



**SOROPTIMIST**

Best for Women

# Soroptimist International of San Francisco

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Soror \ [Latin] *sister*  
Optimus \ [Latin] *best*

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## Coming up: 2007



### JANUARY –

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

1-31. Get RAFFLE ITEMS to Nancy Thompson

1-31. **SISF Awards Comm. to meet and review VR and WOA applications and WMAD nominations and select winner**

1. Saturday Day of Service (SOS) Project Submittal Forms due to Public Awareness Coordinator and cc your District Director\

**6. SISF HOLIDAY PARTY at Judy Lee's house.**

10. DEADLINE- to turn in new member names and dues to SPR Treasurer w/coupon for SPR Membership Drive Contest

10. HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAY TSENIN

15. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

**15. WMAD and VR: forward winner names to Region & Announce**

**15. Mail Program Focus Report to Federation and cc Gov. Elect for Region**

**16. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACQUI CLINE**

25. DEADLINE- Soroptimist Celebrating Success entries must be at SIA HQ

**24. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGNES DRIVER**

27. REGION BOARD MEETING – TBA

**31. DEADLINE to get Raffle items to Nancy Thompson**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
HAPPY GROUND HOG DAY!!**



**Dear Soroptimists,**

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and has a fantastic 2007!

SISF wrapped up 2006 by adopting a family of five for the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family program. The family consisted of a mother, a father, and three children in the age range from 10-16. Excellent shoppers that we are, we provided many needed presents, including a microwave, an overcoat for the father, and a bike for the 10-year-old.

On January 6, we gathered for our annual holiday party. Guests included two prospective members, Renee and Polly. We enjoyed delicious food, great company, and a fun "white elephant gift exchange", everyone came away satisfied. We also wished Kay and Agnes happy birthday with a special cake and orchids, as they both celebrate significant birthdays this month.

I look forward to a successful 2007 with SISF!

Sincerely,

**President Andrea**



### **TRANSITIONS!!!**

**ANDREA HALL** has accepted an entry-level position with the web development team of Biocompare Inc. in South San Francisco beginning January 2, 2007. She will maintain her membership with SISF through June, but plans to transfer to SI North San Mateo for the next club year. It's still in Sierra Pacific Region District II, though, so she will still see all of us around!

## February -

1-16. Awards Comm. to remind schools the deadline for McHugh scholarship applications is Feb. 16  
1-28. 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm. design invitation for dinner

### 1. SISF Board Meeting @

Schroeder's Restaurant

### 2. GROUND HOG DAY

### 5. Happy Birthday MARY BARNARD

### 6. Happy Birthday MARJORIE BRUMLEY

12. Lincoln's Birthday

### 13. SISF Monthly Meeting @

Delancey Street Restaurant

### 14. VALENTINE'S DAY

15. DEADLINE: Regional Fellowship Award Application due to SPR Coordinator

15. DEADLINE: Making a Difference for Women Award Club winners due to Region Coordinator

### 16. DEADLINE: McHugh Scholarship applications

19. President's Day

19. -26. 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee mails and emails invitations

22. Washington's Birthday

### 24. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAIDA BARRICK



## March -

### 1. SISF Board Meeting @

Schroeder's Restaurant

1. Deadline for club WOA winners to region & Deadline for MADWA region honorees to HQ

### 2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISABELLE HEMPHILL-BROWN

2-4 Federation Brd of Dir. meeting

3 Saturday of Service

8 International Women's Day

10 DEADLINE PROGRAM FOCUS REPORTS DUE TO SIA & Gov Elect

### 13 SISF Monthly Meeting @

Delancey Street Restaurant

15 Deadline for VR Award recipients at HQ

22 Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls proposals due to HQ

22 Submit names of deceased club members for Celebration of Life to Region

### 24 SISF 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & AWARDS DINNER

### 25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUDY LEE

## MORE TRANSITIONS!!!

**BARBARA GIAMBASTINI** is also transferring her SI membership, to Tracy. Unfortunately she has found that since her mother is now in Tracy, and Richard's Uncle has passed away, her time in San Francisco is very limited. So she has had to make a decision about her club membership and decided to transfer to the club in Tracy, as that is now her full time home. She has enjoyed her time in San Francisco and meeting so many wonderful women and looks forward to seeing us at region events.



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY

By Kay Tsenin

Adopt a Family...This year the club asked the Salvation Army for a family that would have been hard to place.

We were given a family of 5 individuals, 2 parents and 3 children ages 9-14. The Salvation Army who administers this program requested that we limit our per person expenditure to \$75.00. Reading the family's "wish list" certainly made me thankful for all the gifts I have on a daily basis. The wish list included a Spanish-American Dictionary, black shoes for church, black pants, a coffee pot and a microwave. One of the items requested by the family was a mattress. After a lot of discussion we decided that this item was a necessity and not really a present, so we were willing to go "over budget" for this, however, the logistics of it all was more than we could handle and the mattress was scrapped. Andrea, Diane, Gail and I searched high and low for great bargains and were able to give the members of this family most of what they requested.

As I dropped off the presents with my friend, he was so moved by it all that he decided to adopt a senior...much to his delight she was only two years older than me. More to be thankful for.

All in all for those of us who participated I think it was a very good experience and certainly an experience that makes one count their own blessings. Next year we decided that the committee would recommend adopting two or more single mom families instead, it would be more in keeping with our mission of helping women and girls. I encourage every member of the club to become involved in this project; it truly gives back a lot more than the effort it takes.



## OUR VISITOR FROM BRAZIL

### Let's Do a Friendship Link!

By Nanell Mawbey

On November 28, 2006 Andrea, Gail and I had the pleasure of meeting Sonia Loyola for Lunch at Popolo in San Francisco. Sonia is a member of Soroptimist International Brazil. She was here visiting her daughter who lives in Berkeley and had just had a baby. Sonia is a retired schoolteacher. We had a great visit as we shared stories about Soroptimist projects.

Sonia lives in a City of 3 million people. She belongs to one of the 3 Soroptimist Clubs that are active. Her club has over 30 active members. They provide support to single women with children in a housing project that is funded by her club. The project also includes support of light industry so these women can earn

**28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DENISE KENT**  
**31 HAPPY BIRTHDAY KERRY MURPHY**  
**31. ORDER NEW OFFICER PINS FOR INSTALLATION AND MEMBER RECOGNITION ITEMS**



**T- SHIRTS and TOTE BAGS**  
**ON SALE NOW!!!!**



**Ralph & Ginger admiring the SISF TOTE-BAG!**

**Secretary Gail has YOUR Soroptimist T-shirts and tote bags.**

**Look at our new Winter "T-shirts". (Designed by Judy Lee!!)**

ooooo awwww...



**Call or email Gail to pick up one or two. Don't be the only Soroptimist without one!**



money for their families. They have a regular fundraiser that includes a dinner and prizes.

It was so good to hear that Soroptimists all over the world share the same vision and work towards a united goal. She brought us a video of her club as well as presented President Andrea with paper work to start a Friendship Link. I look forward to staying in contact with Sonia and encourage the club to proceed with the Friendship Link paper work.



**NEWS FROM BRAZIL**

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 3:32 PM  
 Subject: News From Brasil

Nanell, Andrea, Gail

Only now I had time to send the photo. I did a good trip. I told to my club, about you. They were happy with the probability to start the Friendship Link. I wish you Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Best Regards  
 Sonia

**NEWS FROM McHUGH SCHOLARSHIP 2006 WINNERS**

Hello,  
 Yes, I did get As in all my classes from 2006 summer and fall. I am very happy to have made you happy. This semester I am also doing well in all my classes. Thank you for having hope in me. No one in my family appreciates my hard work and it is nice to know that someone like you do. Thank you again for everything and I promise to work hard each day to reach my goal, have a successful life and make differences in other peoples lives.  
 Thankfully, Jasmin Hossain

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Note from the Editor:

Happy New Year!!

Your Editor was out of commission from January 11 through January 31<sup>st</sup> with a dead computer, and then traveling, followed by the destruction of her kitchen and bathroom by her oldest brother. The result is a combined January and February Newsletter. March will be on time. (The bathroom and kitchen are looking great!)

Editor



Dear Ms. Gail Dekreon:

This is Jenny! Happy New Year! I wish you have a happy 2007! I am very appreciated your concern of my academy. The following attachment is my transcript, please take a look. Whether or not that I could continue to receive the scholarship, I still appreciate the call you made to me! Thank you very much!! Take Care.

Sincerely, Jenny Huang



## COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON:

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Annual Awards & Scholarship  
Dinner