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Elizabeth Croom and Kim Schneider Honored As “*Women of Distinction*”

Soroptimist International of Kona will honor **Elizabeth Croom** and **Kim Schneider** as the year 2000 *Women of Distinction* at the Keauhou Beach Resort on Tuesday, April 25. The “*Women of Distinction*” Award recognizes women in their communities who have consistently and effectively used their resources, talents and influence to help others. Women honored at the community level are eligible for awards thru Founder Region, also. **Elizabeth Croom** is the Managing Attorney for the Kona Office of the Legal Aid Society. Through her efforts the Kona Legal Aid office was given a medicare advocacy grant. As a co-founder of the YMCA Family Visitation Center, organizer for the bar association sponsored back-to-school party for foster children, and member of the American Bar Association’s committee on the unmet legal needs of children, she is a strong advocate for the rights of foster children. Also a proponent for the elderly, **Elizabeth Croom** heads the North Kona Community Voices Project. She has just completed a grant application for planning funds for a Senior Resource Center in Kailua-Kona and is working to make that center a reality for area seniors. **Elizabeth Croom** is a member of the Alzheimer’s Association, American Bar Association, West Hawaii Bar Association, Hawaii Community Care Giver Network, Domestic Violence Interagency Team, teaches aerobic and spinning classes evenings and weekends, and volunteers her time with the University of Hawaii Kona Extension Office program, “Take Charge of Your Money”. This year she served as a Founder Region Soroptimist Judge for the Women’s Opportunity Awards at the Region level. **Kim Schneider**, believing in *Education for Empowerment*, has been instrumental in the development of the popular GEMS (Girls engaged in math and Science) program held annually for 5th grade girls in West Hawaii. She also participates in the Honokaa School-to-Work program using different styles of presentation each year to stimulate career choices. As a Dental Hygienist with Dr. Sayre, she promotes dental awareness to preschool and elementary students. She is currently working with the mobile health care project at Kawaihae to provide health education to residents of the transition center. **Kim Schneider** paddles with Waikoloa Canoe Club and is participating with the research project called LABMAN to determine optimum workout needed to condition and prevent injuries. She is active on her church board, President of the West Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association and member of the American Association of University Women, American Business Women’s Association and Hawaii State Hygienists Association. Both **Kim Schneider** and **Elizabeth Croom** are role models for other women and exemplify Founder Region Governor Linda McDoniels’ Theme “Making a Difference Together”. Both “*Women of Distinction*” will receive a check for a non profit of their choice and a remembrance of the event from Soroptimist International of Kona.

Calendar

April 25 - Women of Distinction Keauhou Resort May 1 - Registration Deadline Convention
May 5-7 Founder Region Conference -San Ramon May 9 - Business Meeting - Quinns
May 23 - Program Meeting - Quinns June - Installation of Officers Banquet

Member Profiles.....by Lana Taira

Presidents Message.....

Six members of Soroptimist International of Kona will leave in early May to participate in the annual Founder Region Conference. This year's conference will be at the San Ramon Marriott May 5, 6 and 7. President-elect Sally Alapai will be attending her first conference, as will Orlee Miller and Stephanie Amick. Mary Huebner, Suzanne Gillam and myself complete our club delegation. It will be a busy conference with much to report on our return. Because of our financial commitment to the Guam District Meeting, we were only able to pay a small amount for each attendee at conference. It is to their credit that they committed both their time and resources to learn more about Soroptimist and bring that education back to the club. This is an election year. Our club has Suzanne Gillam running for Fellowship Director of District VI and myself running for District VI Director for the Founder Region Board. Additionally delegates will be voting for a new Governor-elect, Secretary and Treasurer, in addition to several procedural questions. Friday evening will give our members a chance to see the Fellowship Grant Winners. These are women in their final year of doctoral studies. Saturday evening will be the installation of the officers and directors for 2000-2002, and Sunday will allow our club participants to see the Youth Citizenship, Women's Opportunity, Women of Distinction, Women Helping Women, Advancing the Status of Women and S Club Award winners at the Region level. Since we are the hostess club for the 2002 Conference, it's important that all of us get to experience what's involved in that event. Thanks to the members who made the commitment this year, and I'm hoping all of you will try to make it to the 2001 conference.

President Julie

Keri Campbell.....My husband Steve was born and raised in the islands and after much thought and several visits, we decided to move to Kona. Prior to that we lived in a small desert town on the Colorado River for 20 plus years. My kids were 10 and 12 at the time. I had been a tutor for the school district for 10 years and decided to try something different. So...I started looking for a career. Conie Boley, a former SI Kona member was an appraiser and she hired me. That was 10 years ago. I have my own office today. Julie Lawrence invited me to join Soroptimist and encouraged me to open my own appraisal office. (continued on page 3)

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Liza DiNatalie

Wear your Soroptimist Pin with Pride!

Kona Coast Travel

Learn from the mistakes of others.....You can't live long enough to make them all yourself !

SOLT..... The "C" Words

We frequently cover the "F" words, Fellowship and Foundations, when doing "SOLT", but today's discussion is on the "C" words, Conference and Convention! There are Soroptimist distinctions for those events. **CONFERENCE** is held annually, and is a region event. In the case of Founder Region it is held on the first weekend in May each year. The location and hostess clubs change each year. Conference is when all the clubs of Founder Region are invited to get together and share. **CONVENTION** is a Federation or International Event. Our Federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, has a Convention every two years, and all the Regions and Clubs of SIA are invited to participate. The 2000 Convention will be held in Honolulu. The next Federation Convention will be held in San Diego in 2002. Dates for the Federation Convention may change. **CONVENTION** is also the term used for the International Meeting of Soroptimists. That Convention invites all Soroptimists from all four Federations to join together to learn and share. The last International Convention was in Helsinki Finland in 1999 and the next International convention will be in Sydney, Australia in 2003.

Flowers for Mama

*Beautiful young
people are
accidents of
nature,
Beautiful old
people are
works of
art!*

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SIA Honolulu Convention Highlights

Soroptimist Interntional of the Americas Convention is being held "right next door". It's an excellent opportunity for all of us to attend the Convention we normally only read about. Each club only has one official delegate...so the rest of us can go and learn and enjoy. Venue: Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort - Honolulu.

The following are the scheduled events:

Friday, June 30 - Plan to arrive by mid day and enjoy the exhibits.

5:30pm - 9:30pm Friendship Dinner, Outdoors - cost \$51

Saturday, July 1 - Opening ceremonies - Tapa Ballroom - 9:00am - 12 noon

(some members of our club will be involved in the ceremonies - don't be late)

12:30 - 2:30pm - Making a Difference for Women Luncheon - Cost \$33

(guest speaker and presentation of Women Helping Women, Making a Difference for Women, and Woman of Distinction Awards)

2:30pm - 5:30pm - Free Time

6:00pm - Founder Region Dinner - John Dominas with transportation - cost \$45

Sunday, July 2 - Work shop sessions - choice of two in the morning

12:30pm - Foundation Luncheon - cost \$33 - Coral Ballroom

(Women's Opportunity Awards Winners and YCA Winners Announced)

3:00-4:30pm Foundation Biennial Meeting

6:00p - 8:00pm - Laurel Society Beach Party (Invitation Only)

Monday, July 3 - 9:00am- 12:00 noon General Session - Tapa Ballroom

(Business, Awards, Speakers)

12:00 noon - 3:00pm - Voting for Foundation Directors

Club Presidents Reception (by invitation only)

Lunch - Afternoon and Evening - Free Time

Tuesday, July 4 - 9:00am - 12:00 noon - General Session - Tapa Ballroom

(Guest Speakers) 12:30-2:30 Workshop sessions on trafficking of women

5:00pm - 7pm cash bar social hours - arts and crafts demonstrations

7:00pm - Recognition Banquet-cost \$65 - Coral Ballroom

(Bring your dancing shoes....it's always a great evening!)

There are many exceptional guest speakers at this year's convention. Please see your January-February Soroptimist magazine for information about them, the menu selections, etc. A complete up to date Agenda will be available at the Convention with your registration packet. **Remember Pre registration and meal selection are due to Headquarters in Philadelphia by MAY 1.**

It's Lonely at the Top....but you Eat Better!

Member Profiles...Keri Campbell (continued). Hopefully, unless I win the lottery, my plans are to have my business continue to grow and prosper. My son is now 23 and my daughter 21 and both are in college. Our black lab is Mickey (if you live in Komohana, please send him home if you see him out and about....he's looking for girls). Steve and I have been married 25 years. Being a Soroptimist has given me the opportunity to meet new people and to make a difference in the community by being "involved". We have a very impressive group of women in our club and I am happy to be a part of it. In the future, I would like to see Soroptimist have a specific community service that we are responsible for. Any ideas????

Keri joined our club in July 1996. She has been a board member for several years, and is completing a term as Assistant Treasurer. This past year she chaired the Women's Opportunity, Youth Citizenship and Women of Distinction Committees. She was just elected Vice President for 2000-20001.

**Attend the Healing Arts
Expo at Kahilu Town Hall
May 20-21 in Waimea
Aurora Children's Clinic
will be participating**

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Happy
Birthday

March-April-May Birthdays

- Linda Kaapu.....March 5
 - Lisa DiNatale.....March 29
 - Suzanne Gillam.....April 16
 - Amy Rosato.....April 18
 - Laura Peterson.....May 1
 - Sally Alapai.....May 5
 - Virginia Isbell.....May 8
 - Jennifer Rush.....May 9
 - Keri Campbell.....May 17
 - Mamie Bramlett.....May 21*
 - Wattie Mae Hedemann.. May 21*
 - Fanny Gouveia.....June 1
- * Charter Members

Convention Deadlines

May 1 - Pre-Registration postmarked to HQ

Pre-Registration Cost is \$175 for a Soroptimist and \$50 for non-member guests.

Registration after May 1 will be at \$210.

Even if you are working at the Convention, you must be registered.

See Insert copy of the Registration Form

Katie Nova

Suzanne Gillam

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there!

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around!



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Honolulu Convention Registration Due by May 1, 2000

Test your Women's History Knowledge

Circle the correct answer. Quiz answers on page 5

1. **She counseled her husband, John, to “remember the ladies” as he and other men set about to write the Declaration of Independence.**
 - a. *Martha Washington*
 - b. *Abigail Adams*
 - c. *Gloria Steinhem*
 - d. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

2. **She joined the Revolutionary Army in disguise and fought for independence alongside the men.**
 - a. *Clara Barton*
 - b. *Jacqueline Cochran*
 - c. *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
 - d. *Deborah Sampson*

3. **She was the sole woman member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, a guide and translator with knowledge of edible and medicinal plants.**
 - a. *Sacagawea*
 - b. *Pocahontas*
 - c. *Carrie Nation*
 - d. *Sanapia*

4. **She founded Mt. Holyoke female seminary, the first women's college in 1841.**
 - a. *Mary Shelley*
 - b. *Mary Wollstonecraft*
 - c. *Mary Lyon*
 - d. *Mary Todd Lincoln*

5. **A former teacher and a brilliant social innovator, she saw the need to change the way Americans were viewed in retirement. In 1947 she founded the National Retired Teacher's Association and in 1958 the American Association of Retired Persons. She was a persuasive spokesperson on attitudes toward aging and the rights of older Americans.**
 - a. *Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
 - b. *Lucretia Coffin Mott*
 - c. *Margaret Sanger*
 - d. *Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus*

6. **She was called the “moses of her people”. After escaping a brutal master, she fled to the north returning to slave territory 19 times to bring more than 300 slaves to freedom.**
 - a. *Harriet Tubman*
 - b. *Althea Gibson*
 - c. *Shirley Chisholm*
 - d. *Toni Morrison*

7. **In 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointed her Secretary of Labor, the first woman to attain cabinet rank. She worked tirelessly for passage of the Social Security Act, one of the most important pieces of legislation in our nation's history.**
 - a. *Frances Perkins*
 - b. *Margaret Chase Smith*
 - c. *Delores Huerta*
 - d. *Jane Addams*

8. **She is the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.**
 - a. *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*
 - b. *Helen Gurley Brown*
 - c. *Sandra Day O'Connor*
 - d. *Betty Frieden*

9. **President of the first Soroptimist Club, founded in 1921 in Alameda County California.**
 - a. *Violet Richardson Ward*
 - b. *Eloise B. Cushing*
 - c. *Julie Bess Combs*
 - d. *Del Nickerson*

