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S.I. Diablo Vista meets the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the Outback Steakhouse, 150 Longbrook Way, Pleasant Hill, CA

Mission and Core Purpose

To improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world

President's Message

We have been in formal session for a month and have made some progress toward our fundraising. We have Entertainment books to sell and our first major event is the 2-Bit Auction and Italian Dinner. Sue Manning and other members of the committee have done a lot of work to



set up the event. We need YOU to help the club and do your part by attending, selling tickets and obtaining donations for auction. The auction will held on November 12th- just a month away. I understand several members can't attend, but you can still sell tickets!

Sunday, October 9 was the Founder Region District II meeting. This was hosted by SI Antioch and held at the Lone Tree Golf Course Event Center. The room looks out over the golf course and the reservoir, so the view was beautiful, and easy to be distracted from the business! The business included having the region board members describe their duties as their terms are ending. Although there is a lot of work involved in these positions, it is obvious the benefit comes from camaraderie and close friendships that develop- as well as supporting Soroptimist. If you have an interest please consider running for an office.

Other business at the district meeting included updates on the Club Award programs, Raffle tickets to sell for the May 2006 conference, announcements from other clubs and region events, including Saturday of Service and December 10th President's Appeal. You'll

be hearing more. We also held the raffle for holiday-themed baskets each club provided. Lynnda Goll prepared ours, which was a Mother's Day theme. She did a beautiful job, using a hat box as the basket. I tried to win, but no such luck! We also had 10 members attend, which tied with the hostess club- great participation!!

I'll be sharing more details at upcoming meetings- now let's concentrate on our fundraising and fulfilling our service goals!

Karen



Upcoming Events

- October 5 - Board Meeting - Old Republic Title
- October 9 - District II Meeting - Lone Tree GC
- October 12 - Business Meeting
- October 19 - TBA
- October 26 - Karen Barnes-Jarvis Hospice
- October 29 - Halloween Costume Ball
White Elephant Auction Item

November 12- **Two-Bit (25¢) Auction**
Save the Date — Don't be Late

District II Meeting at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch



Above: Bev Lovell, Diane Graham, Karen Jameson (not pictured Jo Harlow)

Above Right: Marcella Colarich and Sue Manning

Right: Veebs Van Buren, Norene Lowry, Gloria Utley, Lynnda Goll

Below: Governor-Elect Sue Finch, District II Director Norene Lowry, Governor Cathy Mitchell, Secretary Linda Sue Hansen



SIDV had ten members attending the District II meeting. The Founder Region Board each gave excellent presentations that were informative and fun. The day was packed with information. District Director Norene received a gift certificate from the clubs as a thank you for her hard work.



Getting To Know You - Tana Goff

Our new member Tana Goff was inducted at our first meeting in September. Tana is the Manager at The Outback Steak House. She and her husband Doug live in Pleasant Hill with their two children, Victoria (3) and J.T.(1) They have been in the area a year and a half.

Tana's hobbies are sports and scrapbooking. One of her favorite things to do is spend a day at the beach with her husband and kids. She likes dinner out (favorite food - Outback food of course) and fine wines.

Welcome Tana and thank you for taking good care of us at our new meeting place.

Happy October Birthdays

Flower: Cosmos	Birthstone: Opal
October 3	Elsie Baukol
October 8	Mildred Myers
October 26	Karen Barnes-Jarvis
October 27	Ginger Marsh

Soroptimist Assists Women and Girls Affected By Hurricane Katrina

While the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and Rita has created immeasurable hardships for everyone involved, research shows that women suffer disproportionately during and after disasters. In an effort to assist this vulnerable population, SIA has made a \$10,000 disaster relief donation to the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV).

The LCADV, is helping women with basic needs such as food, diapers, clothing and prescriptions. In addition, the group which lost three shelters and closed four others due to the hurricane and floods, is relocating domestic violence victims who were staying at the shelters prior to Katrina.

Because women occupy an inferior position in society before disasters strike, they are more susceptible to physical and sexual violence, forced to carry the burden of increased family responsibilities, and in need of specialized healthcare services. Soroptimist chooses to focus on women and girls in keeping with its mission. After the 9-11 tragedy, Soroptimist donated more than \$80,000 to women's centers and shelters in New York

City. Currently, the organization is considering proposals for women-focused tsunami projects, to which Soroptimist will contribute approximately \$150,000. "Despite the heightened risks women face, their special needs are often ignored during disasters and in the reconstruction phase," stated Soroptimist President Jean Barth of Weston, Colo. "It's ironic because during times of disasters women are often the ones expected to take care of everyone else, which is why it's so important that they get the physical and emotional support they need."

Soroptimist made an initial \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross to assist the immediate need. For the long-term, Soroptimist will continue accepting contributions to its Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls and will research options to target a subsequent donation for long-range rebuilding projects that specifically benefit women and girls in Katrina-devastated areas. Soroptimist has also urged its members who have the necessary skills to volunteer their services to appropriate agencies that are coordinating relief efforts