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



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www.sigscv.org



Happy New Year SIGSCV!

Letter from President Dora Zavala

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and ready to embark 2010 with SIGSCV and make it a big WIN! As I reflect back on the last few months of the year, I want to **congratulate** all of you for stepping up and making such great contributions. Here are just a few 2009 highlights:

- April** We participated in an SCV non-profit fundraiser "**Dancing with Our Stars**." Jacquie Petersen was our club's dancer. She placed in the top three and the proceeds started the Jacquie Petersen Endowment Fund and Award, to celebrate and acknowledge girls and their talent for dance.
- May** Inaugural "**High Heel A Thon – Stomp Out Domestic Violence**" Fundraiser
- August** Celebrated our second SI anniversary as a club with 69 members along with Soroptimisters and guests at a wonderful Summer Social.
- September** We started our busy fall season by giving money to great causes.
➢ \$5,000 – To SCV Domestic Violence Center from our *High-Heel-A-Thon*, supporting our pillar – Women In Crisis.
➢ \$500 – To Henry Mayo for a new Cath Lab, supporting one of our three pillars - Women's Health Issues.
- September** Our annual "*The Wine Affair... Sip, Stroll and Savor the Sounds*" on September 27th was a sold out success! We grossed over \$27,000, providing us with proceeds to donate \$10,000 to the Sheila R. Veloz Breast Imaging Center.
- October** The City of Santa Clarita acknowledged our club by presenting us with an official Proclamation for all our contributions and helped us kick off the "*Color Me Pink and Purple*" Campaign. (Pink is for Breast Cancer Awareness and Purple is for the prevention of Domestic Violence.)

We partnered with the Old Town Newhall Association and were the official judges of the Halloween costume parade, which provided ribbons and gift cards to all the dressed up contestants.
- November** Several of us attended a Fall District Workshop and learned that we truly are a Renaissance Club. No matter how big or how often, we strive together to make a difference in the lives of Women and Girls and everyone's contributions counts.

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Happy New Year SIGSCV! (Cont.)

December We held a Holiday Social with a Twist, debuting our Celebrity dancer for "Dancing With Our Stars"...Harold Petersen. He is the handsome husband of our beloved Jacquie who was our "Ginger Rogers" last year.

We partnered with Single Mothers Outreach and adopted two families by donating special gifts and decorated Christmas Trees.

As you can see, we have been a busy club and starting our 2010 with 73 members strong and growing together to make a difference.

Thank you for being part of SIGSCV and I look forward to Celebrating the NEW YEAR with you, "lighting the lives of others along the way".

Soroptimist International

Program and Award Deadlines

Written by Darlene C. Gandara

Soroptimist International has three prestigious award programs: Violet Richardson, Women's Opportunity and the Ruby.

Violet Richardson Award – 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 Award - 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**.

Ruby Award – 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**.

*** SIGSCV LOCAL ENDOWMENT AND AWARD ***

Jacquie 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.

*In 2010, I will do my
best to*



*Best For Women
and Girls!*



Camino Real Region

Around the region

Soroptimist International Camino Real Region started preparation for its annual Spring Conference, April 23-25, 2010. SIGSCV members, aspiring to hold a position on the Board (or are not attending our Dancing with Our Stars Fundraiser), should plan to attend.

Our very own President Dora Zavala has been nominated to be a regional Director for District IV. Voting will take place at the Spring Conference.

For more details, contact any Board member or go to <http://www.caminorealregion.org/>

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Dancing With Our Stars Encore

April 24, 2010, 6:00 P.M. Century City Plaza Hotel

SIGSCV will participate in the annual Santa Clarita "Dancing with our Stars" competition with other non-profit organizations. Each non-profit dancer will be paired with a professional dancer to train and dance the night of the event. Each non-profit has the opportunity to raise money based on ticket sales, votes, proxy votes and donations. 100% of the funds raised in votes go to **our club's new Endowment and Award, the Jacquie Petersen Award.** The funds raised this year will help fund two awards, one for ages 6-13 and the other for ages 14-17 in 2011.

Our dancer is Harold Peterson, Jacquie's husband, and the professional dancer, is their granddaughter! We are honored to have a great family, like the Petersens, continue to support our club and our cause to assist aspiring dancers in our community.

How can you help? You have many options to assist our club not only place 1st place in this competition but also raise the funds needed to continue our club's award for dancers. You can log onto our website, www.sigscv.org and click on VOTE NOW! RSVP quickly to your Evite and Constant Contact emails for upcoming socials and/or contact Shelly Hann or Rose Chegwin. (We had our first DWOS fundraiser Dec 15th.)

Event tickets are \$120 and will be a fun-filled evening with food and entertainment. Proxy votes are \$25, \$50, \$100....or more! **SAVE THE DATE!**

SIGSCV Winter Social

December 2009, SIGSCV members, friends and interested parties gathered at Vino 100 for cocktails, appetizers and great conversation. The social proved to be a big success. We celebrated our year's achievements and networked ideas for future club activities. It was a great time for everyone!

Public Awareness



Celebrating Women And Girls!



2009-2010 Board

Dora Zavala	President
Rose Chegwin	Vice President
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Sue Reynolds	Director
Tamra Levine	Director
Tora Brown	Parliamentarian

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*Women
In Crisis!*



*Women's
Heath Issues!*



SIGSCV donates to Domestic Violence Center

November 2009, SIGSCV was proud to present a check for \$2,500 to the Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center from our High Heel A Thon event. The money will be used to assist women and families who have been victims of domestic violence in our community.

As you know, funding cuts have adversely affected this Center and we hope that our next **High Heel-A-Thon – Stomp Out Domestic Violence, May 23rd, 2010** will raise more funds to assist this organization.

If you would like to assist, please respond promptly to email notifications or contact Jodi Stokes or President Dora.

SIGSCV Donates to Sheila R. Veloz Breast Imaging Center

November 2009, SIGSCV donated \$10,000 to the Sheila R. Veloz Breast Imaging Center in Valencia, CA. The funds were raised from our annual "The Wine Affair – Sip, Stroll and Savor the Sounds!" and have been earmarked to replace breast imaging equipment.

Our next **Wine Affair is October 17th, 2010**. If you would like to assist, please contact JoAnn Vindigni or President Dora.

Henry Mayo Cath Lab receives a Donation from SIGSCV

SIGSCV members voted fourth quarter 2009 to donate funds towards the formation of the new Catheterization Laboratory at Henry Mayo Hospital. Our members found that over 70% of women are in need, at one point or another, of cath lab services. The dollars used were raised from monthly meetings, individual donations and Jazz Night at the Hyatt.

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SIGSCV Celebrates the Arts



*Celebrating
Women And Girls!*

Michele Buttelman raised our club's awareness to a Boys and Girls Club and the need for funds to be able to launch their Fall production. Club members were happy to assist and voted at a fall business meeting to donate a modest amount of funds to assist them. At this time, 95% of the actors in the production were girls.

* * * **Community Service** * * *



T'was the Season for Giving!

November Program Luncheon kicked off our holiday season, with the "Giving Tree." Sheryl Geraci created a Holiday Tree with name cards; the cards contained the names and gift wishes from two Single Mother's Outreach (SMO) families.

SIGSCV members voluntarily chose a name card, bought the gift, a gift card or donated the money to purchase the gift. Sheryl, then, assembled a team of Santa's helpers to shop, wrap and/or work with SMO to deliver the gifts to the families. **Many thanks to all who participated to help the families!**

A Hallowing Good Time in Newhall



Greta Boye organized a group of our Soropti-sisters, who volunteered as judges, for the first annual Old Town Newhall Association's Halloween Parade. It took place October 24th, between Main Street and William S. Hart Park. Special thanks to President Dora Zavala, Sheryl Geraci, Sue Reynolds, Tora Brown and Jeannie Atkins for donating their time in community service and proudly representing SIGSCV!!

"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 all members completing an anniversary January, February and March 2010. Thank you for your years of service with Soroptimist International!!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating In January, February, and March!



From the Editor, Darlene Gandara

Writing the newsletter has been lots of fun and you have made it easy with all the club volunteerism and events.

Please support Julie White, as the new Editor in Chief by assisting her with article writing, pictures, and event documentation. Interested in teaming up with her?

Please contact her, Julie White.

SI of GSCV Members & Friends

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

To Our Newest Members who joined between November and December 2009!!

Upcoming Events

12/15/09	DWOS with A Twist	6:30 pm
1/12/10	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
1/19/10	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
1/27/10	Business Meeting w/Zonta	6:30 pm
2/10/09	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
2/12/10	DWOS Social	6:00 pm
2/24/09	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
3/3/10	DWOS – Dress Rehearsal	TBD
3/9/10	Program Luncheon (Awards)	11:30 am
3/24/09	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting (Elections)	6:30 pm
4/13/10	Program Luncheon	11:30 am
4/23-25/09	CRR Spring Conference	See schedule
4/24/10	Dancing With Our Stars	6:00 pm
4/28/10	Board Meeting	5:30 pm
	Business Meeting	6:30 pm

NEWSLETTER



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