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Good Morning SIB and Friends:

I'm writing you on Good Friday and as I said to a co-worker, every Friday is good for me ... HAHAAH. Also it is a wonderful Spring morning and I see that mother nature is working at her best; with all of the flowers starting to bloom, and many are spreading like wild fire. The trees on my street are all in bloom with lush flowers that looks like little orchids. The funny thing is, they are in bloom only about two or three weeks out of the year, so when they start to bloom, it signals that Spring is here once again. Each season has something

wonderful to share, but Spring is the time of re-birth. Although in Southern California, we don't have a definite demarcation line between the seasons, we have subtle and gentle reminders of the change of seasons.

As in nature, all of us go through seasons in our lives. For me this is the season when the kids are on their own and my career is well established. Now is the time (it says in some book) that I have time and energy to work towards making this world a better place for my fellow man...or as in the case of Soroptimist, Women. In all ways, large and small when we are in the services of our fellow man, we

are in the services of our God. Therefore any and all of the service that we do to improve the lives of women and girls is directly going into this larger cause of helping our world. So at this time of year when we are experiencing rebirth all around us, I would like to encourage everyone to dig in and weed the gardens in your life and plant new seeds of dedication to our fabulous causes. Continued growth and happiness to all!



President

Deana



Las Vegas Night!!!!



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More Las Vegas



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WOTRING TRAVELERS



Mary Ann and Warren usually retreat to their place in Big Bear from Wednesday through Friday. During that time they play bridge with the Big Bear Bridge Club, have fun with friends and do some hiking. They recently purchased a different home that is more accessible during the winter weather. The previous one was harder to get to in the winter as it had a steep 300 foot driveway that often had snow drifts of several feet. They now live in an area that is plowed for them with a very short driveway.

They recently traveled to Ventura to an Elderhostel (now known as Road Scholar Tours) Tour of the Channel Islands for several days. Warren's son Tom and his wife accompanied them and they were known to have a great time. Mary Ann commented that these islands are known as the North American Galapagos.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS—A BIG MONTH !

SONJA TEBRICH	APRIL 2	
LANA LAUTH	APRIL 11	
MARCIE RAPHAEL	APRIL 12	
HAZEL ANDERSON	APRIL 23	
BETTY MACKENZIE	APRIL 26	



MEMBER'S PAGE



Member Terri McCone Williams is in the news again, but not in a good way. Her former brother-in-law, Bob Epple, passed away on April 13th, after battling Leukemia and complications from a bone marrow transplant that took place last October. Terri's now alone in her income tax and insurance office, since the death of her mom, Joyce McCone last year and now Bob Epple, who was her friend as well as a partner. We love you, Terri, and are sending you our hugs and prayers.



Member Vicky Daniels has had a horrible month, with a death in the family, then 3 more deaths of friends, and then having to put down their 14-year-old dog. The chain of events is really unbelievable, starting with the accidental death of her daughter's husband's brother, Dale, at age 33, while scuba diving near Sacramento. Then a week later, Vicky and her husband hosted a large wedding reception at their house for their granddaughter. That's easy, yah. Then next weekend they'll be traveling back up to Sacramento for the memorial service for Dale. Vicky definitely needs our prayers and hugs, too!!



Susan Held has stepped up to the plate so much for us this year, including using her dogged determination to contact and schedule Kay Cedilla for another famous Tupperware Party, which we'll have on Friday, May 20th. But basically, every time we need someone to get things organized, we can count on Sue! Thanks so much, Sue!



Got news? Share it with your friends!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

DOREEN ROBBINS	MAY 18
CECILY SEABOURN	MAY 25





Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 3

Business Meeting, at the Church, at NOON

Tuesday, May 10

Program Meeting, at the Church, at NOON

May 13—15

SPRING CONFERENCE!

Friday, May 20

TUPPERWARE PARTY!

Monday, May 23

Evening Meeting at Simms Park at 6pm

Wednesday, May 25

Board Meeting, Café de Luna, at NOON

Tuesday, June 7

Business Meeting, at the church, at NOON

Friday, June 10

Installation of new officers

WE'RE DARK FOR JULY AND AUGUST

and if you don't know how yet,

Learn to Swim !





Mother's Day Luncheon

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, May 10

11:30 AM at First Missionary Baptist Church

9246 Rosser Street, Bellflower, 90706

RSVP by May 5th to Sue Held 562-862-8669

\$15 Donation



... Then join us on Friday, May 20th for:

You **GOTTA** see this performance!!!!



NOT Yo Mama's Tupperware Party!

6:00 PM at Simms Park

16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower 90706

RSVP by May 15th, also to Sue Held

\$20 Donation

(Includes dinner)



2011 Soroptimist Ruby Award Online Voting

The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women acknowledges women who are working to improve the lives of women and girls through their personal or professional activities. Their efforts help to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organization. Honorees are women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls.

The program enables local Soroptimist clubs and the Soroptimist organization to thank these women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and girls. The program begins on the club level, where the type of recognition varies. Award winners at the club level are eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization. The finalist receives a \$5,000 donation to the charitable organization of her choice.

Soroptimist members and friends will choose the finalist for the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. The Soroptimist Program Council has narrowed the field to three extraordinary finalists. Now it's your turn to select your favorite.

Learn more about these three wonderful women and cast your vote now!

**English • Japanese • Korean • Taiwanese • Spanish
Portuguese**

*The finalist will be announced in the coming weeks. She will receive a \$5,000 donation from Soroptimist to her charity of choice. Remember, this is your chance to help choose the winner of the prestigious Ruby Award. **Vote now!***



Soroptimist Live Your Dream Projects

Soroptimist believes in the potential of dreams and the collective power of women. Around the world, Soroptimist clubs are working to improve the lives of women and girls in their local communities. Through projects like those below, they are helping women and girls achieve their full potential and live their dreams.

Members in Soroptimist's **Japan Chuo Region** hosted a Live Your Dream Youth Forum to raise awareness about future leadership roles for women. Three hundred and twenty girls participated in the event, which featured keynote speaker Marry Christy, the UN Habitat Ambassador. Marry spoke about "the world from a woman's view." Afterward, the attendees split into groups to discuss the issues women face and their responsibilities throughout the world.

The **Riverside, California**, Soroptimist club hosts an annual Live Your Dream Conference for middle-school girls. Club members work with local school districts to identify students who would benefit from the conference, which is designed to help young girls focus on career possibilities and take the steps needed to reach their dreams.

The **Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada**, Soroptimist club sponsored a day-long Live Your Dream event for 100 middle-school girls and their mothers. The event was inspired by a school district survey in which parents identified a need for healthy living and positive body information for their teen girls. The girls and their mothers attended separate sessions tailored to their individual interests on topics such as financial planning, body image, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyles.

Two Soroptimist clubs in **Modesto, California**, held a Live Your Dream Day for middle school girls. The clubs set out to teach girls life skills that they may not learn in school. They presented workshops on topics such as healthy relationships, self-esteem, self-defense and Internet safety. More than 250 girls attended the event, which provided education, entertainment and encouragement. Read an article about the event in the ***Modesto Bee***.

The Soroptimist club in **Woodland, California**, held a Live Your Dream hike for a group of teen girls. Club members took the girls on a challenging five-mile hike guided by top motivational speakers from the Tiger Woods Foundation. After the hike, the group enjoyed lunch on the beach, followed by a self-defense course.



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