

November 2008



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Victoria Danzig
Anne Vincent

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jill Hall

Jill joined the SDWF to know other professional women with similar values. She respects the idea that SDWF is not about fundraising and doesn't require intense time commitments. Personally, Jill has an intense love of the Arts and the Environment. She has a particular passion for Eveoke Dance Theatre, a Community Partner of SDWF. She also enjoys nature and creates mosaic art in her studio. She and her husband enjoy traveling and making a difference in our community. Jill lives in Point

The San Diego Women's Foundation Community Partners

Thursday, November 20, 2008
Barrio Logan College Institute Open House
6-8pm

1807 Main St., San Diego 92113

Please join us for a night of food, friendship, and fun as we celebrate another successful year of preparing kids for college. For more details contact Tyler Wagner, tyler@blci.org, (619) 232-4686 ext. 109.

SUSHI:

Saturday, November 22, 2008
Celebrating the opening of Sushi's New Exhibition Space
Beyond Theory
7-10pm

Admission: \$20 includes drinks & hors d'oeuvres

Beyond Theory is an exhibition of paintings, video and installation works by eight visiting Servian artists who are in residence at Sushi.

Saturday, December 6, 2008
Pocha Nostra The New Barbarian Collection Winter 2008
7pm

Admission: \$100 includes drinks & hors d'oeuvres

The New Barbarian Collection explores the bizarre relationship between the post 9/11 culture of xenophobia and the rampant obsession of otherness by pop culture.

SUSHI A Center for the Urban Arts
390 Eleventh Ave., Downtown San Diego

For tickets or info visit sushiart.org or call (619) 235-8466.

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Loma.

SAVE THE DATES

SDWF Members Holiday Party with a Purpose

December 8, 2008 at the home of Pam Hamilton Lester
6-8pm

SDWF will be celebrating the holiday season with good friends and tasty treats! This gathering is for members only and we will be collecting donations for one of our Community Partners. RSVP via the electronic invitation (Pingg) or email Ciera@sdfoundation.org

Annual Members Meeting: Power of Pooled Philanthropy

January 26, 2009
5-8pm

Atkinson Pavilion-UCSD

You have never been to a SDWF event quite like this one and you do NOT want to miss it. All past and present members are invited for our first Socrates Café where we celebrate milestones and explore the power of the pooled dollar. The idea behind the Socrates Café is that we learn more when we question and question with others. We will do that over wine and appetizers in the company of like-minded women. Pencil in this date as our pooled resources mean more to our communities than ever!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As you know, this year's SDWF grant cycle is about economic and employment development. We have defined our focus in that area around programs that:

- develop sustainable plans for retaining and expanding work opportunities
- educate, train and empower potential workers
- leverage the greater economic good of the San Diego region

Clearly in this particular time of economic stress and volatility, our focus could not be more pertinent or timely and our "power of pooled philanthropy" more

Vista Community Clinic

Holiday Homes Tour

10am-4pm

Each year over 11,000 children come to our clinics without health insurance. Our commitment is to "never turn away a sick or injured child." Help us keep that commitment in 2009 by joining us for the 22nd Annual Holiday Homes Tour. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. This is a great event to share with friends as you kick off the Holiday Season. For information or to purchase tickets:

www.vistacommunityclinic.org/HHT.html

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Downtown El Cajon

Classic Cruise Parade of Lights

5-8pm

Main Street and Magnolia Ave.

Join us for this special holiday car show! Bring your kids and take a picture with Santa and his elves. Also, we will be having a toy drive, so bring a new unwrapped toy to brighten a child's holiday this year. Visit

www.downtownelcajon.com or call (619) 401-8858 for more details.

Saturday, January 11, 2009

5th Annual La Jolla Motor Car

Classic to Benefit Monarch School

9am-3pm

La Jolla Cove

The La Jolla Motor Car Classic will pay tribute to some of the world's finest automobiles on Sunday, January 11 from 9am-3pm at beautiful La Jolla Cove. Proceeds from this event help support Monarch School. For more information visit

www.lajollabythesea.com or call (619) 233-5008.

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Monarch School ~ 4th Annual

"Diamond in the Rough" Gala

6pm

Manchester Grant Hyatt

The Century Club's 4th Annual "Diamond in the Rough" Gala promises an elegant evening of cocktails, wine tasting, silent and live auctions, dinner, and live entertainment by comedian Frank Caliendo. This premier event benefits students at Monarch School, where San Diego's homeless and at-risk

necessary and appreciated.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I hope you will join me in reflecting on that for which we can be thankful. And on a personal note, I would like to share just a few of the SDWF experiences that make me grateful:

- The opportunity that SDWF affords me to put my own resources into a larger pool of dollars and as a result make a really significant impact- something not possible to do "alone".
- The real privilege and honor of serving as president and working with an outstanding and dedicated group of board colleagues.
- The ongoing commitment of each of our members to the San Diego Women's Foundation. Your time and energy, your creative ideas, your board and/or committee service and your financial support are so important.
- The privilege and pleasure of knowing and working with such an amazing group of women as colleagues and as friends. What a fabulous characteristic of the SDWF -to enable us to work together for the common goal of serving our community while at the same time- through that work- developing warm and lasting friendships!
- The wonderful work of our administrative team, Tracy Johnson and Ciera Rudin. They are absolutely essential to the successful outcome of all that we do. As president, I can truly say that the journey would have been much less satisfying or rewarding without being able to team with them.
- The opportunity to have our office/headquarters in such a lovely, convenient space- and to be a supporting organization of The San Diego Foundation that provides us numerous services and support to enrich and enhance what we do.

How truly wonderful it is that Linda Katz and friends had the vision to create this dynamic and inspirational organization and concept of the power of the pooled dollar! And how well it will be used this year especially and into our future.

In fact, in that regard, I do hope you have already marked your calendars to join our board members and committee leaders in an exciting evening where we explore the power of pooled philanthropy: how it has impacted and enriched our individual lives, how it has built the SDWF and how it has so richly contributed to

youth can improve their lives through education. For more information call (619) 685-8242 x 226.

the betterment of our San Diego region. This enjoyable evening will be held January 26, 2009 from 5-8pm at the UCSD Atkinson Pavilion (see Save the Date above). I hope to see and welcome you there.

With thanks for your membership and support and good wishes for the holiday season to each of you.

Carol Chang

SPECIAL THANKS...

SDWF would like to say a special thank you to those members who have recently hosted wonderful neighborhood gatherings in their homes. We thank Barbara Kubarych, Leslie Hovey and Lynne Newman. Your warm hospitality and the offering of your beautiful homes have provided a wonderful venue for others to learn more about SDWF and connect with like-minded women.

FIRST EVER NEWEST MEMBERS BREAKFAST IS A SUCCESS!

A light brunch and "life's lessons" were shared November 1st as the SDWF held their first "Class of" event hosted by SDWF President Carol Chang at her home. Over 30 women, including many of our newest members, their sponsors and board members, enjoyed a comfortable and animated morning. Membership Chair, Leslie Hovey, led a lively exchange as members shared their "first job and what I learned". It turns out we've done it all from flipping burgers to lingerie sales to tomato pollinating!

Lessons Learned

"It's not about me!"

"Information is power."

"Always staple on the diagonal."

"Don't take shortcuts."

"If you shine apples, they sell much better."

"Grease can be a very bad thing."

"Always try to make yourself indispensable."

"If you say 'yes' to something, you can do it!"

"It's hard to pull a proper pint."

"We all deserve respect."

"Even if you're small, you can beat the boys if you make up your mind to!"

"A lot of our success is based on plain ol' dumb luck."

And finally...

"Always cook your nuts."

We're already looking forward to celebrating the class of 2009!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Grants Committee

Grants Training Revisions for 2009

In response to our Grants Committee evaluations and comments from the last year, the Grants Committee is revising its training format in time for this year's grants implementation process. You will be able to access "online" training at a time convenient for you!

In order to make the training easily accessible to all of our members, we will offer Proposal Review Training and Site Visit Training through the Member's Room on our SDWF website. The content of each of the two training programs is intended for members with prior SDWF experience of doing proposal review and site visits. We will ask that you verify your completion of the online training.

All members who are NEW to doing grant proposal review in the SDWF are **required** to attend the January 6 training meeting with case study. The January 6, 2009 Grants Committee Meeting at the Girl Scout Headquarters will include:

11am-12noon: Required attendance training for all grants members who have not previously done SDWF proposal review. Experienced members are also welcome (but not required) to attend.

12-12:30pm: Light lunch- ALL grants committee members (both new and experienced)

12:30-1:00pm: ALL grants members receive their grant proposal review assignments and work with their assigned teams on case study.

We hope you will join us in this wonderful opportunity to participate fully in the grantmaking process which our pooled philanthropy makes possible.

Questions? Contact: Rita Solberg, Grants Chair at ritasolberg@cox.net or Suzanne LaTour, Grants Training at suzanne.latour@smithbarney.com.

Membership Committee

2008-2009: The Year of Stewardship

SDWF is an organization focused on philanthropy that has meaning and impact. We believe we can accomplish our goals while we meet the needs of our individual members. Understanding what those are is a priority. To that end, we have formed a Stewardship Team within the larger Membership Committee.

The Stewardship Team's #1 job is to "orient and mentor new members" so that they understand all the possibilities (and delights) of the organization. This effort made its debut with a wonderful "Class of 2008 Breakfast" (see related item). In the coming months, the Stewardship Team will take a closer look at what our members want, how to best engage, recognize and keep them, and how to find the right balance in the programs that we offer. If you'd like to join this team, we'd love to have you! Please contact Bink Cook, (858) 337-7300, bink@san.rr.com, for more information.

TIME TO UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

It is that time of year again: time to update the Membership Directory. Please click [here](#) to link to the website, login to the member's room, click on the directory and review your information that we have listed. If you would like to make changes, please contact Ciera@sdfoundation.org. If we do not hear from you, we will leave your listing as is. Please notify us by December 1. Can't remember your login and password? Contact [Ciera](#) and she would be happy to give it to you!

YEAR END GIVING

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Want to do something very special to end the year? Your donation to the SDWF can honor 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 check, stock or credit cards. Contact [Tracy Johnson](#) for more information.

ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

San Diego Grantmakers sponsor...

The Current Economic Storm: How Grantmakers Can Respond

December 4, 2008

United Way of San Diego County

4699 Murphy Canyon Rd., San Diego, 92123

This is a challenging time for funders: dealing with a turbulent economy, unstable asset bases, a charitable sector with significantly diminished resources and increased and changing needs in our community. Join SDG for this special, members-only breakfast roundtable to discuss, share and brainstorm responses to the myriad challenges (and possible opportunities) in front of us. In such critical times, tough decisions have to be made.

For more information or to RSVP contact

programs@sdgrantmakers.org

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