

## April 2008



### Grants Focus Topic: Civil Society

**Members: Your Grants Selection Ballot will be arriving via email on April 22nd. Make your voice heard in the allocation of grant monies. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Beth Binger**  
**Amalia (Amy) Bruning**  
**Cheryl Kendrick**  
**Barbara Kubarych**  
**Marcia McLatchy**  
**Joanne Pastula**  
**Jane Signaigo-Cox**  
**Etsuko Tsukagoshi**

### The San Diego Women's Foundation Community Partners

**April 8-May 4, 2008**

**La Jolla Playhouse's upcoming production, 33 Variations**

Tues and Wed: 7:30pm

Thurs, Fri, and Sat: 8pm

Sat and Sun: 2pm

Sun: 7pm

Mandell Weiss Theatre at La Jolla Playhouse

Cost: \$28-\$62

Contact the Box Office at (858) 550-1010 for info.

**Thursday, April 24, 2008**

**Barrio Logan College Institute (BLCI) Happy Hour Mixer**

5:30-8:30pm

Rock Bottom Brewery

Cost: Free!

Join us for a casual evening of food and drinks as we recognize you - the people who make our mission possible!

Contact Tyler Wagner to RSVP at [tyler@blci.org](mailto:tyler@blci.org) or (619)232-4686.

**Friday, April 25, 2008**

**Barrio Logan College Institute (BLCI) Community Connections Lunch**

11:45am-1pm

BLCI: 1807 Main St. San Diego 92113

Join us for lunch and take advantage of a great opportunity to learn more about BLCI programs and services and to check out our recently renovated facility.

Contact Tyler Wagner, [tyler@blci.org](mailto:tyler@blci.org) or (619) 232-4686.

**Ann Woolley**  
**Lisa Zinne**

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## SAVE THE DATES

### **Education Committee's Learning Luncheon Tuesday May 6, 2008 at Noon The San Diego Foundation Office**

The Education Committee invites you to join them for a Learning Luncheon. Guest speaker and member Valerie Jacobs will be discussing the ABC's of non-profit success and the important role of endowments in the foundation and non-profits they support.

The charge for this event is \$15.00 which will cover the cost of food (please send cash or check in advance to the SDWF, attn: Ciera Rudin).

Please RSVP in advance via evite or [ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:ciera@sdfoundation.org) as **space is limited to 30 people.**

### **SDWF's Annual Grants Celebration Open to EVERYONE - Bring prospective new members!**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008  
5:30-8:30pm  
Market Creek Plaza**

Join us at this inspirational event as we:

- Hear our Health and Human Services Community Partners share how our grants have helped them this year, **AND**
- Meet our **new** Civil Society Community Partners

This is a great introduction to the SDWF. Everyone is invited, so bring friends, family and prospective members... It's a *wonderful, feel good, makes you proud you are a SDWF member evening!*

An Evite will be coming to your inbox in early May or email [ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:ciera@sdfoundation.org) to RSVP. See you there!

***Remember if you are not receiving the Evites or they keep winding up in your spam folder, go to***

### **Saturday, May 3, 2008 Aquatic Adventure's Wetland Avengers/Campeones de los Canones**

9am-1pm  
Swan Canyon, City Heights  
Meet at Hamilton Elementary School,  
2807 Fairmount Ave. San Diego 92105  
Join volunteers on a mission possible  
to save this unique canyon habitat.  
Register by contacting  
[elizabethhorpedahl@aquaticadventures.org](mailto:elizabethhorpedahl@aquaticadventures.org)  
or (858) 488-3849.

### **Thursday, May 15, 2008 San Diego Grantmakers: *Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Buck and Beyond***

12-2pm  
Learn from the experiences of our  
guest speakers on ways to successfully  
extend your philanthropic reach well  
beyond your financial resources as well  
as strategically maximize creative  
small grant programs. For more  
information visit  
[www.sdgrantmakers.org](http://www.sdgrantmakers.org)

### **Friday, May 16, 2008 Second Chance: Community Job & Resource Fair**

1-4pm  
Second Chance: 6145 Imperial Ave.,  
San Diego 92114  
Employer and community resource  
booths available. For more info  
contact Rebecca Williamson at (619)  
234-8888 ext. 123.  
[rwilliamson@secondchanceprogram.org](mailto:rwilliamson@secondchanceprogram.org)

### **Beginning Friday, May 23, 2008 Downtown El Cajon 11th Annual Concerts on the Green**

6-8pm  
Prescott Promenade in Downtown El  
Cajon.  
Concerts on the Green takes on a  
revival of all the great bands that have  
played in the past, as well as a few  
new bands.  
Cost: Free!  
Bench seating is limited so please bring

***[www.evite.com](http://www.evite.com) and register your email. That will limit that problem for you and ensure that you are invited to all that SDWF has to offer. Don't hesitate to call the office or email [ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:ciera@sdfoundation.org) if you need assistance. We would be happy to help.***

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## **Grants Implementation Team Update**

April is an exciting month in the SDWF. Our Grants Committee site visit teams have completed their analysis and funding recommendations regarding 19 of the 47 original Civil Society grant proposals submitted. Approximately 75 of our members have participated in our grants process to date – on the Civil Society discovery team, as participants in the Grant Seekers' Forum, on proposal review teams and/or site visit teams or their training. On April 15<sup>th</sup> we heard the Site Visit Team reports and voted on which proposals would proceed to the general membership ballot.

Our membership has reason to be proud of the meaningful difference we make in the San Diego region through our annual grants. Several factors distinguish our grants process:

- Our discovery teams commit a full year to research, interviewing and listening to community leaders as they identify their priorities;
- Grant seekers attend a forum in which SDWF Grants Committee members address the grants focus, guidelines and criteria for grant proposals;
- Two trained proposal review teams review and score every grant proposal received;
- Proposal review teams vote on which proposals will receive site visits in March;
- Trained site visit teams of 3-7 Grants Committee members do on-site visits to see and talk directly with the organization's implementation team for the proposed grant request.

At the mid-April Grants Committee meeting, members who have done proposal review and/or site visits, and/or served on that focus area's discovery team, vote to determine which proposals will be placed on the general membership ballot.

a blanket or chair. For more details visit [www.downtownelcajon.com](http://www.downtownelcajon.com)

### **Wednesday, May 28, 2008 Planned Parenthood 45th Anniversary Dinner**

5:30-9pm  
San Diego Convention Center  
111W. Harbor Dr. San Diego, 92101  
Proceeds from this event will directly benefit healthcare services, advocacy efforts and education programs.  
Contact Rachel Brammer at [rbrammer@planned.org](mailto:rbrammer@planned.org) or (619) 881-5012 for more info.

### **Saturday, May 31, 2008 Downtown El Cajon: A Toast to Music**

5-8pm  
Tickets are \$75 per person or \$100 for premier tasting tickets.  
Join the hundreds of high-spirited El Cajon CDC supporters who attend every year and have a great time while helping with the revitalization of Downtown El Cajon at this amazing fundraiser.

### **Friday, October 24, 2008 La Jolla Playhouse Gala 2008**

7pm-12:30am  
At La Jolla Playhouse  
Tickets \$500-\$2500  
Annual fundraising gala with all proceeds going to Education and Outreach Programs and the New Play Development.  
Contact Mary Reitz at [mreitz@ljp.org](mailto:mreitz@ljp.org)

In April and early May, every SDWF member has the opportunity to vote for proposals which she would like to have funded.

You can be confident that every grant proposal listed on the membership ballot has been thoroughly reviewed, thoughtfully considered, and deemed to be worthy of funding. Because every member gets to vote on this ballot, the final vote becomes our collective choice as to which organizations become our newest community partners. We have many members who choose to participate in SDWF because they value our continuing attention to best practices and "cutting-edge philanthropy."

We celebrate our community partners and their amazing work at our Grants Celebration Event each year. This year's celebration is on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the new community center at Market Creek Plaza. **Do mark your calendars and plan to share in this exciting evening!**

### Grants Discovery Team Update

In preparation for writing the guidelines for its 2009 grants in the area of Economic Development and Employment, the Discovery Team is holding community meetings in various San Diego communities. The purpose of these meetings is to seek input from our diverse communities in order to listen and learn what is most important to people. Through an appreciative inquiry process, the Discovery Team hopes to determine common threads, get a sense of people's visions for their community, and hear their priorities in the area of Economic Development and Employment. This information will allow the Grants Committee to narrow its focus and develop grant guidelines that will result in projects with the greatest potential for impact.

For the purpose of these meetings, the Discovery Team is using this Economic Development and Employment working definition: *"retaining and expanding work opportunities that provide a self-sufficient wage and upward mobility; educating, training, and empowering potential workers to take advantage of these opportunities; and leveraging the greater economic good of the San Diego region."*

**In Honor of MOM!**

Want to do something very special on behalf of your mom or special loved one? Your donation to the SDWF can honor her or someone you love AND make a special impact on the community. Please consider a contribution to the endowment or grant fund and demonstrate the power of women's philanthropy in San Diego. We gladly accept checks, stock or credit card. Contact [Tracy Johnson](#) at (619) 814-1374 for more information.

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