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## Greetings!

Dear SILA Members and Friends,

***"If you want something done, ask a busy person!"***

Can you believe that Autumn is upon us? It's impossible to conceive that we have less than 90 days until we break for the winter holiday season! That means that we have an awful lot to do, as a club, in the next 90 days. (Why does the number 90 keep haunting us?) Steven Covey says: *"We may be very busy, we may be very efficient, but we will also be truly effective only when we begin with the end in mind."* So, beginning with the end in mind, our focus for the next few months will be to select and notify our Violet Richardson Award Winner, Women's Opportunity Award Winner, Ruby Award Recipient and the Fellowship Award Winner; solidify plans for the 90th anniversary celebration; participate in our fall day of service at the Downtown Women's Center; plan the children's holiday activity at 1736; attend the Fall District Workshop; and plan something special for ourselves for the holidays. There will be plenty for each of us to do in order to accomplish these first quarter goals and I thank each of you in advance for attending the meetings and fulfilling the volunteer work that we are charged with accomplishing. If you are not already working on a committee, please let us know your choice (all committees and their chairs were listed on the September 7th agenda).

The year has started off on such a high note. Our SILA family has grown by two in the month of September, and by seven within the last six months! Let's all welcome **Teresa Harvey** and **Daphnye Howell**. Both new members have already begun brainstorming and working on committees along with our other new members, **Bev Johnson**, **Ann Read**, **Diane Vernon** and **Jessica Washington**. New member **Jennifer Yi** is working on a special assignment that has taken her out of the State, but we look forward to her return. Please continue to invite and recruit co-workers, friends, and acquaintances to visit SILA. We welcome new members!

Special thanks to **Governor Elect Linda Haines** for her presentation at our September 21 meeting. G-E Linda shared highlights from the International Convention, the Conference in Hawaii, and the future focus for SIA and our Camino Real Region. We look forward to hearing from other CRR Board Members as the year progresses.

Please make special plans to attend the October 5 Program Meeting. Remember to take time to experience the beauty of Autumn,  
We will continue work on the anniversary celebration.

*"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."* S. Horowitz

President Ginger



L-R: Pam Smith, Governor Elect

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Pioneer Member:

97 Year Old Betsy MacCracken

by: Susan Hancock



**Betsy MacCracken** was born July 5, 1914 in Beatrice, Nebraska, the eldest daughter of Drs. Daisy and Frank MacCracken. She moved to Fresno, California in 1924, graduating from Fresno High School in 1931 and Fresno State College in 1935, majoring in Physical Education. Following in her parents' footsteps, she attended the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles, earning her Doctor of Osteopathy in 1940, specializing in pediatrics.

With the onslaught of WWII, Betsy joined the WAVES and was stationed in Washington, D.C., assigned to the Department of the Navy Admiral's Office, handling a variety of assignments related to security matters.

After the war, Betsy joined the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics at COP&S and the Pediatrics staff at the LA County Hospital. Shortly after joining the hospital staff, she was appointed Assistant Executive of the Department of Pediatrics and in 1958 was appointed Executive. With these administrative responsibilities, she realized she had both an interest in and an aptitude for administration, so she enrolled in the School of Public Health at U.C. Berkeley in 1959, receiving her M.P.H in 1961.

Betsy returned to Los Angeles where she joined the L.A. City Board of Public Health. After the City and County Health Departments merged, she became the District Health Officer for the Northeast District of L.A. County, where she was responsible for a variety of clinic services: well-baby, vaccinations, investigating outbreaks for communicable diseases, and handling incidents of rabies and other general health issues throughout the district. In 1969 she was named L.A. County's Epidemiologist. In addition to her work-related responsibilities, Betsy also taught at both UCLA's School of Public Health and UCI's Medical School.

Betsy retired in 1976 and moved back to Fresno. She now resides at The Terraces of San Joaquin Gardens, a retirement community in Fresno, where her two sisters also reside! As an active member of the community, she has been a member of a number of committees and special events. Her hobbies include photography, knitting, and crocheting. Betsy also designed and created several needlepoint renderings of Navajo rugs, an outcome of her love of the southwest and her many trips to Sedona AZ and environs over the years.

Betsy was an active member of SILA for many years, serving as President of SILA (1955-56) as well as a member of the SILA Foundation's Board of Directors. SILA was an important part of her life and she has continued her membership even though she no longer lives in the area. She recalls the weekly luncheons being a wonderful social event where she made many good friends, particularly **Maggie Lamb** and **Muriel Morse**, who helped her in her own professional growth and development.

It is interesting to note that Betsy's mother, **Dr. Daisy MacCracken**, was an active charter member of SI, Fresno. Her youngest sister, **Virginia Hunter**, was also a member of SI Fresno, and her niece, **Susan**, was a member of SI Orange. **Three generations of women serving Soroptimist International.**

Save the dates:

**October 19th, 6:00:** regular meeting at Taix Restaurant. As mentioned above, we will continue work on the anniversary celebration, please attend and bring some ideas.

**October 22nd: Fall District Workshop**, hosted by [SI Montebello](#). The cost will be \$30 and the registration deadline is **October 12th**. All members are urged to attend as there will be many interesting workshops and this will be our opportunity to tell other clubs of the 90th year plans.

**October 29th:** [Downtown Women's Center](#) Breakfast Service Activity



90th Year Committees Set:

**The committees for our 90th year of service are set:**

**Program:**

- Fellowships: Daphnye Howell, Joan Johnson, Diane Vernon
- Violet Richardson Award: Ginger Cole, Jessica Washington
- Women's Opportunity Award: Joyce Jacob, Barbara Jury, Jennifer Yi
- Ruby Award:

**Membership:**

- Membership Recruitment and Induction of New Members: Emily Dell, Sheila Tatum
- Sisterhood Activities: Ginger Cole, Carole Oglesby

**Public Awareness:**

- Friendship Links: Ann Read
- Newsletter/Website: Janet Elliott, Ann Read
- High Video: Emily Dell
- Facebook: Bev Johnson, Carole Oglesby
- Photography: Bev Johnson, Jessica Washington

**Fundraising:**

- Anniversary Celebration combined with Women of Distinction Event: Jeri Durham, Pam Smith, Committee of the Whole

**Mission Support:**

- 1736: Bev Johnson, Pam Smith
- Downtown Women's Center: Jeri Durham
- Violence Against Women: Carole Oglesby, Julie Maris



**New Member: Daphne Howell**

Many of you are familiar with **Daphne** through her work as Director of Administration and Human Resources at the [1736 Family Crisis Center](#). She also has an active personal life; in her words:

"I have been involved in the non-profit sector for 30 years. I feel even though I work on the administration side, I am still assisting folks less fortunate and it gives me heart felt joy to know in a very small way I am contributing to making someone's life a little better. My husband and I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary and we have a 16 year old son named **Nicholas**, who is my heart and soul.



**Governor Elect Linda Haines, Daphne Howell and Emily Dell**

I am truly a baseball fan and involved in my sons baseball sports activities. Also, I sit on the Parent Advisory Board and with the Department of Parks and Recreation,."

Heartfelt words from an inspiring leader. **Welcome Daphne!**

**2011-2012 Graduate Fellowship Award Winner: Scarlett Aufmann**

**Hello All Soroptimist Members!**

This summer I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands. My professional development as a social worker was deeply impacted by my attendance in the

**[USC Social Work Global Immersion Program](#)**

in Amsterdam. The topic of this immersion was: Intersectionality of Sexual Orientation, Gender and Ethnicity. During this program, I gained a broader understanding of the social work concepts such as intersectionality, salience, context and the interrelation of these factors that can affect a client on a daily basis. As a result of this new understanding and enlightenment, I will be more tolerant, understanding and compassionate in my social work practice. In addition, I gained a new appreciation for the idea of factor currency in different social work contexts. Because I was able to witness this cultural difference firsthand, I now have a deeper understanding of equality and



**Scarlette Aufmann and sons**

the importance of valuing this concept within our society as well.

Additionally, I have a greater understanding of how physical location and/or a different culture effects an individual's access and quality of services offered to them. I will no longer make the assumption that all clients are offered the same services worldwide or that the delivery of such services is similar no matter where they live in the United States or abroad.

Next, this program has opened my eyes to different ways of tackling social issues such as youth work, street work, homelessness, chronic mental illness, elder care and health care in the Netherlands. Finally, what I believe was most relevant, was learning about all the aspects of a

socialist system/society and how that differs from the capitalist system/society we experience in the United States. The opportunity to witness what is working as well as what is not for both societies and then formulating a solution based on our findings was very exciting and honestly quite challenging because I found there are no "easy" answers.

Life is complex and everyone has problems no matter where you live. In fact, "The grass may not always be greener on the other side of the fence. It may even have shades of brown." In addition, I was also able to visit the [Anne Frank House](#) which was so powerful. This particular experience made the power of racism and discrimination more real for me. It solidified why as social workers we must fight for social change, social justice, and basic rights of individuals as well as against these structures to protect vulnerable populations so that the events like the Holocaust never happen again.

The effect on my personal and professional development has been significant. I am so grateful for the opportunity to travel abroad and see a different part of the world. I know I will take this experience and apply all relevant concepts into my social work practice. I will now be a more competent, enriched and effective social worker in the United States because of the valuable knowledge, skills and values I learned in the Netherlands.

## Update: Janet and Buzz On the Move



Double Arch

**Janet Elliot** left on Tuesday, August 23rd, with husband **Buzz** at the helm of their **1940 Waco UPF-7 bi-plane**. By September 29th they had arrived at [Arches National Park](#), near Moab, Utah.

Their progress can be followed [through their website](#).

## Honoring our Leaders Decade by Decade

SILA: 90 Years of Service	
	<b>Decade: 1932-1942</b>
	<b>Presidents:</b>
Hoover Dam completed, starts transmitting electricity to LA	1932: Frances R. Knox
California's 1st freeway opens (Arroyo Seco Parkway)	1933: Dr. Etta Grey
Minnie Craig first female elected Speaker of House (North Dakota)	1934: Grace S. Stoermer
<b>Founders Pennies started, money was used to re-establish clubs in Europe after WW II</b>	1935: Hortense Campbell
	1936: Edith Weir
	1937: Lou H. Francis
	1938: Marianne R. McGuire
	1939: Frankie J. Wilcox
	1940: Flora M. Binder
	1941: Dr. D. Myrtle Bozwell



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