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Breast Imaging Center, as part of our SIA "Color Me Pink" campaign. Community members along with notable celebrities participated in this extraordinary event.

A Wine-derful Day!

September 27, 2009, over 400 people strolled downtown Town Center Drive, to support Soroptimist International of Greater Santa Clarita Valley's Fundraising Event **Sip, Stroll and the Savor Sounds!** Proceeds from the event will be presented to Sheila R. Veloz

Look for our Special Edition coming your way!

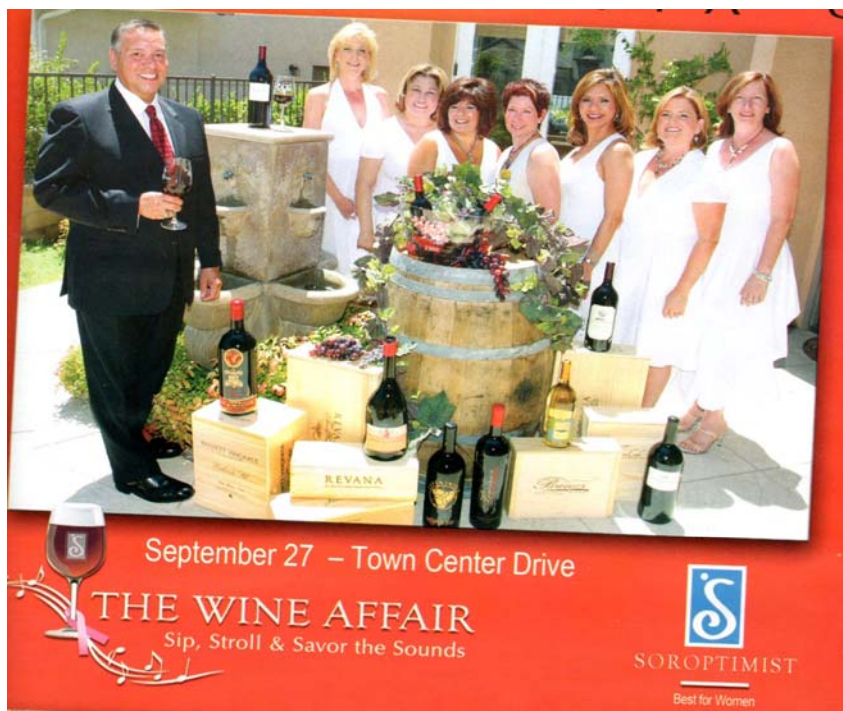
SI members work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world!



Stay connected!!!

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Soroptimist International

Are You a Renaissance Woman?

*Best For Women
and Girls!*

Written by Darlene C. Gandara

The *Best for Women* magazines' highlighted some key items to measure our club's best practices and Renaissance performance. But as I read the articles I began to think, how has my personal performance contributed to the club's overall wellness in the Soroptimist International Renaissance campaign?

So I thought with 2010 around the corner, we could walk through this measurement together.



1. The internet and new technologies have changed the way we operate as a club. Do I take the time to read my club communications via email and respond timely?
2. The economy has challenged everyone and makes us pick and choose what fundraisers to support and donate to, have I made SIGSCV a priority and a focus for my volunteerism and fundraising efforts?
3. In an effort to "go green," have I supported the club's best practices to use the technology and tools available to go paperless and save our planet?
4. Do I do my best to educate and bring public awareness to our local community about Soroptimist and club projects?
5. Do I contribute and help our club focus on central ideas and projects that have a positive outcome locally and globally through volunteerism?

Are you happy with your answers? Well, I found a few I need to focus on in 2010, so let's prepare for 2010 together. SIA published an Individual Capacity Inventory so we can uncover our talents and interests that will empower us to maximize our contributions through our current skills and willingness to learn new ones and share others. Check all that apply; add some items to your list if desired.



*In 2010, I will do my
best to*

Individual Capacity Inventory	Skills I have	Skills I want to learn
Accounting		
Advertising		
Budget Development		
Business Planning		
Communications		
PC Programs		
Fundraising		
Marketing		
Project Management		
Planning		
Writing		

If you have an interest to learn something new for personal or professional growth, there is not better way to learn than by volunteering in that area of interest and learning from others. If you find you have a skill that would assist our club's operation and success, give a yell! **There is room for everyone!**

Camino Real Region

2009 Fall Workshop

November 14, 2009, Soroptimist International Camino Real Region will gather in Santa Monica for its annual Fall Workshop, hosted by SI Los Angeles West.

If you have an interest in learning more about SIA, our region or aspire to hold a board position in the near future, CRR strongly encourages you to participate in any or all regional workshops. Contact President Dora Zavala if you are planning on attending. <http://www.caminorealregion.org/>

Region Sightings

Tora Brown has been actively engaging Camino Real Clubs' to write their council members and other political partners to bring public awareness to SIA's "Color Me Pink, Color Me Purple" campaign. Go Tora Go!!

Kris Hough has been busy as the Violet Richardson Regional Chair to train committee chairs and reach out to the community for eligible candidates.

Darlene Gandara, as a member of the CRR's District 4 nominating chair, is busily gathering 'call for nominations for region positions 2010-2012.

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Jacque Petersen Endowment and Award

SIGSCV is proud to announce that they are now accepting applications for the Jacquie Petersen Award (JPA) nominations for **girls, ages 8-13 up to January 15, 2010.** (Award presentation will be in March 2010.)

The candidate must be nominated by a school dance instructor who sees something special in the child and cannot afford to continue dance or the lessons strain the household finances, must have a passion for dance, and cannot be a relative to anyone on the JPA committee or reviewing committee or SIGSCV member. Inquiries and applications are available through Julie Sturgeon, Kris Hough, Shelly Hann or Darlene Gandara.

SIGSCV Summer Social

August 11th, SIGSCV members, friends and interested parties gathered at Wine 661 for cocktails, appetizers and great conversation. President Dora spoke to our group and opened the floor to each participant to state "what was on their mind." We celebrated achievements, we listened to each other needs, and we networked ideas for future club activities. It was a great time for everyone!

Dancing With Our Stars Encore

SIGSCV has been asked to once again participate in the Santa Clarita's Dancing with our Stars completion with 12 other non-profit organizations. 100% of the money raised in votes goes to our club.

Public Awareness



Celebrating Women And Girls!



2009-2010 Board

Dora Zavala	President
Rose Chegwin	Vice President
JoAnn Vindigni	Treasurer
Greta Boye	Treasurer Elect
Darlene Gandara	Corresponding Secretary
Sheryl Geraci	Recording Secretary
Kris Hough	VP Membership
Sue Reynolds	Director
Tamra Levine	Director
Tora Brown	Parliamentarian

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SIGSCV Members at their Best



One Jazz Night at the Hyatt, SIGSCV members and volunteers waited tables and tended bar, raising over \$284.00 in tips and not including the final event donation for improving the lives of women and girls. Total for the event, this awesome group of women raised over \$500 for SIGSCV!! **Round of applause for Rose Chegwin, Dora Zavala, Shelly Hann, Jo Grant, Sue Reynolds, Sheryl Geraci and Dina Huffman!!!**

Annual Awards Campaign

Soroptimist International has three prestigious award programs: Violet Richardson, Women's Opportunity and Making a Difference for Women.

Violet Richardson – Kris Hough is co-chairing this award for our Camino Real Region, but locally, Darlene Gandara and Karen Schnurr are spear-heading our club efforts for accepting applications and review board activities to make a selection. This program is an award to honor girls for their volunteer service in their community. The deadline for the club award is **January 15**.

Women's Opportunity Awards - Julie Sturgeon with a committee is reviewing and assembling a review board for selection for this award. This program awards a woman who faced severe hardships preventing her from achieving her educational and professional goals and is the primary source of financial support for her family. The deadline for the club award is **January 15th**.

Making a Difference for Women – Sue Reynolds with a committee is working together to accept applications and assemble a review board for selection for this award. This program honors a woman in the community who is improving the lives of women or girls through her professional or personal life demonstrated a lifetime of good work or most of her work within the past two years. Deadline for applications is **January 15th**.

Jacque Petersen Award – SIGSCV launched its first endowment and is prepared to launch a new award for girls dance. This award honors girls who demonstrate a passion for dance, demonstrated talent and who's family may be financially struggling to continue to pay for dance lessons. The girls, this year, must be **8-to 13 years of age**. Kris Hough and Shelly Hann are spearheading the launch of this award. Deadline for applications from their dance instructor is **January 15, 2010**.

Got Candidates? If so, please contact the SIGSCV committee chairs and they will promptly work with you to ensure all applications are processed.



*Celebrating
Women!!*



"Lighting the way to you're your dreams... A candle loses none of its light by lighting another... together we will help others live their dreams." So look up, light a candle, sip some wine and let your light shine....
President Dora Zavala



Happy Anniversary!!!

Congratulations to you for your years of service!!

5 Years

Dora Zavala

4 Years

Darlene Gandara

3 Years

Tora Brown

First Year

Carol Hall

Laura Kirchhoff

Theresa Doty

Beverly Santiago

From the Editor, Darlene Gandara

As you all know I will only be editor for one more edition of this newsletter. Writing the newsletter has been lots of fun and you have made it easy with all the club volunteerism and events.

Julie White will be taking over and is looking for someone to assist her with article writing, pictures, and event documentation. Interested?

Please contact Julie White

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating in October, November, and December!



SI of GSCV Members & Friends

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

To Our Newest Members – July through October!!

Catherine Stebbins

Darlene Gomez

Erica Bird

Lynda Domer

Maurele Lehman

Michelle Thompson

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Upcoming Events

10/13/09	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
10/28/09	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
11/10/09	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
10/24/09	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
11/14/09	CRR Fall Workshop	
12/3/09	Ladies Night Out	TBD
12/8/09	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
1/12/10	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
1/15/09	Award Deadlines	See page 4
1/27/10	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm

Go to our website for additional information!!