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SI AZUSA/GLENDORA NEWSLETTER November/December 2006

Soroptimist International of Azusa/Glendorra

P.O. Box 1960 • Glendorra, CA 91741

Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month – Noon/Lunch

Location: Glendorra Community Church, Church of the Nazarene 645 N Grand Avenue Glendorra, CA 91741

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President's Message!

Brenda Scuccimari – President 2006-2007

Greetings All,

As we enter our 51st year of community service we have a lot of exciting events going on. We have already completed one of our service projects with our annual Halloween in the Park. Thank you to everyone who worked. October was our membership drive with Ann Chilton on the move. We were able to induct 3 new members. Welcome to our club Gretchen Stein, Laretta Crites & M'Chel Northrop. Karen Fortus has come up with some wonderful guest speakers for our program meetings. We've covered issues of breast cancer, Myra Lau our new Dist.1 Director was at our membership drive informing us on Project Independence and our new President appeal project. This month we'll hear from Kathy Benson of Stepping-Stones, a transitional home for single mothers who are working their way back into the work environment.

We had our shopping day at Tin Frogs on Nov. 12th with a Soroptimist social following at Sue Hammett's home. A wonderful time was had by all and the club earned over \$400. Thank you everyone who participated. Bike raffle tickets have been given or mailed out to the membership. Remember that this is the only required commitment the club asked of you. Please sell as many tickets as you can. I have plenty of extra tickets at the office. The proceeds are given to our Violet Richardson & Women Opportunity winners. We will be having a bake sale at our Dec. 5th business meeting. Fire up the ovens and get baking. Our Christmas Party will be on Dec. 15th at Sue Hammett's home and we will draw the winners of the bike raffle. Maureen Ford will be doing our club newsletter, so make sure you give her all your news so she can get it printed.

Have a safe holiday season and keep those Happy Face's Smiling.
President Brenda

Holiday Recipe

Sweet Pumpkin Dip

2 C Powdered Sugar, Sugar or Splenda

8 oz Cream Cheese

15 oz Pumpkin

1 tsp. Cinnamon

1 tsp Ginger

Cream together sugar and cream cheese. Add remaining ingredients. Blend well. To store, refrigerate in airtight container. Serve in small pumpkin with ginger snap cookies or apples.

Meetings & Other Important Dates

Nov – Dec	Sell Bike Raffle Tickets
Nov 7	Business Meeting
Nov 12	Tin Frogs Fundraising Noon-5 Social Hour Sue's following event
Nov 13	Spring Fling Committee meeting-Rose's 5:30
Nov 15	Homework House Thanksgiving –Baked Items
Nov 17	Glendorra Holiday Stroll – Sell Bike Tickets
Nov 21	Program Meeting – Kathy Benson Stepping Stones/Transitional home for Single Moms
Nov 28	Board Meeting – Rose's office 5:30
Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 25	International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women
Dec 5	Business Meeting – BAKE SALE
Dec 10	Soroptimist Int'l President's Appeal
Dec 15	Women's Opportunities Award Applications Due
Dec 15	Holiday Social Sue's
Dec 19	No Program Meeting Board Meeting - Rose's 5:30
Dec 25	Merry Christmas

WELCOME 2007

Jan 9	Business Meeting
Feb 10	Annual Spring Auction Brunch
May 4	Annual Wine Tasting



Ways and Means-

Okay Ladies, the SPRING FLING will be upon us soon.... Our first meeting will be held on Nov. 13th at Roses Office at 5:30pm. We will be going out together for dinner after the meeting so don't eat first if you can go with us.

We will be deciding on the theme, colors, and sub committee chairs. Hopefully those of you who helped last year will be able to do so again this year. However We need new people to help so COME AND JOIN US.

The Fling will be on FEB. 10TH SAT. For those that are new to the club, we arrive at the Country Club about 8:30am for set up...putting out the programs, helping to bring in the opportunity prizes and door prizes, center pieces, and getting ready to sell tickets... we are out of there by 1:00pm so you can still do 2 more things that day...late afternoon and evening....to relax...

We raise between \$7000.00 and \$8000.00 for scholarships for the teachers of Azusa and Glendora... We need people to get door prizes, and gifts we combine for opportunity baskets, sell tickets to the Brunch- which is at Via Verde Country Club, and sell Ads for the program. We haven't made more then \$2.00 per ticket sold to the event in the past so we are going to raise the price to \$30.00...I think.

See you Monday...the 13th.
Rose-AKA-Sweet Rose

REMINDER: Applications for **Women's Opportunities Awards are due to Sue by Dec 15th**...Bring them to the Holiday Party at Sue's.

Welcome new members Laurretta Crites, Gretchen Stein and M'Chel Northrop. Please introduce yourself to our great new members.



Roster changes

Have you moved, changed your phone number have a new e-mail address? Please let Sue Hammett and Ann Chilton know so the roster can be updated. Please also let Maureen Ford know so the information can be put in the newsletter.

New Member Information:

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Birthday: July 22



OUR BIRTHDAY GIRLS!!!

September

**Julia Bacon
Loretta Sweat
Nita Ulloa
Mary Robutz**

October

Helen Marshall

November:

**Brenda Succimarri
Dorothy Graham Smith
Helen Chapman**

Project Independence Report

Dear friends:

I am overjoyed to give you an update reflecting the generosity of our Soroptimist members! We are very close to our target of \$1.2 million US dollars and have exceeded our target of 1200 sponsorships. These are Great Days! Thanks for the support and all that you do. I am now off to the SIGBI Conference and am so pleased to have this opportunity to share our wonder-ful project with that group! Thanks so much,

Dawn Marie Lemonds

Soroptimist International Quadrennial Project Liaison

Every four years SI has a quadrennial project that all 90,000 members of Soroptimists in 128 countries work toward. The 2003-2007 project is Project Independence: Women Survivors of War. Our partner organization is Women for Women International. "Project Independence: Women Survivors of War- Moving Women from social isolation to active citizens through sponsorship, education and vocational training-one woman at a time.

PROJECT WEBSITE:

www.womenforwomen.org/projectindependence

Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence

As part of the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women on November 25th, SIA participates in the Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, which targets domestic abuse as a workplace concern.

In a landmark study by the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence, U.S. employees were surveyed on the impact of domestic violence in the workplace. The survey revealed that partner violence "has a wide and far-reaching effect on the working lives of Americans – in terms of economic productivity, personal safety and office culture. At the same time, most employers have failed to anticipate or respond to the impact by offering much-needed workplace policies and programs." You are each strongly encouraged to make copies of this information to assist your business in establishing workplace policies regarding domestic violence. In seeking to provide a work environment free from violence or threats of violence against employees, we have a responsibility to put policies in place to maintain the safety of employees who are victims of domestic violence. More information can be found on www.soroptimist.org

HopeLine from Verizon Wireless

One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. That's why Verizon Wireless has created HopeLine. The program collects old wireless phones, batteries, chargers and accessories. The refurbished phones are sold, and the proceeds go to purchase new wireless phones for domestic violence survivors and to fund domestic violence shelters and advocacy organizations.

Donating is simple: Drop your old phone, battery, charger and any other accessories into the HopeLine bin at a Verizon store. All information on your donated wireless phone is permanently erased. If the wireless phone is not salvageable, its parts will be recycled.

For more information on HopeLine, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

WINGS Donations

The following letter was received by Sue Hammett from Amanda - Public Relations - WINGS

Dear Sue,

You are welcome to drop off professional clothing donations at the YWCA offices and I will be sure to transport them directly to the shelter. If possible, call me before you drop off the items so that I can ensure that I'm in the office to accept them. We are able to store nice, professional clothing donations in a separate part of the shelter, thus there is always room for more! Also, I am still waiting to hear back from my Case Managers about a client whom they feel would be good for the Soroptimist career mentor program. I will let you know as soon as I get a client name. The problem with the Bargain Box is that they are unwavering in the number and type of items they will allow clients to select. For example, if a client needs 2 shirts and no pairs of pants, the ladies at the Bargain Box will not allow her to switch the type of items she is able to receive. She can only have 1 shirt and 1 pair of pants, there are no exceptions or substitutions. This incredibly rigid system often does not effectively meet the needs of our clients. What we really need is to revise the voucher system,

allowing for substitutions in order to meet the individualized needs of the clients. Unfortunately, I have been told numerous times that the ladies at the Bargain Box are not at all open to the idea of revising the system. Thus the problems continue.

In terms of the Christmas and Thanksgiving donations, we are really emphasizing that donors give gift cards to places like Target, Wal-Mart and the grocery store, so that clients can select the things they need. Gift cards don't take up a lot of storage space and the clients really appreciate the opportunity to choose their own gifts. However, if you would like to purchase gifts, we of course welcome that as well, I have attached a general holiday donation flyer detailing the other items we are in need of. Please distribute it to anyone interested in donating. Thank you for your kind care and consideration Sue, we very much need and appreciate donors like you! Feel free to call me or email me back should you have any further questions.

My Best,

Amanda Turek – Public Relations - WINGS

SANTA CLOTHES

Bonnie Fox reports that she and Joan Cooper shared a day helping out the Santa Clothes effort. It is one of the most rewarding service projects I do each year. We start at about 8:30 A.M. and work until around noon, we had two school buses full of children that we helped with two new outfits. Jon and Pam Pomroy work at this cause year round, raising money, working with the schools. I hope that everyone, that can takes this opportunity, help with this project.

We rewarded ourselves by having lunch at Giovanni's

We Miss You!

At Soroptimist International of Azusa/Glendora, we strive for strong attendance at our Tuesday meetings. Attendance is important for every meeting and particularly important when we have guest speakers and community guests. We all live busy lives. But it is important that members support our events and programs. Please remember we miss each and every one of you when you are not present. Please make attendance a priority in your life. You will not regret it!

Newsletter

If you have some news or news of another member please let Maureen know. We would love to include it in our newsletter to help keep us all informed. Thanks to all that submitted articles this month, keep up the great work! This is your club's newsletter. We all want to hear from you! Please submit articles via e-mail to maureenford@earthlink.net by the first Monday of the month.