardson Ward was the first president of Soroptimist of Alameda County and was a lifelong ambassador for Soroptimist

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND BULLETIN/ROSTER COMMITTEES

Trying to Get the Word Out About Us

Our public awareness committee always faces enormous odds in getting any news about the club published. They used alternate media such as the Grapevine and radio to try to get the word of Soroptimist out in the community and probably reached people who we would not have reached if we had relied totally on the newspaper. Interestingly, the only real story about our activities that was published (which was apparently placed by the Avery Green auto dealership) had a glaring error in it!

Fewer *Log n Lines* were published this year (eight instead of ten) due to members being unable to get their stories to the editor. (We shall at this point, in unison, hang our heads in shame.) In order to supplement, some intermediate notices were sent to members. Nonetheless, it continued to be a very popular element of our club. As for the roster, what can you say—it's wonderful, with all (or most all) of our beautiful faces smiling from the pages.

FEDERATION NEWS

Federation Board Institutes Licensing Fees for Clubs

Clubs must pay a licensing fee of \$100 per item if they produce merchandise for sell with the Soroptimist logo on it. Items, such as cookbooks, which have the logo printed as an identifier only is not subject to the fee.

The decision to charge clubs for use of the logo in their fundraising was made by the SIA Board of Directors at their March, 2008 meeting and is effective July 1, 2008. The purpose is to protect the integrity of registered symbols and slogans.

Examples of items which would be subject to the charge are t-shirts, stationery, or advertising specialty items sold to members or the public.

The policy emphasized that only the federation has the right to sell jewelry items. It also exempted items currently being offered for sell from the licensing requirement, provided an appli-

cation for exemption is filed with federation. Promotional items (items not for sell) are exempt from this regulation.

In subsequent queries about this policy, it was emphasized that only the "S" logo in use since 2004 can be used for any purpose by clubs and regions in the federation. Soroptimist International retains the

rights to use the emblem (which for SIA members is restricted for use as a membership pin only) and SIA has exclusive rights to use the "Live Your Dream" logo.

Internal use of the "S" logo, such as on club stationery, newsletters, banners, flyers, etc. is not affected by this policy.



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

"S" Logo which may be used by clubs and regions and which may be subject to a licensing fee.

REVISED TEXT OF SIA PROCEDURE 9

SIA Headquarters shall be the sole supplier of all Soroptimist jewelry, including those items that employ the SI emblem, SIA logo, Live Your Dream logo or other registered marks. Non-jewelry items are subject to SIA's non-exclusive limited use license. Licensing fees of \$100 per item will apply to non-jewelry items for sale by clubs or regions as outlined in the "Use of SIA Registered Marks Policies." Every Soroptimist should ensure that the official Soroptimist-owned registered marks continue to enjoy the respect they have earned over the years. **PROVISO:** This procedure will go into effect on July 1, 2008 after all clubs and regions have been notified of the action and have access to the "Use of SIA Registered Marks Policies." In addition, those clubs and regions that are already producing nonjewelry items will be able to have that item exempted from the licensing fee by making application to SIA and providing one copy of the item.



Soroptimist International emblem which is used only for membership pins within the Soroptimist International of the Americas federation. May have wider application within other federations.

Secret Soroptimist of the Month

Yes, this is one of us. Who is she? Take a guess—no prizes, but lots of fun. Look here every issue for another peek at a not-so-rich-but-oooh-so-famous personality.



Committee Chairmen

- Archives—Greta Lange
- Bulletin/Roster—Betsy Milan
- Finance—Guia Del Rosario
- Health and Environment—Honore McIlhattan
- Human Rights/Status of Women—Albiana Doll
- International Goodwill and Understanding—Phyllis Neely
- Laws and Resolution—Kathy Hume
- Programs—Helen Intintoli
- Public Awareness—Carol Larson
- Recruitment and Retention—Sharlynn Willingham
- Scholarships—Cathy Prevolos
- Service—Marina Fata
- SIA Programs—Pat Zuniga
- Social Activities—Lisa LeFebvre
- Soroptimist Leadership Training—Glenda Goode
- Ways and Means—Kris Shirrell and Angie Thorpe

Appointed Positions

- Parliamentarian—Glenda Goode
- Historian—Sharon Powers
- Chaplain—Irene Heenan

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We're coming to the web soon!

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

Members of our new Friendship Link, SI Makati call on Congressman Teddy Loksini.



So...you think you know Soroptimist! Answer

The answer is D: United States and Brazil. When some clubs in the United States requested that SI allow men to join Soroptimist, permission was granted by the International body to clubs located only in countries where there are public accommodation laws. Thus far, the only countries making such a request have been the United States and Brazil. However, no major program to recruit men as members has ever been instituted since it may conflict with Soroptimist efforts to train and encourage community leadership by their women members and does not support women helping women. At this time SIA is not encouraging recruitment of male members.

Officers

Carol Howard, President

Kathy Hume, President-Elect

Helen Intintoli, 2nd Vice-President

Sharlynn Willingham, Recording Secretary

Kathy Hahn, Corresponding Secretary

Karen Jones, Treasurer

Pinky Santiago, Asst Treasurer

Cathy Prevolos, Senior Director

Marina Fata, Junior Director

Delegate

Pat Zuniga