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What a nice meeting we had October 16th with three delightful guests. We have invited them to submit membership applications. We enjoyed each woman and loved hearing about her work and community involvement.

Also wonderful was **Daphyne's** update on 1736. We always enjoy hearing what is happening there and are already looking forward to our Christmas event with the youngsters.

We have had some great donation gifts for our booth at Girltopia. We need more volunteers to sit with the booth but I am sure we will get them at the meeting when **Carole** gives us the update on the booth and our other involvement.

The first meeting of November is our business meeting and I am sure that every Committee Chair will have lots of information to give us and indicate where she will need our help. We should expect a full complement of members as **Joan** is home from the mountains, **Ginger** is home from her work travels and **Pam** is back from her duties in the desert.

With Halloween now over we have increasing responsibilities to family and SILA. Take a deep breath, relax and let's get good things done and enjoy the process.

President Bev

Mark Your November Calendar Now!

Wednesday, November 6, 6-8pm: Business Meeting at [Taix Restaurant](#)

Saturday, November 9, 8am-4pm: [GIRLTOPIA](#) at the LA Convention Center.

Wednesday, November 20, 6-8pm: Program Meeting at [Taix Restaurant](#).



Thursday, November 28: Turkey Day!

Report on Fall Workshop

"Increased Collective Impact" was the theme of the 2013 Fall Workshop hosted by SI Glendale on October 12. Speakers included SIA President **Cheri Fleming** who is a member of SI Greater Santa Clarita Valley, **Linda Haines**, Governor of Camino Real Region who is a member of SI Downey, and SILA's **Ginger Cole** who is currently Camino Real Region Secretary. Every speaker spoke about increasing Soroptimists collective impact, be it through programs, fundraising, public awareness, social media and websites, and membership.

SILA members attending were President **Bev Johnson**, **Ginger Cole**, **Carole Oglesby**, **Daphyne Howell**, **Jeri Durham**, **Sheila Tatum**, and **Teresa Harvey**. This annual workshop is an excellent opportunity to meet other Soroptimists throughout the region and get updated on current Soroptimist activities and programs on the international level (SI), federation level (SIA), region level (CRR) and club level. As SILA member **Teresa Harvey** said, "I listened particularly hard at this workshop and learned a lot about Soroptimists."



President **Bev** accepted three SIA Award Recognitions from SIA President **Cheri Fleming** on behalf of SILA. The awards included recognition for participating in the Women's Opportunity Award, for meeting the President's Challenge for Club Giving for 2012-2013, and the 2013 Soroptimist Club Award for outstanding work in each of the four pillars (programs, membership, fundraising and public awareness) leading to increased collective impact.

Coach Joan Johnson Recognized

by Julie Mairs



A capacity crowd was on hand to honor SILA member **Dr. Joan Johnson** at the Billie Jean King Awards dinner on October 12. **Joan** and her fellow coach, **Scotty Deeds**, were recognized with the Joe Shapiro Award for their collaborative efforts to develop a tennis program for athletes at California State University Los Angeles.

Joan and Scotty were exceptionally successful tennis coaches at SCULA, managing and training both the men's and women's tennis teams. Joan coached many winning men and

women tennis players, of which **Billie Jean (Moffett) King** was her most well known player and champion.

Many tennis luminaries were at the gala event to congratulate Joan, including **Rosie Casals, Pam Shriver** and **Mary Carillo**. SILA members **Sheila Tatum, Jeri Durham, Ginger Cole, Julie Mairs** and President **Bev Johnson** were also in attendance.



Honorees Scotty Deeds and Joan Johnson at the Billie Jean King Awards gala with Pam Shriver and Mary Carillo (photos by Darryl Dennis)

POV's Post Over Violence Campaign



Post-it says: Does he check your texts before you do? 24 hr hotline: 562-388-7652 #postoverviolence

to leave our message and remind people of the importance of breaking the silence and raising awareness around domestic violence?

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One of our partner organizations, Peace Over Violence (SILA will be working with them at the upcoming Girltopia event), launched Post Over Violence, an interesting grassroots campaign aimed at promoting domestic violence awareness, education and support - all using post-its.

Post-its are commonly used as a quick and convenient way to leave someone a message or to remind someone of something important. For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, POV thought: why not use post-its as a way



Post-its say: Not an excuse for domestic violence #postoverviolence

POV invited their volunteers, staff, and the community to use post-in notes as mini canvases to write messages about domestic violence then post them anywhere and everywhere to raise awareness, break myths, and create meaningful conversations about domestic violence. Participants were then encouraged to post pictures on social media pages and include the twitter hashtag #postoverviolence.

December 10 Appeal

"Can you imagine finding time to earn your living if you had to spend hours every day collecting firewood? Or how you would study with no electric light in the evening? One quarter of the world's population do not have reliable access to electricity; 70% of these are women and girls living in developing countries." Ann Garvie, SI President

Each year, on December 10, the Soroptimist International President invites all Soroptimists to join her in donating to a special fund to be used to benefit Soroptimist International projects in education and leadership.

SI President Ann Garvie is launching her December 10 Appeal, "**See Solar, Cook Solar**", which will support Soroptimist projects that **educate** women about renewable energy and **empower and enable opportunities** for them by providing solar lanterns and cookers.

Project sites around the world will be announced soon. Watch for more info about this exciting international Soroptimist project.



Ann Garvie, SI President, 2013-2015