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Three Local Women Who “Make a Difference” To Be Honored

Each year, Soroptimist International of Kona honors local women who have worked to improve women’s lives. In the past we have presented awards for Women Helping Women and Women of Distinction. This year we will present a third award: Advancing the Status of Women. Our “Making A Difference for Women” awards program will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at the Royal Kona Resort.

The **Women Helping Women** award honors women who have consistently and effectively used their resources, talents and influence to open broader avenues of opportunity for women and help them achieve their potential. Women Helping Women honorees may have:

- Helped to eliminate economic, legal, social and/or political discrimination against women.
- Reduced the economic dependence of women.
- Contributed to the improvement of women’s status in society.
- Initiated programs that meet the special needs of women in the community.

The **Women of Distinction** award honors those women who are ideal role models for other women. Women of Distinction honorees may have:

- Made outstanding achievements in their professional, business or volunteer activities.
- Demonstrated exemplary character and integrity along with outstanding ability and leadership.
- Made a difference in either economic and social development, education, health, human rights/status of women, or international goodwill and understanding.

The **Advancing the Status of Women** award honors business, organizations and other enterprises that have been particularly active and successful in initiating, supporting or advocating for programs that advance the status of women. Advancing the Status of Women honorees may have:

- Used their positions in their communities to promote recognition of women’s issues.
- Achieved these goals through such creative and innovative activities as initiating employment policies protecting women’s rights, scholarships and grants that improve women’s status, or initiation of programs dealing with women’s issues.

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· Financially supported or sponsored Soroptimist programs benefiting women.

If you are fortunate enough to know a woman or organization deserving of one of these awards, please take the time to nominate them. **We will be accepting nominations until April 20th.** You can mail completed nomination forms to Mary Huebner, 77-6404 Nalani Street, Kailua Kona, HI 96740, postmarked by Saturday, April 17th, or fax them to Linda Smallwood at 322-3696 by Tuesday, April 20th.

If you would like to attend the awards program, or are interested in joining Soroptimist International of Kona, please contact Linda Smallwood by phone at 322-0980, x137 or by email at lindas@hicommmfcu.com.

Nomination Form

- Women Helping Women**
 Women of Distinction
 Advancing the Status of Women

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Title: _____

Supporting Statement of Nominee: On a separate paper, please describe how the nominee fulfills the award's program criteria in less than 200 words.

Sponsor Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax/Email: _____

Member News to Share?

If you have any member announcements, news or upcoming events you would like to share, this is the place. Please call Linda at 322-0980, x137 or email lindas@hicommmfcu.com, and we'll make sure your announcement makes it into the next newsletter.



Bonnie Fullerton, bottom left, is inducted into our club at the March program meeting. She is welcomed by Suzanne Gillam, top left, Sally Alapai, center and Ofie Schamber, right. Bonnie lives part of the year in Bellevue, Washington and part of the year here in Kona.



BIRTHDAYS

3/07	Julie Rahmer
3/22	Vern Bieraugel
3/25	Judy Jones
4/14	Beth Sanders
4/16	Suzanne Gillam
4/18	Amy Rosato

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