



# KONALOHA

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## **Paige J. Close SI Kona Women's Opportunity Award Winner for 1999**

Paige Close, a student at Hawaii Community College is working towards an AA degree in early childhood education and liberal arts. She would eventually like to become an elementary school teacher. Paige is the mother of two children and will receive \$1000 from SI

## **Kimberly Shiraishi wins Youth Citizenship Award From SI Kona**

Kimberly Shiraishi, a Kona High Senior, is active in community volunteer efforts, school sports, and is still a member of the National Honor Society and a senior class officer. She will be majoring in the field of Medicine at a West Coast University next year. Kimberly will also receive \$1000 from

### *President's Message*

Soroptimist International of Kona has accomplished a lot in the last few months, and its members have experienced many life changes, myself included. Special thanks to all of you who were so supportive upon the death of my husband Herbert Kamanawa. All the cards, calls and offers of personal assistance were greatly appreciated. With the death of Mamie Bramlett's husband, Frank, this past weekend, I know we will all be there for Mamie also. On happier notes, we've seen two babies born to club members Tracy Rodrigues and Amy Rosato, and both boys. We're looking forward to seeing both newborns at our upcoming meetings. Thanks to all of you, and especially Katie Nova, for participating in the third annual GEMS project at the Hapuna Prince. All of you are to be congratulated for the extra effort on the SEE's Candy Sale this year. The club was able to add \$4500 to our service funds. Our best year in the last five. The service funds are what make us viable as a club that does good things within our community. Some of the money raised during Kimberly's term as President will be used to honor our Women's Opportunity and Youth Citizenship Awards today. We managed to participate in Kona's Christmas Parade. Thanks to those who participated and to Suzanne for donating her truck and Orlie for leading our contingent on her Harley. And last but not least, our Christmas Party raised several hundred dollars for Fellowship. You are a great group.....it's an honor to work with you!



**Calendar** February 23 - WO/TAP Luncheon King Kam  
**Of Events** March 5,6,7 - Presidents Roundtable

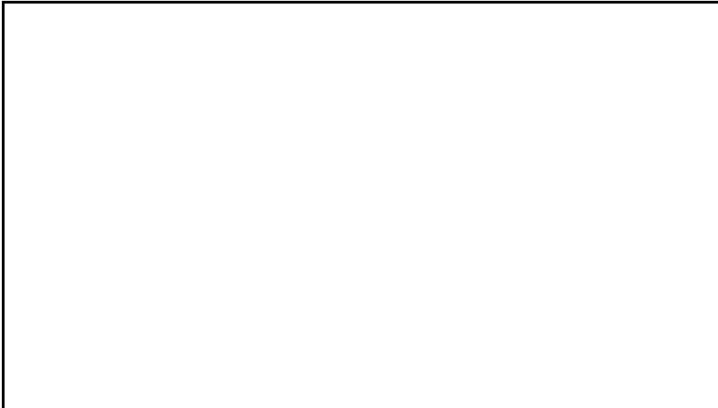
March 9 - Business Meeting - Quinns  
March 23 - Program Luncheon- Quinns

*The World's Easiest Quiz?*

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama Hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

Answers on page Six . No cheating.

**Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.....Yogi Berra**



***Loss of two Soroptimisters.....***

Herbert Kamanawa, husband of President Julie, passed away suddenly in December. Herbert had not been ill and his death came as a shock to all his friends and family. Frank Bramlett passed away this past weekend, and services are pending. Frank was married to Charter Member Mamie and had been ill for several months. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Kamanawa and Bramlett families.

***See's Candy Sale Tops \$4000 for Service***

Congratulations to all of SI Kona members who participated in the annual See's Candy Sale, including the two craft sales that where we had sales tables. \$4500 was raised this year and will go to support service projects next year.



***Salt Shaker.... Founder Region Conference***

Founder Region holds a conference, annually, the first weekend of May. The location of where the conference is held is determined by the Governor at least two years prior to each conference. Hostess Clubs are determined by a vote at a conference, up to five years in advance. Conferences may or may not be held in the geographical borders of the Hostess Club. Conference sites must be on the Founder Region approved sites list. The 1999 Founder Region Conference will be held at the San Ramon Marriott in California, April 30, May 1 and May 2. Soroptimist International of Benecia will serve as the Hostess Club. The Conference Coordinator is Linda Sue Hansen. The 2002 Founder Region Conference will be held at the Kona Surf Resort and Soroptimist International of Kona will serve as the Hostess Club for that Conference. Governor-elect, Carol Rose, will be the serving Governor at that Conference and that year will be an election year. Founder Region Conference is where the region conducts official business and where officers, nominating committee members and Fellowship directors are elected. Additionally, the annual conference is where District and Regional winners for the Women's Opportunity and Youth Citizenship Awards are honored. That Sunday morning activity is a heartwarming and exciting event that usually draws the largest attendance at the Conference. In election years, new officers and directors are installed on Saturday evening following a full day of business. Friday generally offers workshops and an evening Fellowship Banquet where thousands of dollars are distributed to women doctoral students in their final year of study. Plan to attend.

# Y2K Are You Ready????

**Learn Hawaiian....  
Mauna Kea....**  
White Mountain  
Mauna Loa  
Long Mountain  
The Highest points  
in Hawaii, located  
on



## Who's News....

President Julie K will be hosting the District VI Presidents and Director Judy at the President's Round Table Retreat to be held in Kona March 5, 6 and 7. We always happy to show off our town and to welcome fellow Soroptimists. Secretary Amy has a good reason for missing a few meetings. Her new son, Matthew Koele Rosato is currently demanding a lot of mom's time. Mother and son will be visiting us soon. Our other new mother, Tracy, brought son Seve to a January meeting so he could get acquainted with his Soroptimist Aunties. Sally 's mother, Millie Bloedorn, has been attending our meetings for the last three months....we've loved having her visit, but think she would make a great full time member. Mary H. is Kona Chapter President this year for AARP, in addition to being the AARP Women's Issues Specialist for Hawaii. She attended a training and teleconference on Women's Concerns about Social Security in Portland in January. Suzanne is running for reelection to the Founder Region Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at the May Conference. Vice President Sally attended just about every major football game in January, including the Super Bowl....we all want to know her ticket connection. Orlee has a brand new Candy Apple Red Harley....we're all allowed to look but not touch. But it's a beauty. Treasurer Colleen is a new home owner and moved in this past weekend. This week she's on a quick trip to Seattle to see family.

If you haven't heard about **Y2K** - you must be living in a vacuum. Just in case....**Y2K** refers to midnight on New Year's Eve when computers across the planet are expected to blink and the entire academic, governmental and economic worlds may experience severe problems. Many computers have clocks that end on the last day of the century...and may not be able to recognize the year 2000. While most financial institutions in the U.S. say they are prepared - no one is too sure how **Y2K** will effect our global economy. Some tips... Stock up on prescriptions. Prepare for possible power outages; stock up on food, bottled water and pet supplies; plan overseas trips so you don't travel in Jan 2000. More

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larger ads.**  
Send Ad copy to Editor. Payment  
to Treasurer Ophie.

**Members still needed.....**  
Remember....Soroptimist  
International of Hilo needs our  
help in  
recruitment efforts. They new  
several new members in order  
to  
keep their club charter....Please  
help by forwarding names of  
possible candidates to President

**Congratulations  
New Inductees**

**Stephanie Amick  
Brenda Kuessner  
Orlee Miller**

**Suzanne needs photos and news articles for our  
Soroptimist Notebooks....please help our history!!!**

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**Happy  
 Birthday**

**November-December  
 January-February Birthdays**  
 Julie Lawrence.....November 13  
 Julie Kamanawa-Kala...November 26  
 Marian Thropp.....November 26  
 David Sigala.....November 27  
 Katie Nova.....December 14  
 Diane Allen.....February 9  
 Stephanie Amick.....February 11  
 Ofelia Schamber.....February 16

**Congratualtions Amy and  
 Michael on the birth of  
 your  
 son, Matthew Koele Rosato**

**Friendship Links.....our  
 connection to International  
 Goodwill & Understanding**

Soroptimist International of Willits and Soroptimist International of Fukuchiyama Kyoto are both "friendship links" for Soroptimist Intl of Kona. When did you last drop a note to either club, or send a friendship card or gift, or reach out to their club members??? Or maybe you weren't aware we had "friendship links" or what goes with that title. How about starting with Soroptimist International of Willits, California, a part of Founder Region. We can meet with them at Conference. They can visit us and we can visit them. This year's club President is Melinda Kepple and club mail is sent to P.O. Box 311, Willits, CA 95490. The Willits Club meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at the Redwood Palace in Willits. Willits is in District V and there club Anniversary is April 3, 1971. They will celebrate their club's 28th Anniversary this year. The Kona Club will celebrate their 28th Anniversary on June 17th this year.

**Children's Advocacy  
 "Personal Care Bags" Need**

**Cloth bags with drawstrings  
 Small Toothpastes  
 Small Shampoos  
 Small Conditioners  
 Small bars of Soap  
 Small Deodorants**  
 We have toothbrushes & combs.

**Women of Distinction  
 Nominees Wanted!**  
 April is the month we honor women of distinction at SI of Kona. Nominees are welcomed. Please see Vice President Sally for Nominee forms, and remember to invite friends and business associates to our most prestigious luncheon of the year. The



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## *member profiles.....Lana Taira*

Several members have asked me what I do at West Hawaii Today?, and I have responded, "I am an office clerk with a Title." The Title is Business Manager. It think it is one of the best and most interesting places to work in Kona. Co-workers are a good bunch of people, the pay is good, and the business will be here tomorrow. It is small enough that employees are familiar with each others jobs and how everything fits together to put out the newspaper. Like all businesses, regardless of the product or service, there is always a business/administration department to tke care of the operation aspects...paying employees, accounts receivables and accounts payables. My job is to oversee these functions and I manage a staff of four, two bookkeepers, a cashier and a receptionist. I am also the benefits manager, file clerk, credit manager, payroll clerk and complaint department. On a personal note, my husband nd I have three sons, all in college and scattered about the country. Derek, the oldest, is a grad student in Colorado. Number two son, Ryan, in California, got a drafting degree in December, and youngest son, Matt, attends college in Honolulu. We are poor but proud parents! Good things about being a Soroptimist.....I am glad to have the opportunity to give back to the community through this organization. And as important to me as community service is meeting and networking with Soroptimist members, men and women I would not have otherwise known. *Ed note: Lana Taira has been an SI Kona member since 1993 and has served on the board of directors for five years, currently serving as Corresponding Secretary.*

### *Internet humor.....*

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"Mr. Quinn, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said, "and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a month in support."

"That's very fair, your honor," Mr. Quinn responded. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

### *Sally's Mom....*

Mildred "Millie" Bloedorn has been participating in SI Kona activities for the last few months and we've all enjoyed her company. Millie lives in Ft Morgan Colorado when she is on the mainland and at Kona Alii Condos while she is in Kona. Millie was born and raised in Glendale California and is a graduate of Pomona College, as a Psychology major. Millie lost her husband after 53 years of marriage and enjoys her time with

***If you think education is expensive.....  
try ignorance!!!!***

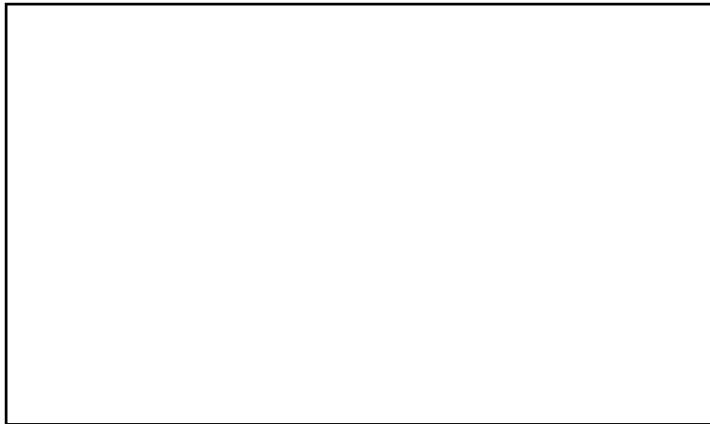


**Don't forget to feed the club piggy! It helps us all!!**

### ***Wear your Soroptimist Pin with Pride!***

"In a fight between you and the world... back the world".....frank zappa

Nobody Notices When Things Go Right.....Yogi Berra



**Answers to the Quiz.....**

1. 116 years, from 1337-1453
2. Ecuador
3. From sheep and horses
4. November. The Russian Calendar was 13 days behind ours.
5. Squirrel Fur
6. The Latin name was Insularia  
Canaria-Island of the Dogs
7. Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
8. Distinctively crimson
9. New Zealand

**March is Huggo's Rib Sale**

Members will be asked to assist at our March Fundraising event, the Huggo's Rib Sale. Tickets will be distributed in late February and early March, and we'll all have several to sell at \$10 each. Volunteers will be needed to dish up the orders at Huggos on Saturday morning, March 20, from 9am to

March 20 - 9am  
Huggo's Rib Sale



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**Lest we forget.....**

*When you are short on time, short on money and long on Soroptimist obligations.....remember your induction to this wonderful service organization.*

The members of Soroptimist International of Kona are honored that you have accepted our invitation to join with us in Soroptimist Service. It is my privilege to welcome you to a worldwide organization of members who have pledged themselves to serve for the betterment of humanity. Our name, Soroptimist, is a coined word meaning "best for women". Soroptimist International united leading professional executive businesswomen and men throughout the world to promote the objects of Soroptimist and to cooperate with intergovernmental and other organizations for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. Our aims are:

- \* **To maintain high ethical standards in business and professional life.**
- \* **To strive for human rights for all people and, in particular, to advance the status of women.**
- \* **To develop a spirit of friendship and unit among Soroptimists of all countries.**
- \* **To quicken the spirit of service and human understanding.**
- \* **To contribute to international understanding and universal friendship.**

While membership in a Soroptimist Club is an honor and a privilege, it is also a responsibility. We want to impress upon you that regular attendance is an integral part of membership, as is involvement in our service projects. You will be named to a committee and we look forward to your serving as a club officer, if nominated. Your leadership responsibility is part of Soroptimist membership.

*"It is well to remember that the entire universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others"*