

SHE's All That Report – Committee Chair - Kelly Vail

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- ◆ 2010 Event has been confirmed at Cal High School.
- ◆ Workshops confirmed—20 girls, 9 new ones; 7 adult choices.
- ◆ Registration opens week of Thanksgiving, beginning of December.
- ◆ Dark purple tote bags with gray bag tags will be provided.
- ◆ Sponsorships are confirmed: \$12,250 monetary and additional in kind & operational donation.
- ◆ Chevron is donating \$500 on behalf of employee Chris Garcia for her +20hrs of community service which has been designated to goodies for the tote bags.
- ◆ The bag stuffing committee is working with the workshop leaders to compile tips for the girls and creating a printed reference guide. This is a new addition for this year.
- ◆ Publicity Committee is seeking support to get the word out in November/December. Flyers will be provided. The SAT video is being finalized and will be launched in December.

Newsletter Spotlight

6h Annual

SHE 's All That!

Presented by Soroptimist International
of San Ramon Valley

Saturday, February 6, 2010
Cal High School, San Ramon, CA
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Ways and Means Report - Committee –Julie
Youngblood, Marlene Kennedy and Patty Gilchrist**

See's Candies—Holiday Fund Raiser—Julie Youngblood

- ◆ Orders have been collected and placed.
- ◆ Orders should arrive in time for holiday gifts for clients, friends and family.

Tote Bags—Marlene Kennedy

- ◆ 315 bags have been ordered for the participants in SAT. These bags will be decorated with a patch of needlework done by the Hill tribe women in and around Bangkok, Thailand. The patches measure 2" X 3" and are sewn onto the pockets at the outside front of the bags. The patches have special meaning as they are a way for the women of the Hill tribes to have a home business and provide some income to their families as well a busying young girls and providing an income. With this income the girls are needed at home and are not encouraged or sold to prostitution.

Submitted by: Julie Youngblood and Marlene Kennedy

Publicity— Robyn Forman

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Submitted by: Robyn Forman

Paradise Adolescent Homes— Committee Sally Saman and Robyn Forman

Clothes and Accessory Giveaway for Paradise Girls was a success. The girls had lots of clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry and cosmetics to choose from. They had fun shopping.

Sally Sanman and Robyn Forman attended a fundraiser that was hosted by the Director of PAH. They were honored for their service provided to the girls.

Our next event is the Holiday Party. Member volunteers will be taking the girls to see the Nutcracker and then back to a decorated facility for dinner, games and gifts. The Holiday Party is always a very fun event for the girls and member volunteers.

Submitted by: Sally Saman

S Club—Committee Committee – Cal High/San Ramon April Rovero, Marcie Parisi, Gloria Bragg, Eileen Sheridan; Foothill High/Pleasanton—Jamie Kwan and Eileen Sheridan

SRISV Cal High S-Club is in full swing now, after having signed up numerous girls at Club Day, which was held on campus in September.

President Sana has successfully organized the first service project with the Town of Danville, "Fall Festival", where the girls helped kids with Fall-oriented crafts.

The S-Club girls, with the help of member volunteers, raised \$284 from the club's first fundraiser, which was a car wash held at Gold Coin Car Wash in San Ramon.

Elections were held on 11/12 for a 2nd chair Vice President and upper and lower class representatives.

Service projects planned through the holiday timeframe include:

11/15 - SISRV held their annual Holiday Boutique
11/23 - (12:00-6:00) - Bake Pies for Tri-Valley Haven
12/05 - Work at Tri-Valley Haven's annual Gingerbread Project
12/12 - Help out at the Elf Workshop and Santa's Mailbox for the Town of Danville
Date TBD - Visit Iron Horse and Pine Valley Middle Schools to promote She's All That

Soroptimist club members are invited and encouraged to participate in all S-Club activities. Contact April, Gloria or Marcie if you're interested in helping out with any other activities or other things done throughout the year.

Submitted by: April Rovero

WOA and VR Awards –Committee – Chris Garcia - Robin Moreno and Kerry Brown

Applications were accepted for the Women’s Opportunity Award by December 1. This award is available to a woman going back to school and is the primary financial contributor of the family. Electronic applications were delivered to DVC and Las Positas College. Paper applications were delivered to Dublin Beauty School and members of Chris Garcia’s lead’s group, B2B. Gloria Bragg delivered applications to Pleasanton Beauty School. The Committee hopes to have several applications by the deadline of December 1. Information regarding the award can be found on the website: <http://www.soroptimist-sr.org/grantsN.html>.

Once applications have been received, the Committee will seek judges from the community to read and score the applications. Member volunteers that would like to be a judge, please contact Chris Garcia or Robin Moreno. Applications with the highest scores will be selected as winners. The committee will recommend an award amount for each winner from the \$10,000 annual award budget.

Submitted by: Chris Garcia and Robin Moreno

SIA – Committee Chair–Holly Ito

December 10th President’s Appeal

Each year for December 10th (Human Rights Day) the president of Soroptimist International selects a project benefitting women with extreme need that clubs are asked to support. This year SI President Hanne Jensbo has chosen to support *Hopes and Dreams for Everyone*. The goal of this project is to prevent human trafficking in Moldova by providing life-skill education and sustainable living conditions for vulnerable children. Project partners include the International Organization for Migration, Geneva and the Child Rights Information Center, Moldova.

Moldova is small republic with a population of only 3.5 million, bordered by Romania and the Ukraine. It remains one of the poorest countries in Europe with 29.5% of the population living below poverty level.

Largely owing to poverty, Moldova is a major source of women and girls trafficked for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. Children are also trafficked to neighboring countries for forced labor and begging.

Young girls living in boarding schools are particularly exposed to the dangers of trafficking. Some are there because their parents are among the half million Moldavians who have gone abroad to find work. By the age of 16 they have left school, have no support and often, nowhere to live.

Project Aim

To work with 4 of the 68 boarding schools in Moldova to help girls between 13 and 16 while they are in school and girls from 16 and 18 after they have left school and also to support victims of trafficking who have managed to go back to their home country and need support to return to a normal life.

Project Activities

To provide Life skill education programs including career guidance, health care, dealing with violence at home, and communication with public offices and offering higher education support programs, career counseling, housing allowances during education, mentoring and support from social assistants.

For more information, visit the SI website at www.soroptimistinternational.org and look under the “what we do” tab for Projects.

Submitted by Holly Ito

Membership – Committee Chair–Robin Moreno

SIRSV has three new members for the first six months of the fiscal year. Welcome to Soroptimist Int'l of San Ramon Valley; Marci Parisi, Livia Ferrari, and Rebecca Byrne. Please add their email addresses to your distribution list so they won't miss out on any events.

Membership committee: Kristy Desrosiers prepares the new member supplies, Julie Youngblood keeps the roster current and Jacky Hawley is meeting one to one with new members to help establish stronger connections with our club.

All members have a big sister who has volunteered to buddy up with a new member for at least the first 3 months of membership. These little sister/big sister relationships could be the beginning of new, lasting friendships. Our new members know that someone has stepped forward to help her have a good experience assimilating in our group .

New member training will be conducted approximately every six months. If you missed one, you can participate the next time. The next recruitment activity we will be a table at the She's All That Expo, where member volunteers will be collecting names from women who are interested in membership.

Submitted by: Robin Moreno
