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*Mary Rawalt...  
president's note*

Now that the holidays are over and you have a few minutes to reflect on 2010 I am confident that all of us have a feeling of accomplishment with many goals accomplished and now looking forward to 2011. There is a lot of energy among all members to make sure that our major fundraiser will be a huge success. This is the one event that all members are expected to participate in some way. This is always a major undertaking and the success will depend upon all our involvement.

“Wednesday Night Live” will be a fun way to Serve in Style!

Happy New Year to all!

*President Mary*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**Mark Your Calendars**

Tues. Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting
Fri. Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting/Lunch at Mary Rawalt's home
Tues. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Human Trafficking Program, Guest Speaker Retired Police Officer Phil Ludwig
Tues. Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ways & Means, Wed. Night Live Update
Tues Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dark – No Noon Meeting
<b>Wednesday Night Live Schedule</b>	
Tues. Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Golddigger practice at East YMCA 7pm
Fri & Sat Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Props Painting at Jeannie's house
Sat & Sun Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Skit rehearsal at Jeannie's
Sat & Sun Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Skit rehearsal at Jeannie's
Mon. Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Props to Shannon Center
Tues. Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dress rehearsal at Shannon Center 5:00pm for Goldiggers 6:00 pm rest of the Cast
<b>Wed. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday Night Live Performance</b>
Thurs. Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Remove props from Shannon Center
Sat. February 5	District I Fall Meeting Location: San Dimas Canyon Golf Club Theme: “Money to Mission”
Fri.-Sun. May 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	DCR Spring Conference DCR = Desert Coast Region, 43 Soroptimist Clubs
Sun.-Thurs. July 10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	Soroptimist Int'l Convention in Montreal, Canada. Registration \$600.00 SI = 3,000 Soroptimist Clubs

**Birthdays**

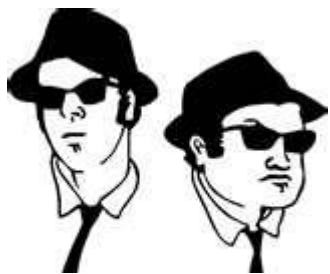
Wendy Kreider 2-Jan.  
Teresa Molina 3-Jan.  
Irma Rodriguez-Moisa 7-Jan.

**Wedding Anniversary**

Diane Britton 15-Jan. 39 years  
Susan Halliday 18-Jan. 42 years

**Congrats Ladies!  
You're an inspiration!**

# Golddiggers



Blues Brother, this year's Golddiggers theme.



2007 Golddiggers getting ready at the Radisson.

What is a Golddigger?? A Soroptimist dancer. A Soroptimist member, who is willing to take off her tailored suit, put on the themed outfit of the year (this year it will be a black blues brother suit) and dance. We have lots of fun practicing, laughing and bonding. These are the good times!

## This year's Golddiggers are:

Maggie Bernal	Jan Mericle	Teresa Molina
Robin De La Pena	Nancy Meschuk	Mary Venegas
Kathy Dowling	Kathy Mischo	Lorraine Quiros
Yani Feliciano	Cynthia Nickell	Sandy Vidal
Wendy Kreider	Petra Schmiscke	Carolyn Theisen

Petra is coordinating practices and teaching us the routine. We've practiced three times in December and look forward to many more in January. The routine is fast and fun. It's a great workout, we are burning off all those holiday goodies.

## Silent Auction Items Due!

Nancy Meschuk is in charge of putting together our Silent Auction baskets. Last year we raised over four thousand dollars from our gift baskets. Nancy will assign two members per basket theme. Value of the basket should be at least \$100, so each person's contribution should be about a \$50 value. Call Nancy today with the basket theme you would like to collect items for. You don't even have to wrap it, Nancy will take care of that. If you have a different theme suggestion Nancy would love to hear it.

### Basket Themes:

- Margarita Basket – blender, good quality tequila, mix, margarita salt,
- Tea Basket – tea, cookies, cups and saucers & certificate for 2 to the Tea at the Huntington Library \*\* Zo & Marina \*\*
- Wine & Chocolate Basket – 2 bottles of wine, wine opener, fancy corks, gourmet chocolates, romantic book
- Martini Basket - cute apron, decorated martini glasses (4), recipes book on how to make martinis
- Old Movie Basket – 4 or 5 old movie with old time candies plus 2 movie theatre tickets
- Ladies Day Out – manicure, pedicure, facial,
- Dog Basket – dog pillow, bath supplies, fancy cookies, gourmet food, toy
- Man Basket - cigars, cutter, lighter, good quality whiskey, nice drink glasses
- Sports Game Tickets
- Kindle
- Sports home party – game shirts, beer, peanuts, chips, dip, plates & cups depending on sports in season
- Fine Jewelry
- Dine Whittier – gift certificates for Whittier eateries
- 2 Year passes to the Shannon Theater events
- In-home cooking class

Call Nancy Meschuk at work 562-693-2996, or home 626-968-5231 or on her cell 626-422-1227.



## The Show

We can always count on Carolyn, Jeannie and Maggie to put together a great show. I am hearing about characters like Lady Gaga, Desperate housewives, the Coneheads and the Roxbury guys. This will be another must-see show! Sell those tickets. Call your friends & family today.

Last year's live auction went so well that this year it will be part of the show. We are allocating half an hour to raise some big dollars. We are selling the dessert of the month again, so if you're a baker call Nancy with the month you would like to provide a dessert for. We need your help, pull out your recipe book.



*Robin De La Pena will ROCK the house with Lady Gaga's Poker Face song.*

### Special guests:

A Whittier Police Officer, The Whittier Host Lions Club, The Whittier Historical Society, La Serna Mock Trial Students, City Councilman Joe Vinatieri.....and more.

## Live Auction

Current Live Auction items:

1. SIW Dessert of the Month
2. SWAT Day with Whittier PD
3. Weekend in Fasone's Palm Springs condo

We are in need of more live auction items! Please call Nancy Meschuk if you can donate something.

Also sign up with Nancy to make a dessert of the month.

## Sponsorships due Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sponsorships are a major source of revenue in our yearly fundraiser. Last year almost half of monies raised came from sponsorships. This year we have received and/or have pledged **\$11,000**. (Good job Jane Dicus!!!) Please call your friends and family, ask them if they will sponsor our event. Email them the advertisement piece you received last month. This is a team effort, we need your help. Please *Smile & Dial!!! Let's bring in those dollars.*

Thank you Soroptimist members who have already sponsored. Below are your names:

Betsy Angevine \$2,500  
Melanie Bickley \$1,000  
Jane Dicus \$500  
Mary Ann Gilbert \$500  
Fasone Construction \$250  
Petra, Friendly Hills Bank \$250  
Joe Mericle \$250  
Joy Nakabayashi \$250

It's not too late, you can be on this list. Call Jane Dicus today at 562-907-4751 or email at [jane.b.dicus@mssb.com](mailto:jane.b.dicus@mssb.com).

### Sponsorship levels

#### **AMBASSADOR - \$2500.00**

5 amazing VIP seats, full page ad, inclusion of sponsor name in show, Admission to VIP lounge & VIP parking

#### **PRODUCER - \$1000.00**

4 amazing VIP seats, Half page ad, Admission to VIP lounge, VIP Parking

#### **DIRECTOR - \$500.00**

2 amazing VIP Seats, program listing, Admission to VIP lounge & VIP Parking

#### **ACTOR - \$250.00**

2 general theater seats, program listing, Admission to VIP lounge & VIP parking



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**Top 10 New Year's Resolutions:**

- 1) Spend more time with family & friends
- 2) Exercise more
- 3) Lose weight
- 4) Quit smoking
- 5) Enjoy life more
- 6) Quit drinking
- 7) Get out of debt
- 8) Learn something new
- 9) Help others
- 10) Get organized

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