



Engaging Women in Significant & Sustainable Philanthropy

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Grants Focus Topic: Civil Society

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER!

Annette Ritchie-Buis

SAVE THE DATES

Neighborhood Coffee

Saturday, February 23, 2008

10-12pm

The Home of Lynne Newman~ Rancho Santa Fe

Are you a new member? Would you like to meet other SDWF members? Would you like to become better acquainted in an informal setting? Are you looking for an opportunity to introduce prospective members to our organization? If so, we have the get together for you.

Lynne Newman has invited her fellow SDWF members to an informal "Get to Know Each Other" event! This is a great opportunity for us to welcome our new members, catch up with current members, bring along a prospective member, and learn more about SDWF and ways to get involved.

RSVP via the evite that was delivered to your inbox or email Ciera@sdfoundation.org.

The San Diego Women's Foundation Community Partners

Saturday, February 23, 2008

El Cajon CDC- Lend A Hand

Saturday Morning Clean-ups

9-11am

East Park Ave. and Parkett Lane
Join the El Cajon CDC for Lend A Hand's Monthly Saturday Morning Clean-ups! Spend your morning making a difference by working together. For more information contact

Christina@downtownelcajon.com

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

**Sushi Performance & Visual Art~
Cinema Lounge**

7pm

Basic Urban Kitchen & Bar 410 Tenth Ave. Downtown

Mumblecore Films- "The New Brad" (2000: Premier); "People's House (2007); "Andrew is Tired"; discussion with filmmakers, live music by The Muslims, party angst, visual art by Spence Little, wire bender. For more information contact

info@sushiart.org

Tuesday February 26, 2008

**Vista Hill's Women's Council on
Mental Health Spring Luncheon**

11:30am-1:30pm

Manchester Grand Hyatt

"Living to 100: Lessons in Living to your Maximum Potential at Any Age"

Featured speaker is best-selling author and centenarian expert

Thomas Perls, M.D. Visit

www.vistahill.org for more details.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

**Vista Hills's 17th Annual Fashion
Show Luncheon**

10am-1:30pm

Manchester Grand Hyatt

Get on the Bus- with us! For an informative ride to Oceanside

Saturday, March 1, 2008

1-4pm

There are 8 million stories in San Diego County....Journey with us by bus up the I-5 Corridor to Oceanside to hear about the area, its growth and people's stories- what's happening and what actions are being taken to help young people become productive adults. This program is brought you by the Education Committee as another event focusing on this year's granting theme, Civil Society.

We will meet at the SDWF offices and be brought back there upon return from Oceanside. Members and guests are invited.

There is no cost to attend this event. There will be a light snack and drinks provided upon the return route.

If you would like to join us, RSVP via the evite or email Ciera@sdfoundation.org to get your seat on the bus. Space is limited so RSVP today!!

Grants Committee:

Site Visit Reports & Ballot Selection Meeting

OPEN TO ALL SDWF MEMBERS

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Burnham Institute

Enjoy an exciting evening with the Grants Committee as the Site Visit Teams share their findings, recommendations, and open the floor for questions. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other SDWF members and learn more about the Grant Proposals that will be selected for your 2008 Grants Funding Ballot for Civil Society. An Evite is coming in March!

Remember if you are not receiving the Evites or they keep winding up in your spam folder, go to 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 if you need assistance. We are happy to help.

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

It is such a pleasure to write to you and to thank you for your ongoing support of the San Diego Women's Foundation. As your President, it is truly my privilege and pleasure to get to know and work with such an amazing group of women who serve tirelessly in so many ways: as board members, through committee service, by providing angel support, and by inviting and inspiring new and equally amazing women to join SDWF.

To recognize you, our wonderful members, we recently held our first annual meeting of the membership, "An Evening of Inspiration and

"Heroes & Hemlines"

Connie Conard will chair this year's event that pays tribute to San Diego's local and civic heroes who truly make San Diego, "America's Finest City." Please contact Rachel Peniche at 858-514-5153 or rpeniche@vistahill.org for additional information.

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, CA 92105

Join volunteers on a mission possible to save this unique canyon habitat!

Participate in a tour to learn the importance of a wetland habitat.

Register with Aquatic Adventures by calling 858-488-3849 or email:

ElizabethHorpedahl@AquaticAdventures.org

Recognition". For the first time in our short history, we were able to share with you the impressive impact of the more than 1 million dollars of granting that SDWF has given to the San Diego region over its first six years. And we were able to show specifically the impact through the eyes of our grant recipients as we shared their stories that evening.

As importantly, the evening was a chance to recognize our endowment builders, that is, members- past and present- for the incredible support that you have given through time, energy, and financial contribution. Because of the collective support of each of you, we were able to tell those wonderful stories of success. Furthermore, in a short seven years we have built an endowment of more than 1.7 million dollars. As that fund grows it will enable SDWF eventually to disperse even more support to the San Diego region and will serve SDWF and its community in perpetuity.

For those who were able to attend, I hope you will each agree that it truly was an inspirational evening. For those who were unable to be with us, we missed you. However, we want to share the evening with you; so, in the near future and in a separate mailing, you will be receiving a summary of the evening's program.

I also want to share with you about several exciting new things that are happening within the SDWF. First, we are in the process of developing a new and much improved website. We anticipate being able to share that with you within the next several months. There will be many new features including a password protected member's section with such items as the membership directory. So, please stay tuned.

Also we have spent some time as a board examining the various meetings and programs that we offer to you our members. In a recent survey that many of you completed, we heard that many of you want to have the chance for more opportunities to connect with one another; others have indicated the desire to learn more about how to be even more savvy philanthropists. To that end, our committee chairs have been working collectively to create and/or modify our calendar and types of events to ensure that we are responsive.

We want SDWF to be a dynamic organization that looks forward and captures new opportunities. So, please share your thoughts and ideas with any of us on the board; we welcome your input.

With warm regards,

Carol Chang

Oh What a NIGHT!

The *Evening of Inspiration & Recognition* on January 31, was a magnificent night. The first ever Impact Report was presented. The results should make every member of the SDWF proud. Over 1 million has been granted to our community partners during the last 6 years. These partners were carefully vetted before the grants were made. They were nurtured through out the process and afterwards. The

impact the SDWF made in the lives of those in the San Diego region was astounding. We proved that grants can change lives... one person at a time.

Click [here](#) to view pictures from the event

Grants Implementation Team Update

It is that exciting time of year again. The SDWF members have been busy reviewing the 48 grant applications we received. Out of the 48, 19 have been selected to receive site visits to gain a closer look into their programs and services. The site visits will be taking place in the coming weeks. On April 15, 2008 a meeting will be held to select the top proposals to be placed on the ballot. This meeting is open to ALL MEMBERS and will be held at the Burnham Institute from 5:30-8:30pm. Check your email for an Evite coming to your inbox in March!

Employment & Economic Development Discovery Team Update

For February and March, the Discovery Team is busy scheduling and facilitating community meetings. They will be held throughout the San Diego region in preparation for writing the guidelines for our 2009 grant cycle in the area of Employment and Economic Development.

The purpose of these meetings is to listen and learn what is most important to each community, to see what common threads emerge, to get a sense of people's vision for their community and to hear their economic development priorities. This information will help to narrow the focus and develop grant guidelines that will result in projects with the greatest potential for impact.

The Discovery Team will be using the following working definition for Economic Development and Employment for the community meetings: *"retaining and expanding work opportunities that provide a living wage and upward mobility; educating, training, and empowering workers to take advantage of these opportunities; and leveraging the greater economic good of the San Diego region."*

Next Discovery Team Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2008 3-5pm at The San Diego Foundation Office

New and Improved Website...Coming Soon!

The "World Wide Web" is about to include the "Women's Foundation's Wonderful Website"! For so long, we've realized the need and value of a first rate website where we could keep everyone informed about our work, events, members, and partners. It's about to happen! Want some history about a community partner? Need to check the time and place of an event? Have a friend who would like to join right this minute? It will all be there, gorgeous and informative. We'll let you know the moment you can log on.



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