

October 2008



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Karen Garsson
Jill Hall

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Karen Garsson

Karen joined the San Diego Women's Foundation to meet more women in the San Diego area and to become involved in a broader range of philanthropic activities. She was recently appointed Vice President of Corporate Responsibility for SAIC, following a 20-year career in the company's Stock Programs Department, including 12 years as the department director. Karen's passions include bonsai and Project Wildlife. She is also a member of Athena and on the board of the SAIC Women's Network. Karen lives in Scripps Ranch.

The San Diego Women's Foundation Community Partners

Tariq Khamisa Foundation Seeds of Hope Tour

TKF is dedicated to creating a world free from youth violence. Come learn more about TKF, meet our Executive Director, and learn how TKF is changing attitudes and beliefs around violence, gangs, and revenge. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about how we can create a safer society for our children.

Upcoming Tour:

Wed., Oct. 22, 5:30-7:00pm

View details at www.tkf.org or contact suzanne@tkf.org.

Friday, October 24, 2008 La Jolla Playhouse Gala 2008 7pm-12:30am

At La Jolla Playhouse

Tickets \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500

Contact Mary Reitz mreitz@ljp.org

All proceeds going to Education and Outreach Programs and New Play Development. Cocktails, dinner, celebrity entertainment, dessert and dance party.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 Downtown El Cajon Cajon Classic Cruise "Trunk or Treat" 5-8pm

Main Street and Magnolia

The Cajon Classic Cruise returns just in time for Halloween with the "Trunk or Treat" show. Arrive in costume, as Downtown El Cajon welcomes ghouls and ghosts of all kind to its biggest Halloween bash. See cars transform into chilling creatures when they are covered in Halloween garb, and compete for best decorated vehicle. For more

SAVE THE DATES

**Grants Committee
Grant Seekers' Forum
November 6, 2008
3:00-4:30pm**

**Girl Scout Headquarters, 1231 Upas St. San Diego
Florence Burnham Hall**

The Grant Seekers' Forum is a great opportunity for non-profit representatives to meet with the SDWF Grants Committee to learn more and ask questions about our 2008-2009 Economic & Employment Development Grant Guidelines.

We would like as many members to attend as possible in order to interact with our potential grant seekers and learn more about our grant application and criteria. Attendees' feedback in the past has indicated how much the community appreciates interacting with our SDWF members. We hope to see you there.

**SDWF Members Holiday Party
December 8, 2008
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. More details to come as well as an Evite!

**Annual Members Meeting: Power of Pooled
Philanthropy
January 26, 2009
5-8pm**

Stay tuned for more exciting details.

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 SDWF has to offer. Don't hesitate to call the office or email ciera@sdfoundation.org, we would be happy to help.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Education Committee's Kick Off Event

Junior Achievement's BizTown was the place to be for San Diego Women's Foundation members and guests on

information visit www.downtownelcajon.com or call Brady Robertson at (619) 401-8858.

**Sunday, December 7, 2008
Vista Community Clinic ~ Holiday
Homes Tour
10am-4pm**

Can an environmentally friendly home be elegant? "Absolutely!" says one North County couple. Their home 'Elegant Efficiency' will be one of four homes open to the public during Vista Community Clinic's 22nd Annual Holiday Homes Tour and will also include the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe. For more information visit www.vistacommunityclinic.org or call Jenny at (760) 631-5000

**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 please call (619) 233-5008.

**Saturday, January 31, 2009
Monarch School ~ 4th Annual
"Diamond in the Rough" Gala
6pm**

Manchester Grand 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 youth can improve their lives through education. For more information call (619) 685-8242 x226.

October 6, as the Education Committee presented an extraordinary panel which informed its audience about how lower skilled and lower paid workers could best be prepared for upward mobility, strengthening the middle class in the San Diego region.

Phil Blair, Executive Director, Manpower; Constance Carroll, Chancellor, Community College District; Donald Cohen, President, Center on Policy Initiatives; and Mary Walshok, Vice Chancellor, University of California San Diego were quizzed by Education Committee member Valerie Jacobs, each other, and the attendees in a lively 75 minute dialogue about this year's grant topic. The evening was an insightful beginning to this year's grant process which will culminate with the announcement of new community partners in June.

Grants Discovery Team 2008-2009

September was a busy month for the Economic and Employment Discovery Team. Working closely with Grants Committee Chair, Rita Solberg, Implementation Chair, A.J. Frank, and our SDWF Director, Tracy Johnson, The Discovery Team has completed the Grant Guidelines for the 2008-2009 grants cycle. The guidelines were presented for endorsement by the full Grants Committee at the October 14, 2008 meeting. The goal of the Economic and Employment Development grants cycle is to fund programs that help lower paid, lower skilled workers prepare for and move into higher paid, higher skilled jobs with the intent of strengthening the middle class in the San Diego region. With gratitude for the dedication and excellent work of our Discovery Team Members: Carmen Bianchi, Christa Burke, Bink Cook, Alicia Foster, Wendy Gillespie, Wendy Hannan, Leigh Hartman, Valentina Jones, Laura Kyle, Judy Radke, Mary K. Reeber, and liaisons Marlowe Berg and Mary Rose Mueller.

Top 7 Reasons Why You Want to Participate in the Grants Implementation Committee

(From the Bottom Up, A La David Letterman)

- 7) WE NEED YOU- Your time, talent, ability, judgment, discernment in vetting organizations.
- 6) IT'S IMPACTFUL- By participating in the vetting process, you will have direct influence and impact on where our money goes.
- 5) IT'S FUN- You get to meet new people in the Women's Foundation and work with them either on proposal review teams or site visit teams.
- 4) IT'S EDUCATIONAL- You get to meet with and/or learn about organizations you may have never heard of or known about before. You may broaden your own philanthropic efforts.
- 3) IT'S FLEXIBLE- You can do as much or as little as you want.

2) IT'S INFORMATIVE- Your individual vote will be a much more informed vote, the more involved you are in the process.

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPLEMENTATION:

1) IT'S A WAY OF FULFILLING YOUR OWN MISSION- which might be to educate and inspire you to engage in significant and sustainable philanthropy to strengthen the San Diego region. Sound familiar? That's the mission of the San Diego Women's Foundation!

*Economic and Employment Development Grant Guidelines will be released October 21 with applications due December 3. We anticipate a significant response and welcome any and all who want to participate in the proposal review and/or site visit process.

PARTY PLANNERS WANTED

9th Annual Grants Celebration Planning Committee

Do you like to celebrate? Better yet, do you love planning celebrations? If so, you're invited to join this year's Grants Celebration Planning Committee. The first meeting of this group will be some time before the first of the year. If this invitation gets your party planning juices flowing, send a note to Tracy at tracy@sdfoundation.org or Marlowe at berg@mail.sdsu.edu. The more the merrier as we get closer to one of the most exciting nights of the year!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY-Annual Update

It is that time of the 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 at ciera@sdfoundation.org with those changes. 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? Email ciera@sdfoundation.org and she would be happy to give it to you.

ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

SDWF and San Diego Grantmakers

As a Foundation, SDWF is a member of San Diego Grantmakers. Their mission is to connect, educate,

develop and inspire a diverse group of foundations and corporations to stimulate effective philanthropy in the San Diego region. SDWF members are invited to attend any programs offered by Grantmakers. Log on to their website at www.sdgrantmakers.org and check out their upcoming conference (below).

We continue to thank Jane McCarthy who generously donates the funds for our membership fee.

**San Diego Grantmakers 2008 Annual
Conference: *Mapping the Impact of San Diego
Philanthropy***

Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:00-5:30pm

Joe & Vi Jacobs Center

Open to all philanthropists!

Join us for the premier grantmaking event in our region!

The SDG Annual Conference is a wonderful chance to come together with our community of givers and discover ways to strengthen your philanthropy. This is an event where no matter what the type, shape, or size of your giving, you leave with invigorating new ideas about how to give in the most effective ways.

Visit the conference website for more details and to register today, or contact SDG at (619) 744-2180 or conference@sdgrantmakers.org.



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