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Greetings!

President Jeri sends her regards but is off on a cruise as we complete this Newsletter, so instead, we want to use this space to update the annual calendar and remind you about the meeting times and places for the balance of the year. Mark your calendar while you're thinking of it!



- Wed. 2/2 6pm: Program Meeting at McCormick & Schmick's
- Wed. 2/16 6pm: [Prospective New Member Reception](#) at [Taix](#)
- Sat. 3/5 Saturday Day of Service (details to be announced)
- Wed. 3/16 Noon: Program Meeting at [Taix](#)
- Wed. 3/30 6pm: Board Meeting
- Wed. 4/6 6pm: Business Meeting at McCormick & Schmick's
- Sat. 4/16 11am [Women of Distinction Luncheon & Silent Auction](#) at The Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.
- Wed. 4/20 6pm: Program Meeting at McCormick & Schmick's
- Sat. 4/30 10-7pm: [Tour of the Grammy Museum at LA Live](#) (see below)
- Fri-Sun 5/13-15: Regional Spring Conference in Carlsbad
- Wed. 5/18 Noon: Program Meeting at [Taix](#)
- Wed. 5/25 6pm: Board Meeting
- Wed. 6/1 6pm: Business/Annual Meeting at McCormick & Schmick's
- Wed 6/15 6pm: Installation of Officers & Directors at McCormick & Schmick's
- Sun-Thu 7/10-14: SI International Convention in Montreal, Canada

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Invitation to Prospective Members

Extend the gift of Soroptimism! A reception for prospective new members will be held at [Taix French Restaurant](#) on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 6-8pm. Recruitment chairs, **Emily Dell** and **Sheila Tatum**, have planned an informative and enjoyable evening including presentations about Soroptimist programs and activities, special guests and delicious refreshments. Immediately identify at least two friends or colleagues that you think would make good Soroptimists, invite them today to the new member reception and give their names to [Emily](#) so that they will receive a formal invitation. And be sure to ask if they have a friend or colleague - perhaps even a daughter or new young professional contact - who might be interesting in attending and learning more about Soroptimists!

Come Explore the Grammy Museum with SILA

"It has four floors of fascinating interactive exhibits about every type of music!" exclaimed **Ginger Cole**, VP Programs, when she suggested SILA



members might enjoy buying group tickets at only \$10 each and planning a day to explore [The Grammy Museum](#). The museum opened only 18 months ago at LA Live in Downtown LA and is open from 10am to 7pm daily. We and our guests will have in-and-out privileges which will let us explore the exhibits at our leisure and leave to have lunch at one of the many surrounding restaurants and return to continue our exploration. At our last meeting, members decided Saturday, April 30 would be a good day to go, but tickets must be purchased before January 24th, so contact **Ginger** immediately at gcole@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in joining us.

A Visiting Soroptimist Sister from Turkey

We were honored to welcome [Guzin Advan](#), a Soroptimist from Karsiyaka Club of Izmir, Turkey, at our meeting on January 19th.

Guzin has been a Soroptimist for 5 years and is secretary of her club which was established in 1989 and has 32 members. The first club in Turkey was established in 1949. Izmir is the third largest city in Turkey and has six Soroptimist clubs. **Guzin** has a real estate office in Izmir, a 21 year old daughter who lives with her, and a 25 year old son who has lived in the United States for the past seven years, first as an exchange student, then graduating from Cal State Chico and now living and working in Santa Monica. **Guzin** has come to visit him every year.



Guzin presented a interesting overview of goals and projects of Soroptimists in Turkey and gave the club a box of delicious Turkish candy. We were delighted to have her join us and remind us of our international connection with Soroptimists around the world.

An Update from Our District 2 Director



The guest speaker at our meeting on Wednesday, January 19th was **Ana Marie LeNoue**, our new District 2 Director from Camino Real Region. A member of the SI Montebello club for 15 years - and president for six of those years! - Ana Marie is new to the Region Board and delighted to be able to visit the clubs within her district to share ideas from SIA and the Region and to learn about club activities.

Ana Marie presented an overview of the [SIA 2009-2010 Program Impact Report](#) which is available on the [SIA website](#). The report gives a lot of impressive statistics about the impact of our Federation, Soroptimist International of the

Americas. For example, more than \$2 million was distributed through federation programs helping more than 10,000 women and girls live their dreams of a better life. For SIA's signature program, [Women's Opportunity Awards](#), in 2009-2010, for the 6th year in a row, almost \$1.5 million was disbursed in club, region and federation funds. In 2009-10, 1,033 clubs gave awards for a combined total 1,201 women. Federation participation remained steady at 74%, the same as 2008-2009, including 14 Soroptimist regions who achieved 100% participation - which includes our region, Camino Real! All 14 regions received a laptop computer for their 1st place region level award recipient donated by tax-preparing firm Jackson-Hewitt.

Ana Marie reminded everyone there's a lot of information about Soroptimists on the federation website at www.soroptimist.org.

Wendy Greuel is SILA's Ruby Award Winner

Carole Oglesby, Chair of this year's Women of Distinction Luncheon, is pleased to announce this year's [Soroptimist Ruby Award](#) Winner for SILA is Los Angeles City Controller **Wendy Greuel**. Ms. Greuel will be one of several outstanding women honored at the luncheon on Saturday, April 16, 2011 the the beautiful [Castaway Restaurant](#) in Burbank. Other honorees will include the winners of the Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award and SILA's Graduate Student Fellowship Award.



**The Soroptimist Ruby Award:
For Women Helping Women**

Ms. Greuel has been a long-time champion of local programs to improve the lives of women and girls and as City Controller, is currently the public watchdog at City Hall working to ensure the fiscal health of the City and guard against fraud, waste and abuse.



Mark your calendar now and plan to join us at this outstanding event, including an exciting select auction, luncheon, and program honoring some truly outstanding women of Los Angeles.

Member News - SILA Named as Beneficiary

SILA Retired Member, **Leslie Mulford**, visited her husband Bob's family in Torrance over the holidays. Known as **Leslie Nelman** when she was active in SILA, Leslie retired as an investment manager to become a professional translator in German, but is now concentrating on her love of singing with several groups in Monterey, where she and Bob live. Leslie wanted members to know that she has named SILA as a beneficiary in her will. How many other members can say they've thought to be so generous to support Soroptimist after they're gone? Thank you, Leslie!





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