



## January 2010

### GRANTS FOCUS TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT

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### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jill Gormley  
Andrea Tevlin  
Susan Channick

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Susan Howe, Joined in 2009

Susan grew up in the Los Angeles area and moved to San Diego in 1979. She is the Director of Major and Planned Gifts for the San Diego Public Library Foundation and in that job, raises funds for the San Diego City library system. Although Susan has been aware of the SDWF for many years, she joined this year after attending the Grant Seeker's Forum and learning about our granting process and meeting our terrific members. She plans to become active with the Grants Committee. Susan has three grown children and her hobbies include gardening, quilting and knitting. Her other volunteer interests include The Hidden Valley House Auxiliary, a group she founded with friends in Scripps Ranch to raise funds to support a battered women's shelter in North County. Welcome Susan!

### SAVE THE DATES

#### Site Visit Training

February 9

12-1:30pm

#### Girl Scout Headquarters

Members who are new to the SDWF Site Visit process are invited to attend this training as a requirement to be assigned to a team. Those with experience have the opportunity to complete the online training (coming soon), but are also encouraged to attend the live training to share your experience with those new to the process.

Email [Ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:Ciera@sdfoundation.org) today if you have not already signed up.

#### Decision 2010: Writing our Next Chapter

#### Annual Members Meeting

March 15

5:30-8:30pm

#### Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals on the Torrey Pines Mesa

Help chart the direction for the SDWF for the next 10 years.

### COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION

#### Monarch School

5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Diamond in the Rough" Gala featuring Jay Leno  
Saturday, January 23

6pm

#### Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the sold-out Century Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Diamond in the Rough" Gala, which promises to be an elegant evening of cocktails, wine tasting, silent and live auctions, dinner, and live entertainment by comedian and TV show host Jay Leno. This first-rate event benefits students at Monarch School, where San Diego's homeless and at-risk youth ages 4-18 are breaking the cycle of homelessness through education. For more information please contact Paula Kelly at 619-685-8242 x227 or [pkelly@monarchschoools.org](mailto:pkelly@monarchschoools.org).

#### La Jolla Playhouse

#### NO CHILD...

Saturday, January 30

#### Mandell Weiss Theatre

Special Engagement to Benefit La Jolla Playhouse's Education and Outreach Programs

Price: \$40 general admission; VIP tickets (includes premiere seating and post-performance reception with Ms. Sun)

Tickets/Info: (858) 550-1010;

[lajollaplayhouse.org](http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org)

<http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org/the-season/plays/no-child>

*No Child...* is a tour-de-force exploration of the New York City public school system performed by acclaimed actress Nilaja Sun. Inspired by her experiences as a teaching artist, Sun fearlessly transforms with rapid-fire precision into the teachers, students, parents, administrators, janitors, and security guards who inhabit our schools and shape the future of America. An insightful, hilarious and touching piece created in

## Site Visit Report & Ballot Selection Meeting

April 13

5:30-8:30pm

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 Grants Proposals that will be selected for your final ballot. An electronic invitation (Ping) is coming in March!

## PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Our members celebrated the holiday season with a Holiday Party With a Purpose in December. Over 50 members gathered at Pam Hamilton Lester's home in Point Loma for warm hospitality, tasty hors d'oeuvres and holiday cheer to celebrate our friendship and accomplishments for the year. We also collected donations for our 2007 Community Partner, SAY San Diego, to support the families involved in the Project LIVE program. Mary Skrabucha, Program Coordinator for the Family Support Services program at O'Farrell Community School, was on hand to educate us about the program that supports children who have an incarcerated parent and to collect our donations. In all, we collected \$1215 in cash and scores of blankets, games, family movies, etc. to add to their family gift baskets. The party was a great success and we benefited SAY San Diego as well. Thank you Pam for hosting and thank you members for the fun and support of SAY San Diego!

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Grants Committee

#### Grants Implementation Team

Our Grants Committee is working diligently at reviewing the grant proposals submitted by the non-profit organizations in San Diego for this year's 2009-2010 Environment grants focus area. On January 5th, members new (and some experienced) to the proposal review process participated in a training on the proposal review scoring process. Many thanks to Barbara Measelle for providing an excellent training experience for members as well as for creating the online training version for our members experienced in the proposal review process.

The next step in the grants process is site visits. Site Visits will be conducted through the month of March, 2010. We extend our invitation to all to participate in this part of our grants process. If interested please notify [Ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:Ciera@sdfoundation.org). If you are experienced in completing site visits, you will be able to complete your training online. If you are new to the process, mandatory Site Visit Training is February 9 from 12:00 - 1:30pm at Girl Scout Headquarters, 1231 Upas Street, San Diego.

Questions? Contact Rita Solberg, Grants Committee Chair, at [ritasolberg@cox.net](mailto:ritasolberg@cox.net)

### Arts & Culture Grants Discovery Team

Want a taste of the Arts and Culture Discovery Team process? The Grants Committee's Discovery Team conducts a year-long process of interviewing experts, leading community focus groups, surveying SDWF members, then combining all these learnings to guide our grants focus and the development of our grant guidelines for next year. It's a fascinating process but also a big commitment that many members are not able to make.

Therefore, this year for the first time, we are inviting all SDWF members to experience a taste of our discovery process. In late January and February we'll be holding five community discovery meetings in representative neighborhoods all over San Diego County, and we'd love to have you join us. You'll help us greet the participants, offer refreshments, and get people seated, then you'll listen as a group of community representatives shares their experiences and visions of arts and culture and their priorities for arts and culture funding in San Diego.

To sign up, contact Lynn Owens: [lynnowens@san.rr.com](mailto:lynnowens@san.rr.com) or 858 566 7717.

### Education Committee

Molly Cartmill, Director of Local Government Relations at Sempra Energy, invited the SDWF Education Committee to send a focus group of our members to their headquarters downtown in early December. The purpose was to listen to a presentation on "Energy & the Legislative Landscape that Surrounds its Future". SDWF members played a critical role in helping Sempra prepare for future presentations to business and community leaders in Southern California by providing feedback about the content and delivery of the presentation. The group of ~20 women enjoyed the presentation, learned a lot about Sempra and local energy issues & provided plenty of comments and questions. Thanks Sempra for providing us with an educational opportunity that fits with our 2009-2010 Environment Focus Area. Stay tuned for future educational opportunities.

## ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### San Diego Grantmakers Special Program: "The Story of Stuff"

January 21

4-5:30 pm

Location: San Diego Hall of Champions Theatre in Balboa Park

Annie Leonard loves to talk trash. Using the same rapid-fire, fact-filled and humorous approach that made her film *The Story of Stuff* an Internet sensation, she will connect the dots and explain the real social and environmental costs of how we make, use, and throw away stuff.

With an eye on solutions, Annie will address how those engaged in environmental work and those supporting it can shift the conversation away from over-consumption. Additionally, she will explore how grantmakers and environmental advocates can play a defining role in transforming our environments, communities and economies to become truly sustainable and ultimately, change the story of our stuff.

RSVP: Email [programs@sdgrantmakers.org](mailto:programs@sdgrantmakers.org)

### Operating in Uncertain Times: How Economic Conditions Have Affected San Diego County's Nonprofit and Philanthropic Sectors

January 22

10 am

response to "No Child Left Behind," this exciting new work highlights how one determined woman can change the lives of countless others and expose the inequity of the American public school system.

### AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO

February 3 - 28

Mandell Weiss Theatre

Prices: \$45 for adults; \$25 for youth 12 and under; \$35 for subscribers  
Tickets/Info: (858) 550-1010;  
[lajollaplayhouse.org](http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org)

<http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org/the-season/plays/aurelias-oratorio>

Behind the red velvet curtain lies *Aurélia's Oratorio's* topsy-turvy world of surreal surprises, tricks, and transformations, where dreams come to life and the impossible happens before your very eyes. Aurélia Thierrée was first seen on stage as a young girl, performing with her parents Jean-Baptiste Thierrée and Victoria Thierrée Chaplin, creators of the famous *Cirque Imaginaire* and *Cirque Invisible*, which enjoyed a successful run at La Jolla Playhouse during the 1995 season. Now an actress in her own right, Ms. Thierrée has charmed audiences around the world with this dazzling display of stage illusion, inspired by the magic of music hall and circus, co-created with her mother Victoria Thierrée Chaplin, and performed with Jaime Martinez.

### Vista Hill's Women's Council on Mental Health Spring 2010 Luncheon

Thursday, February 18

11:00 a.m. – 1:30pm

Estancia La Jolla Hotel  
9700 North Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037

Cost: \$65-\$120 per person: lunch and parking included

"Overcommitted, Overwhelmed and Over It!"

Success Skills for the Blisteringly Busy with speaker Juliet Funt, daughter of Allen Funt, creator of the Candid Camera television show  
For more details: Rachel Peniche, 858.514.5153 or

[Rachel@planitsandiego.com](mailto:Rachel@planitsandiego.com)

### Elementary Institute of Science Ebony Fashion Show

Saturday, May 1

Joe and Vi Jacobs Center  
404 Euclid Ave. San Diego, CA 92114

Cost: TBA

For more details: 619-263-2302 or [eis@eisca.org](mailto:eis@eisca.org)

A fashion show that promotes world renowned designers of the latest fashions, and proceeds benefit the Elementary Institute of Science

**SD Grantmakers, 5060 Shoreham Place, Suite 350, San Diego CA 92122**

Recent economic conditions have led many nonprofit organizations across the country to find new and innovative ways of operating in an atmosphere where funds have been steadily declining. Now we have important information for San Diego highlighting the myriad ways that nonprofit leaders are adjusting to these changes. The USD Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research conducted a study with nonprofit and philanthropy executives throughout our county, to find out how they believe recent economic conditions have impacted their organizations. Come to a special SDG members-only briefing from the report authors. The presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion about how funders can best support their nonprofit partners now given the realities they are facing every day. Lunch will be served.

**Council on Foundations: Family Philanthropy Conference in San Diego**

**January 31 - February 2**

**8:30am - 5:00pm**

**Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel Register online:**

<http://www.cof.org/programsandservices/professionaldev/showConference.cfm?itemNumber=16752&navItemNumber=15768>

You don't have to be engaged in family philanthropy to attend the conference. You just need to be involved in philanthropy, which we all are! This is a unique opportunity to meet funders from across the country and learn what others are doing in the field. You can sign up for the entire conference or one day depending on your preference. Of special interest to our members will be the "Wind in our Sails: Women Philanthropists Championing Women and Girls" session featuring Tracy Gary and our own Linda Katz which takes place Monday, Feb. 1 from 2:30-4:00PM. The web site address for the conference is [www.cof.org/familyconf](http://www.cof.org/familyconf) which has the registration information and the different prices to attend. There is an early bird registration discount which they are extending into January.

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**SDWF MARKETPLACE**

SDWF now has reuseable grocery bags as well as bpa free water bottles for sale. Each item is \$5, and they can be purchased at the office, an upcoming event or by contacting [ciera@sdfoundation.org](mailto:ciera@sdfoundation.org). Please click [here](#) for photos of the items for sale. The items have the SDWF logo on them and will encourage us all to be a little more environmentally friendly! They make great gifts for friends, family or prospective members.

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