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## Greetings!

Greeting SILA Members,

A belated Happy Mothers' Day to all of the mothers in the group. I trust that this message finds you healthy and relishing our beautiful weather here in Southern California. As we come to the end of the fiscal year, we have reasons to celebrate and we are also sad. I am sure that you know we lost our beloved **Jackie Johns** last week. She had suffered a massive stroke and never recovered. Services were held on Sunday May 9. Governor Cheri presented the 25 year pin to her posthumously and Stephanie is going to see that it was given to Jackie's son. Jackie was a strong, yet gentle, woman with a tremendous history, who we will greatly miss. However, our lives have all been enriched by knowing her.



Our Day of Service on May 8, had to be cancelled due to the Breast Cancer Walk taking place at the Coliseum and on the surrounding streets. Several of us spent almost an hour trying to get to 1736 and had to finally give up. **Carole Oglesby** figured out the smart thing to do and parked her car and walked over to the house. At our meeting on May 19, we will talk about rescheduling the activity. I am going to drop off the gift cards this week.

We had a great program meeting on May 5 at McCormick and Schmick in downtown LA. Kudos to **Ginger Cole** for selecting the place--we all really liked it, parking was free and the happy hour menu was just right! We will meet there again on May 19. **Gov. Cheri** and **Lori Hollister** were our guests and brought very informative and moving information about the burden of women's arthritis. Gov. Cheri also presented SILA with the Governor's Award for outstanding programming for 2009-2010. She was apologetic that it was not presented at Spring Conference.

Please plan to attend our May 19 meeting, as we will conduct voting for officers at that time.

President Jeri

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## Inside Hollywood at Prime Focus



The program meeting on Wednesday, April 21, combined a reception for potential new members with a fascinating look at how movies are made. Recruitment Co-Chairs **Emily Dell** and **Irene Recendez** put together an evening of good food, information on Soroptimists, and a tour of **Prime Focus**, a Hollywood company that specializes in adding visual special effects and post production "clean up" to movies. Prime Focus turned *Clash of the Titans* into a 3D movie after it had been filmed in 2D. And is in the process of doing the same thing to the next *Harry Potter* movie! Some of our guests and members who are involved in magnet high school programs were particularly interested in the fact that success in this industry is often determined more by an opportunity to get an entry level job and to work with and learn from others than getting a college degree. The key is to know such jobs even exist!

## Let's Move Together at Magic Mountain



Chair **Lori Hollister** were guests at the SILA program meeting on Wednesday, May 5. Lori presented information about arthritis, supplemented by Gov. Cheri's personal story of being afflicted with the disease. It's not too late to sign up to walk in and/or donate to the [Arthritis Foundation's "Let's Move Together" Walk](#) at Six Flags Magic Mountain on Sunday, May 16. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Spring Conference

The Camino Real Region Spring Conference was held at the Radisson Hotel in Culver City on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th. For the second year in a row, **Sheila Tatum** was the Conference Coordinator. **Ginger Cole**, **Julie Mairs**, and **Joan Johnson** attended as SILA's conference delegates.

On Saturday evening, our lovely Ginger, Sheila, and Julie attended the Installation Dinner which celebrated the accomplishments over the past two years of outgoing **Governor Cheri Fleming** and welcomed **Governor-Elect Michele Memmott** who takes the helm for 2010-2012 as of July 1, 2010.



Watch for a full report on the Conference in the next newsletter or at the next SILA meeting.

## Developing Ties with India

**Laxmi Parasuram** is a Soroptimist from SI South Kolkata (Calcutta), India. Through the Soroptimist Grant of Friendship program, she traveled to Los Angeles just before Spring Conference and spent about three weeks being hosted by Soroptimist Clubs in Alhambra, Oxnard, Glendale, Santa Monica and LA. **Janet Elliott** and her husband Buzz were delighted to host her for four days at their home in Rancho Palos Verdes. The highlights of their time together included going to the Disney Concert Hall to see Gustavo Dudamel conducting (thanks to **Carole Olgesby** for providing the tickets!), a flight in Janet and Buzz's airplane, and a home cooked meal of curried vegetables and Indian bread. Laxmi is a retired Professor of English at the University of Calcutta, got her PhD from the University of Kentucky, and has sons living in London and Santa Barbara. She is a very interesting woman and was a charming house guest. What a wonderful way to enjoy the true "international" aspect of Soroptimist International!



## In Loving Memory of Jackie



Jacqueline (Jackie) Britton Johns was 90 when she died on May 4. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, and her greatest joy was her son Russell who lived in New York City. Jackie was a minister in the Church of Religious Science, founding a congregation in Glendale in 1992 which later merged into the Center for Spiritual Living. Her previous work history included advertising agencies in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles; publicity for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, on whose board of directors she served; and work in trade association management and as a freelance writer before deciding to follow her passion and attend the United Church of Religious Science School of Ministry in her sixties. She held leadership and board positions in numerous clubs and professional organizations, including the Committee of Professional Women for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Breakfast Club, Opera League of Los Angeles, Braille Institute, PTA, Los Angeles Advertising Women, besides Soroptimists. She was preceded in death by her parents James and Shirley Britton and her husband

Richard Johns. She will be remembered and missed for her wit, humor, and inspirations which she was always willing to provide at a moments notice.

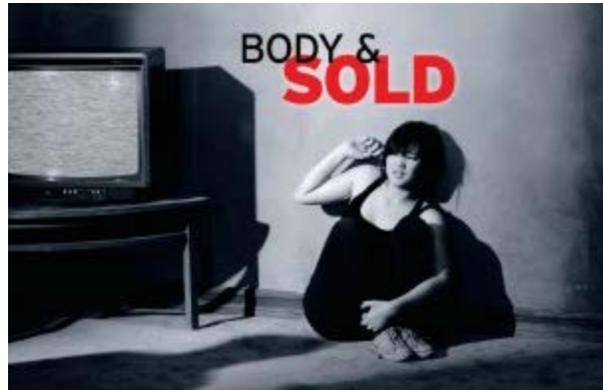
## A New Addition

After a difficult pregnancy and six months of bed rest, former member, Vicky Hung Ranguebsin and her husband, Blue, were excited to welcome their healthy baby boy Max into the family on April 5th. He was 20 inches and 6 lbs 12.4 oz at birth. Vicky is doing well - learning the challenges of taking care of #1 son Tyler at the same time as handling Baby Max!



## Body & Sold

Soroptimist International Glendale is presenting a staged reading of "Body & Sold", a play by Deborah Lake Fortson designed to increase awareness about human trafficking. One performance only will be held Saturday, June 19 at the Glendale Community College Auditorium. For more information [click here](#). Several SILA members plan to attend. If you are interested in joining them and supporting this activity of another local Soroptimist Club, please contact [Julie Mairs](#).



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