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Soropti News

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SI Lodi Board 2010-11
The New Board was installed in June by Ora Hoover to a Coffee bean theme.

Back Row: Germaine- Recording Secretary,
Merry - Co-President,
Lori-Corresponding Secretary
Front Row: Bev- Co-President, Susan B- Vice
President, Sue K-Director, Lynn Director
Absent: Co-treasurers- Bernice and Robyn

Making a difference for Women and Girls in local communities and throughout the world

Birthdays Anniversaries

None for November

Club Anniversaries

Jean Beckman – 1978
Bev Lacy – 1983
Lori Klarer – 1999
Stacie Jenkins – 2008
Pat Fehling – 2009

BELL RINGING

SI Lodi members have signed up to ring the bell for Salvation Army red kettle outside S-Mart on Lodi Avenue. Our day is Saturday December 4 from 10-6.



Program Meetings for November and December:

11/15 Catherine Pennington
(LUSD/Education)
12/21 Holiday Dinner
1/18 Donna Combs Senior Peer
Counseling

SPR Calendar

11/15 File Tax forms
11/30 End Domestic Violence
12/10 President's Appeal
1/11 Stop Trafficking Awareness

Presidents Message:

Co Presidents Bev and Merry are excited about the new year. We have many plans to raise funds and make SI Lodi more visible in the community. We request all of your support in making this happen.

Kettle Kickoff

. This is a fund-raiser to start the holiday season for Salvation Army, so plan to make a contribution during lunch. As a Club, we voted to sponsor a table at the Salvation Army's Kettle Kickoff lunch. The kickoff is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, from 11:30-1:30 at Chardonnay Hall on the Lodi Grape Festival grounds. Ten members have signed up to attend the kickoff luncheon.

New Soroptimists are visible in Local Businesses

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CANDIES®**



"A Taste of Heaven"
216 S. School Street
Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 369-5160 ·
info@lodigiftbaskets.com



Soroptimist Robyn Grace Jennings will be selling See's Candy for Soroptimist International of Lodi in her new shop "A Taste of Heaven"



Member Laura Heinritz co-owner

Member Laura keeps busy with two businesses.

Town and Country Properties
(209) 369-5535
18 W Pine St, Lodi, CA

Randall's (209) 368-2575
231 Lakewood Mall, Lodi, CA 95242



Arrangement at party for Mike Klarer.

Edible Arrangements
(209) 368-8875 - 224 N Ham Ln, #C, Lodi, CA
www.ediblearrangements.com/

New member Brittnee Jardine, Manager of "Edible Arrangements"



Conferences and Meetings



On July 7-10, our convention for Soroptimist International of the Americas was held at the Hilton, Union Square in San Francisco.



Betsy, Susan and Bev ride BART to SF



Betsy, Susan, Germaine, Bev and Robyn enjoy lunch. Stacie came later.



Steve Dutra, city of Lodi parks superintendent, speaks at the Soroptimist International of Lodi's September program meeting.

Soroptimist International of Lodi recently hosted their September program meeting with Steve Dutra, city of Lodi parks superintendent, as the speaker. Dutra shared that there are currently 28 parks on 200 acres of park land with an additional 200 acres undeveloped. The department is in the process of developing DeBenedetti Park in cooperation with Tree Lodi. This park has been in the making for 25 years. Lodi is a community-based nonprofit organization created to promote and advocate the planting, maintenance, and preservation of Lodi's urban forest. Tree Lodi currently has 147 volunteers and is seeking donations to help purchase trees and materials for the spring planting. Tree Lodi and the Parks department are also seeking volunteers for their "Adopt a Park" program.

This project will require the support of civic clubs, school groups, churches and neighborhood residents. Donations can be made to Tree Lodi Inc., 2915 W. Kettleman Lane, Suite 203-126, Lodi, CA 94242. Go to www.treelodi.org for more information. Soroptimist International of Lodi was instrumental in establishing Candy Cane Park in 1959 and refurbishment in 1992. They are anxious to see the park continue to serve the neighborhood children for years to come. Soroptimists also planned and built the Sunshine Trail for the Blind at Micke Grove Park. That project has now been adopted by Tree Lodi and the Lions Club.

Official Call District III Meeting SIERRA PACIFIC REGION 2010-2012 Biennium Host Club: S.I. Calaveras County



Laura, Bev, Sue K, Susan B and Merry attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Lilly, District III Director.

Guest speaker topic was Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls
Governor Sherry Peason and Governor Elect Pat Jones were in attendance.

Organ Donation

Our speaker at the Oct 19, 2010 program meeting was Judy Reginier. She talked about the importance of Organ Donation and how to become a donor. Judy is a survivor of a liver transplant.



Co presidents Bev and Merry with Judy

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. We would like to honor our members who have battled and survived this disease. Bev Lacy 1986, Bernice Schmiedt 2010. Condolences to Lori Klarer in the loss of her husband Mike and Sharon Blaufus in the loss of her close friend Jim.

SOROPTIMIST AWARDS

Applications for the following awards are being accepted at this time.

Soroptimist International and local clubs give out a number of awards to deserving women and young people who exemplify volunteerism, who work on behalf of improving the lives of women and girls, and gives awards to women working to improve their own circumstances for themselves and their families. What are these awards?

The Violet Richardson Award

honors a girl between the ages of 14-17 for her volunteer work in her community. The awards at local club levels vary. The winner at local club level is eligible for 1 of 28—\$1,000 awards given to a charitable organization in their honor, and one from the 28 receives an additional award contribution of up to \$2,500 to the finalists volunteer organization. Germaione Burke is the chairman of the Violet Richardson Award.

The Ruby Award—formerly known as the Women Helping Women Award acknowledges women who are working to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional activities. The Ruby Award is named after the first federation president, Ruby Lee Minar. The ruby is also a red gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love—all of which the women it honors possess. Club level awards also vary with this award, with local club awardees eligible for higher level awards. Germaine Burke is the chairman of the Ruby Award Committee.

The Women's Opportunity Award was established in 1972 and is a signature award of Soroptimist International. It is to assist women who have primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills, training and education

necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family. During 2009-2010 club year, nearly \$1.5 million in club, region and federation funds were awarded to more than 1,000 women in Soroptimist International of The America's 19 member countries and territories. Women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including tuition, books, child care and transportation. Sharon Blaufus is the Women's Opportunity Award Committee. You can assist the award committees by nominating a recipient, or giving the committee some names of deserving women you may know. There are many deserving women who need to be recognized and rewarded for their efforts.

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Club meetings

Meetings are held at

Dee Dee's,
2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays.

Board meeting on 1st Tuesday.

Presidents Bev Lacy and Merry Donahue

