



March 2011



Improving the lives of women & girls in Whittier, CA, USA

Nominations Due

It's that time again, to nominate next year's Board of Directors and other elected positions. You have been emailed the nomination form on 2-27. Below are the available positions.

Elected Board of Directors Positions for 2011-12

President Elect
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Assistant Treasurer
Director SI/SIA Programs
Director SIW Programs
Director – Fundraising
Director – Public Awareness
Director – Membership



Wendy Kreider
2011-12 President

Mark Your Calendars

Tues. Mar. 1 th	Business Meeting
Tues. Mar. 8 th	Membership Profiles
Thurs. Mar. 10 th	Soroptimist Village Birthday 5 to 8pm
Tues. Mar. 15 th	Greg Nordbak, Mayor of Whittier
Tues. Mar. 22 nd	Captain Brian Ellis from WPD
<i>Re: Human trafficking, prostitution & brothels Locally</i>	
Fri. Mar. 25 th	Board Meeting
Tues. Mar. 29 th	Report on SART Center at PIH by Diane Liberti
Fri.-Sun. May 13 th to 15 th DCR Spring Conference	
DCR = Desert Coast Region, 43 Soroptimist Clubs	
Sign up Deadline: April 12 th . Sign up with Wendy Kreider	
www.soroptimistdcr.com	
Sun.-Thurs. July 10 th to 14 th Soroptimist Int'l Convention	
in Montreal, Canada. Registration \$600.00	
SI = 3,000 Soroptimist Clubs	

Mary Rawalt...president's note

I am excited to report that our awards committees have been hard at work and winners have been selected, submitted to District and will be honored in April. SIA's Celebrating Success was entered in January.

As part of our "Remodeling" efforts the SIW Director, Kathy Mischo and Committees have partnered with Rio Hondo College and the Whittier Union High School District for the Women's History Month event on March 4. We will have the opportunity to increase the number of girls attending our Teen Conference to include all the local high schools and provide a much broader agenda for the day. This event is an effort to be a positive influence in preparing girls for the future.

Our Nominating Committee has started work on finding a great Board for 2011-2012. I encourage you to give it lots of consideration if approached; it is a great experience.

Thanks to all for Serving in Style!

Mary Rawalt / SIW President

Birthdays

Carol Reza	6-March
Sandra Hahn	12-March
Mary Ann Gilbert	13-March
Debbie Duran-Wade	21-March
Caren Grisham-Algots	30-March
Susan Halliday	30-March
Judy Jones	30-March

Wedding Anniversary

Zo Marquardt	2-Mar.	49 years!
Margaret Donnellan-Todd	3-Mar.	16 years
Kathy Mischo	26-Mar.	17 years

Congrats Ladies!



What's happening in Whittier



Teen Conference Friday, March 4, 2011

You are all invited to attend the 16th Annual Women's History Month Conference at Rio Hondo College on Friday, March 4, 2011. This is the first year we are working with Rio Hondo College and the Whittier Union High School District on this event. Approximately 350 high school girls will be attending the conference and will be able to choose among workshops like *Self Defense and Rape Prevention*, *Faces of HIV*, *Scrapbooking*, *Teen Dating Violence*, *Teen Pregnancy*, *Empowerment through Personal Writing* and **Zumba**.

We will start at 8:30am with a welcome and a light breakfast at the Campus Inn. At 9:00 am the girls will move to the Wray Theatre to hear keynote speaker Irma Rodriguez-Moisa. Workshops start at 10:00 am and will continue at 10:50 am and 11:40 am. The conference concludes with a lunch at 12:30 pm at the Campus Inn.

Soroptimists are strongly encouraged to attend. Come meet some of the girls, tell them who we are and attend or observe all the workshops. It would be great to get feedback from all of you on these workshops especially if we are going to continue this partnership. Please e-mail Petra Schmischke at petschke04@msn.com if you are planning on attending or if you have any questions.

Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, www.riohondo.edu.
Enter off Workman Mill Road and then turn right on South Road all the way to the top.

See you there!!!



2008 Teen Conference at WHS

Party at Soroptimist Village Thursday, March 10, 2011

Please join us for our annual Soroptimist Village Bingo and Birthday Party celebration on March 10th from 5pm to 8pm.

The Soroptimist Village was built in 1963. The Soroptimist Village is a low-cost housing complex of modest, well-maintained garden apartments designed, built and run by ten area Soroptimist clubs. It is 48 units.

The participating Soroptimist Int'l clubs are: Alhambra-San Gabriel-San Marino, Bellflower, Downey, El Monte, Puente Hills, Monterey Park-Rosemead, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and **Whittier**. Each club is responsible for a month to celebrate the residents' birthdays. The birthday parties are to be held on the second Thursday of each month. We bring cake & decorations and socialize with the seniors for a few hours. They really appreciate our company.

We need help serving cake, calling bingo numbers and cleaning up. You may join us at any point of the evening. This year we are fortunate to have Lorraine's Girl Scouts volunteer! If you have any questions contact Elizabeth Camp at 562-665-8589 or ecamp@earthlink.net. **See you there!!**

Soroptimist Village is located at 12657 Foster Rd., Norwalk, off Bloomfield Ave.
(the address is also on the first page of your Roster)



Whittier Chamber of Commerce Events

Help us promote Soroptimist International of Whittier at upcoming chamber events:

Wednesday, March 9, 2011: Wake Up Whittier! Join 200 community leaders for a free breakfast, the latest lowdown on life in Whittier, and great networking. This month's breakfast will be at the Whittier Community Center, Washington Avenue at Mar Vista, from 7:30 – 9:15 a.m.

This is your chance to bring a handful of our wonderful new brochures, and use them to start conversations with women in the room about joining our Club! And remind businesses that they can donate items for our annual Showcase to support the community. Oh, and you can promote your own businesses too!

Thursday, March 24, 2011: Business Expo at the Radisson Hotel. There will be hundreds of people milling around this business fair at the Radisson from 4 – 7 pm. We will have a Soroptimist booth so we can tell people who stop by all about our great programs, our successful fundraisers, and our terrific members like you. We'd like to have many members come to this event so we can each take a turn staffing the booth, and spend the rest of our time networking with other community members and inviting them to come to a lunch meeting. The theme this year is "Pirates" so wearing a 3-corner hat and a parrot on your shoulder is certainly allowed.

Please contact Teresa Molina for more information or to sign up: terrymolina@earthlink.net



Bonnie Watje at the new Police Station Open House

S-Club

In July 1966, Soroptimist Int'l of the Americas incorporated the sponsorship of "S" Clubs for high school girls into the bylaws. Although the bylaws were amended to open membership to all students, clubs are encouraged to sponsor an "S" Club just for girls. The mission of Soroptimist is to improve the lives of women and girls. Girls face special challenges as they grow up, and an "S" Club for girls could be helpful in addressing these needs. In 2009 there were 403 S-Club internationally but Whittier has one of only seventeen clubs in the USA. Most of S-Clubs are in Japan.



Our S-Club at Pioneer High School was established in 2002. Marina Anaya, Jane Dicus and Betsy Angevine were instrumental in setting up our S-Club. They currently have 25 members and this is the first year they have gone co-ed. Their president is Marissa Jauregui and the club advisor is Mrs. Evans. They meet Tuesday afternoon during their lunch. Club activities include: Jeans for Teens, Nacho Sales, Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Ribbons around the School and the Cinderella Project.



For more information or how you can get involved contact Marina Anaya at anayababes@aol.com. *Girl Power!!!*



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**Daylight Savings Time
Spring forward on March 13th.**

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Email me your newsletter suggestions.

March 8th, International Women's Day

International Women's Day, March 8th, is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. This date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

International Women's Day honors the story of ordinary women as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men. In ancient Greece, Lysistrata initiated a sexual strike against men in order to end war; during the French Revolution, Parisian women calling for "liberty, equality, fraternity" marched on Versailles to demand women's suffrage.

International Women's Day is now an official holiday in Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China (for women only), Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Madagascar (for women only), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal (for women only), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia.

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