



KONALOHA

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International President's Appeal

“*Soroptimist Stop Traffic*” is the theme for the annual December 10 International President’s Appeal. SI President, Jane Zimmerman addresses the trafficking of girls and young women globally. The UN estimates the profits from trafficking in the sex trades to be over \$7 billion per year. Two organizations are currently working toward the elimination of this trafficking, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Miramed Institute. Soroptimist December 10 Appeal Funds will go to help both organizations in these efforts. UNIFEM works at strengthening women’s economic capacity, engendering governance and leadership and promoting women’s human rights through an ABC approach: Advocacy, Brokering and Capacity Building. Miramed International, is best known for its “travel with a cause” program in the former Soviet Union. They arrange tours of Russia and tell the travelers to “fill one suitcase for yourself and one with medicine, clothes, shoes, toys and school supplies. Club monies donated at today’s meeting with assist UNIFEM in creating an anti-trafficking center in the heart of the red light district in Mumbair, India and help Miramed with providing job skills for high

President’s Message

Special thanks to all of you for your great efforts on behalf of our Service Funds. Our See’s Candy Fund Raiser is completed, but the preliminary results indicate another good year of sales....and that’s the money that let’s Soroptimist International of Kona give back to our community. All of your sales are appreciated and a special MAHALO to Suzanne Gillam and Colleen Wright for coordinating our efforts. Thanks to Keri Campbell and her committee for all their work on the club’s Women’s Opportunity and Youth Citizenship Awards Committee. We’ll see the results of their hard work in February when we present our Club Awards. Thanks also to Orlee Miller, Stephanie Amick and Mary Huebner for making the commitment and representing our club so well at the Distict Meeting in Guam. Thanks to Katie Nova and Diane Allen and all the members who helped make the GEMS project successful for another year....and thanks to Ofie for agreeing to host our annual Holiday Party at her home. It seems as though I use most of the space in these President’s Messages to say “thank you” to club members. As your President, I get to be “up front” and take the bows....but it’s all of you who deserve the credit for making Soroptimist International of Kona a dynamic group that is truly “making a difference”. It has been a honor serving as your President during the last year of the 20th Century....and I’m excited about the directions we are taking going into the 21st Century. Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season!

President Julie



Happy Holidays!

Calendar of Events	December 14....Business Meeting....Quinns	December 28...Christmas Party Ofie’s House
	January 1.....Start of a New Soroptimist Century	January 11....Business Meeting ...Quinns

Hawaiian Airlines Akamai Awards Program

Hawaiian Airlines is sponsoring a program that allows us to collect free Hawaiian Miles. We can use these miles to fly delegates to meetings, or Award winners to conference, or any other worthwhile purpose. To help Soroptimist Intl of Kona accrue miles, you must first

belong to the Hawaiian Miles Program. Then you designate SI of Kona as your Hawaiian Miles Akamai Awards Link. You do that by signing application forms. No miles are ever deducted from your personal account, but 10% of the miles you accrue will be matched by Hawaiian Airlines and credited to the Soroptimist Intl of Kona account. Mary Huebner and Colleen Wright will be administering this program for the club. You can sign up your friends, relatives and business associates with SI Kona's account number and the club will accrue those miles for future free tickets for the club use. Miles can also be accrued through purchases

Identity Theft....Minimize your Risk

Thieves get rich by stealing your identity! It happens very easily because every identifying number you possess - social security, credit card, driver's license, telephone....is a key that unlocks some storage of money or goods. If you throw away your credit card receipt and a thief finds it...they are not becoming you, but to VISA they have become your account. With your social security card, a thief can apply for a credit card in your name, have it sent to a different address and use it for multiple purchases. You may not have to pay the debt....but you'll have to straighten out the mess with the debt collectors and that can take years and big legal bills. There are ways to minimize your risk:

- * Never carry your Social Security Number in your wallet or dairy or printed on your checks
- * Guard your social security number closely
- * Be careful how you dispose of documents. Shred them.
- * Don't post personal information on the Internet
- * Check your credit report at least once a year
- * Check bank and credit statements item by item
- * Shred offers of credit or "pre-authorized" credit card blank checks

Did you know....Social Security Numbers will no longer be used as drivers licenses numbers in Hawaii beginning in 2001?

For a great, useful Holiday gift....try a paper shredder.

Where to go for help: To report identity theft and get help on how to restore your credit contact: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580 or call toll free (877) 382-4357. **www.consumer.gov/idtheft** for online information. For law enforcement help: U.S. Postal Inspection Service; U.S. Secret Service; or the Police.

Wear your Soroptimist Pin with Pride!!!!



Salt Shaker.... Service Funds

Did you know that the money you earned through See's Candy Sales goes into the Club Service Fund and is set aside to be used in the 2000-2001 budget year. Good financial planning allows the club to have funds in reserve so that an incoming board knows how much money they have with which to plan the annual budget. Service Funds are maintained in a separate account and are never mixed with General Funds.



Upcoming events.....

February - Women's Opportunity and Youth Citizenship Awards
March - Women's History Month
April - Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon
May - Founder Region Conference San Ramon California
June-July Federation Convention Honolulu

Katie Nova is celebrating a birthday today. Colleen Wright turned 50 the end of October and her friends and relatives came from all over to help her celebrate. Welcome to the over the hill gang, Colleen....and welcome to membership in AARP. Maggie Penrose was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army in front of WalMart and looked to be taking in lots of money. Jennifer and Quincy Rush visited UCLA Medical Center to try to put a name on some medical problems Quincy has been having. We hope Quincy will be feeling much better soon. Several of our members have been down with colds or the flu....and hopefully all recovering quickly. President Julie hosted the President's Round Table with Director Judy and the other Hawaii Club Presidents in November. Mamie Bramlett and President Julie took in a wine and food tasting at the Kona Village. Virginia Isbell has a busy holiday season with band performances and other community obligations. She will be leading the entertainment at the AARP Christmas luncheon on the 16th. Mary Huebner will be presiding at that same meeting. Lana Taira's preparing for all her sons to be home for the holidays. Wattie Hedemann is so busy we can't keep up with her, and generally speaking....all our members are having a busy holiday season!

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**Annual business card - \$25
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larger ads.**
Send Ad copy to Editor. Payment
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Member Profiles Laura Peterson by Lana Taira

Laura Peterson was inducted as a Soroptimist in August of 1993. She has since served as Vice President (two terms), President, Past President and is now recording Secretary. She is also an affiliate member of the Kona Board of Realtors and a past member of the Community Service Organization President's Council of West Hawaii. Here is her story of how she to be where she is, her future goals, and her hopes for SI Kona, in her own words..... "I started my career at the age of 21 at Alaska USA Federal Credit Union. Like most young people I really didn't know what I wanted to do. I remember my parents going to the local credit union to do their banking and obtain loans. I was in awe at the skill with which the tellers handled the public and felt it was an aspiring position to attain. My parents had instilled in me the need to do well in school and take as much math as possible. And it paid off. I worked there for 14 years and gained my degree in the business of hard knocks. Through my work experience at Alaska USA FCU, I acquired the necessary skills to achieve what I've done today. Upon relocating to Hawaii, I had two choices, to stay with credit unions or to learn a new field, real estate lending. I chose real estate lending and began my new career with First Hawaiian Creditcorp, which is what brought me to Soroptimist. My fellow co-worker and friend, Julie Lawrence, suggested Soroptimist when I was looking to get involved in volunteer work for the community. And I've truly enjoyed it ever since. It opened up another new aspect in my life. The feeling of helping others with a group of fellow Soroptimists all striving for the same thing, gave me such a lift. The feeling and energy I got from the group was very inspiring and contagious. And it continues to keep me motivated to help as much as I can. I feel very fortunate to have acquired my new position at Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union. Credit Unions in a way parallel community work. They focus on the needs of their members and often go the extra mile to help them. I hope to continue my career at the credit union and maintain management's commitment to help the community and our membership whenever possible. And I hope Soroptimist will continue to focus on expanding its reach in developing projects that are both timely and beneficial to the needs of the community and rewarding to our fellow Soroptimists. "



***Holiday Party at Ofie's House....December 28, 1999
Bring a dish, B.Y.O.B, and a wrapped gift worth
\$10 to exchange...and unwrapped white elephants
for a service fund auction. Ofie's - 326-7094***

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Happy
Birthday

November-December
Birthdays

- Jeani Withington - November 20
- Julie Kamanawa-Kala-Nov 26
- Marion Thropp - November 26
- David Sigala - November 27
- Katie Nova - December 14

Celebrate

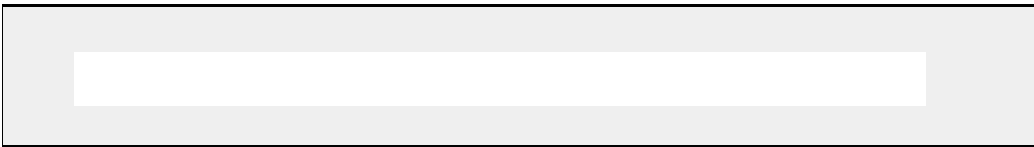


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*Wishing you all a safe and sane New Year's Celebration!!!
Remember we love you....so don't drink and
drive and watch out for those who do! Looking forward to
a fantastic 21st Century!!!!*



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We all have friends and relatives or just acquaintances that face chronic loneliness, made even more acute by the Holiday season. Remember to drop a note, send a little

Remember.....

gift or better still stop by in person. Your time could not be spent in a more valuable pursuit. Our own **Evelyn Davis** is in Keahou Rehabilitation Center and would love to hear from you: 78-6957 Kamehameha III Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.