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Beer & Wine Booth Fundraiser

By: Patty Gilchrist

May 30th and 31st was our annual Beer & Wine Booth at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival. A lot of work goes into the planning and preparation for the event. Many of our members came out to "work" in the booth. Although I'm not sure you can call pouring beer and wine and laughing with each other and customers "work." It was a lot more like fun.

We all had an opportunity to visit all the craft booths around

the event. Lots of great food was on hand to go with our beer and wine.

We had, as always, a visitor the end of the day Monday. Mayor Wilson came by to enjoy a cup of beer and visit with us. He then proceeded to help us sell beer and wine! It was a great weekend with everyone working together to make the event a success.

We had so many donations of wine that we did not have to buy

any this year. This really helped our profits. So far the preliminary income and expense breakdown is: Income \$11,910 and Expenses \$2,700. We have to pay 5% to city (mandatory), which will be approximately \$250, leaving us with a tentative net profit of \$9,200.

OUR BEST YEAR EVER!

Paradise Group Home

By: Robyn Forman

One of our Paradise girls moved into a foster home where she's doing well. She was just accepted to college in Texas and we are really proud of her. We will be asking club members to send her care packages throughout her first year, to help her feel special and get through her first year of college.

Anyone interested in sending a care package should talk to Robyn Forman or Sally Saman.



For April, we hosted a voice flame writers writing workshop with the girls. Although it was on a completely different caliber than

our other events, which are mainly a fun activity, one of the newer girls did seem to find the writing exercises therapeutic.

May's outing was to Draeger's cooking school.

Membership Report

By: Robin Moreno

I find myself reflecting on our new members I have had the pleasure to meet and induct in 2009-2010. I am at a distinct advantage as membership chair, in that I get to personally meet and get to know many wonderful women as they embark on their Soroptimist careers.

Gloria Bragg transferred from another club in our district, and I am glad she did. Her professional knowledge and background is a great as-

set with our teen projects, and her Soroptimist experience, an impressive addition to our club.

Rebecca Byrne is not able to attend meetings regularly, however she worked tirelessly volunteering at SAT and I am sure we will see her pop up when

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her schedule allows.

Lynda Gann is happy and outgoing. She is a busy mother of 2 small children and when she is able to do so, she joins us and lights up the room with her personality. Lynda, I hope to see more of you as your responsibilities allow.

Rachil Capil is such an awe-some and talented photographer. Have you seen her web site? Rachil, you made the right decision renewing your membership for 2010.

Kristy Desrosiers is a wonderful role model for her daughter, bringing her along to volunteer whenever she can. She always responds to any request with a big smile and willingness to help.

Janet Fazio works professionally for non-profits. We are so glad you choose to join this one, of the many you work with. Janet's quiet personality is punctuated with her infectious laugh. She is the one to watch this year.

Robyn Forman is an exceptional asset to our group home project. She relates to young troubled women in a firm and supportive way. Robyn models what women can accomplish in the business world. Her talents seem to have no end and she will be a strong board member.

Livia Ferrari and I work in the same exciting industry – insurance. I look forward to working alongside her in Soroptimist this

year and getting to know her better.

Chris Garcia Howard is a leader. She volunteered to be chair of Women's Opportunity Award within a few days of being inducted. I was impressed the moment we sat down to discuss her possible membership last year. I knew then that her dedication; drive and skill set would transport our club to the next level of success.

Carol Johnson and I have been working together professionally for 20 years and I am thrilled that she finally accepted my invitation to join Soroptimist. Now I will have the pleasure of working with her personally on projects and events.

Teresa Karlson was introduced to me by Carol Johnson. Teresa is a quiet, organized and creative woman. She brought in a new member within a month of being inducted.

Jodi Lilly is a happy, gentle soul. A best friend to Sally, she knew before joining what we are all about. Thanks for hopping in, or should I say hooping in. I think the hands-on projects involving the teens or tweens will suit you well.

Beth Lind is quite, intelligent and insightful. Beth, we need you on our board next year.

Marci Parisi was a long time acquaintance, but I never knew what a gentle and friendly woman she was until she joined Soroptimist. She works well with kids and is an

asset to the S Club team.

Renee Ralston is my thoughtful little sister. She remembered me on my birthday with a beautiful paperweight. Renee is always willing to help out on committees and would be good in a leadership position.

Kathi Samec has a wonderful sense of humor. Sit next to her at the next meeting and she will keep you laughing with her witty remarks. Kathi is a Girl Scout leader and brings her experience working with girls to our many youth projects.

Grateful for you all and for your service,

Robin Moreno
Membership Chair 2007-2010

