

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
OF MANHATTAN BEACH**



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

LUNAFEST®

short films *by, for, about Women™*

Our annual presentation of the LUNAFEST film festival was held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center in March. This festival gives women artistic expression for a wide range of ideas and provides inspiration and entertainment. Our guests enjoyed these powerful award-winning films from around the world all while sharing an informative community event. We raised \$1,600 for the Breast Cancer Fund and \$5,500 to support our own service programs.

Community partners were on hand to share their work and resources.



Members of the Mira Costa S Club volunteered



Kelly Fogarty was joined by Live Your Dream Award recipients Shannon Minor and Mara Lopez

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Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts:



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Live Your Dream Awards



Mara Lopez, Shannon Minor, Kelly Fogarty (Chair), Camino Real Region Governor Ginger Cole, Jamilah Reid and President Mickey Marraffino.



The signature program of Soroptimist is the [Live Your Dream Award](#) which assists women who provide the main financial support for their families as they work to improve career prospects through education. Each year about \$1.7 million is awarded to over 1,300 women through this program by our clubs in 20 countries.

This year we awarded \$4,000 in grants to three women, in part provided by a grant from Southern California Edison. Our first place award recipient, Mara Lopez, was also selected for the top award at the Soroptimist International Camino Real Region Spring Conference in Woodland Hills.



Governor Ginger Cole congratulated the three women.

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls



This annual program is designed to help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures.



Southern California Edison supports Dream It, Be It with a grant to help underwrite the costs of the workshop.

Focus on Girls



We support the Crown Jewel Club with volunteers and funding to provide lessons and mentoring for fifth-grade girls to inspire dreams and plans for having the great lives they deserve. In order to fulfill the promise of the program we created a \$1,000 scholarship for alumnae when they graduate from high school.



Crown Jewel Club Founder and Soroptimist Jane Phillips presented the Scholarship to Patricia Alvarez.



Julia Dominesey received the Trudy Smart Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 in honor of her service through S Club.

The Mira Costa S Club partners with us for our breast cancer bags project and LUNAFEST and we support their efforts to raise money and provide service in the community. We've sponsored this club for over 50 years to demonstrate to teens the importance of service in the lives of women.





Tasting & Trivia

Beer Tasting • Trivia • Bartz BBQ • Raffle



Event volunteers Meg Avila (Co-chair), Judy Hatlie, Pat Martzen and Meg Guidice (Co-chair)

Friends and competitors joined us at Absolution Brewery for a night of trivia where teams pooled their resources and competed for prizes and bragging rights. A food truck, raffle, and **Absolute**-ly great beer were enjoyed by all!



BINGO



We gathered in October and March for fun nights of bingo and potluck dinner at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club. The money we raise contributes to our programs.



Breast Cancer Comfort Bags



Our club has now delivered over 1,700 tote bags over eight years filled with items to assist women starting chemotherapy for breast cancer in our underserved areas of the South Bay.

This year the project received the support of the Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization (ECHO) as well as donations of products and funding from private sources.

Our survey of patients and caregivers increases our commitment to this project as we hear about its impact on the

women we serve, and we are moving forward with additional ideas to increase the usefulness of the bags and create a more supportive system. They are currently delivered to oncology clinics at three South Bay locations and the bags are available to give to women in our community through personal contacts.



We held a fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club of Hermosa Beach in October, raising over

\$2,000. Friends joined us at the SOLD OUT event and had a great time!



In the fall of 2017 we are partnering with the Manhattan Beach Police Department on the Pink Patch Project to raise money for our Breast Cancer Comfort Bags. We are very grateful for the support of our community!

DAYS FOR GIRLS



President Mickey Marraffino with Los Angeles Chapter Leader Jenny Rees at our program meeting



We are partners with Days for Girls International for our newest hands-on service project. Soroptimists share their vision of the dignity and worth of every girl and woman. Days for Girls provides sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. When girls have education and opportunity, then communities and our world are stronger. They have delivered 650,000 kits in over 100 countries.

Our club schedules monthly local work days to prepare fabric for the Los Angeles Chapter assembly dates and then we volunteer with them. Last year we provided funds to purchase fabric and equipment and look forward to additional service opportunities in the coming year.

Mandy Richardson and Michele Memmott sew fabric.



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