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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Co-Presidents Mamie Bramlet, left, and Judy Jones

Welcome to the new year. We have successfully completed an installation dinner, a garage sale, and a Break the Cycle dinner dance. Are we breathing hard yet?

Our Vice President / Program Chair is planning exciting program meetings. We'd love to see more of you at these programs, as well as at the business meetings.

We would like to congratulate and thank the dance committee, Paulette, Johanna, Kelly, Nancy and Jennifer for their extremely hard work. Our evening was elegant, tasty and fun.

Sign up sheets are out for committee work. Now is your chance to offer your ideas and your sweat to improve our club and our community.

We thank you for being part of Soroptimist International of Kona and we welcome your input.

By sharing this presidency, we are feeling less pressured, more comfortable, and more possible. We're drawing on

each others' strengths, getting to know each other a whole lot better, and having fun. See you at the next meeting.

*Our warmest aloha,
Mamie and Judy*

BREAK THE CYCLE DINNER DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Saturday, September 25th marked Soroptimist International of Kona's "Break the Cycle of Domestic Abuse" Dinner Dance and Silent Auction.

Held at the Royal Kona Resort, it was attended by over 120 members of the community. Soroptimists in attendance included Mamie Bramlett, Co-President, Judy Jones, Co-President, Nancy Gilleland, Vice President, Paulette Trippler, Recording Secretary, Johanna Lyman, Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Rush, Ofie Schamber, Laura DeBoer and Maggie Spinney-Penrose. There were over 40 silent auction items from local businesses, including Huggos, Big Island Jewelers, Mauna Lani, Mauna Kea, Hilton, Kona Country Club, Hualalai, Fairwinds, Body Glove, Into Spirit, Marlin Magic Sportfishing, and many more.

Dinner music was donated by slack key guitarist Chris Yeaton. Chris's music added the perfect touch to the cocktail and dinner hours. After dinner, Hot Lava stirred things up with a great performance that had people dancing until 10:00!

The event raised over \$11,000, with net proceeds of more than \$6,000. These funds will surely go a long way to helping break the cycle of domestic abuse! We are currently contacting the schools to determine individual needs so we can purchase the materials necessary. The materials (videos and supporting materials) will be used in civics classes in the high schools and middle schools. Anyone interested in learning more may contact Johanna Lyman at 640-3795.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Here is a list of this year's committees. Many of them are still looking for members. If you are interested in working on any of these committees, please contact the chair.

Membership & Recruitment -
Chair: Ofie Schamber

Public Relations - Chair: Lana
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Education: Sub-Committee:
Women of Distinction Recognition Luncheon, Chair:
Nancy Gilleland

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a Family and Kettle Drive**,
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Chair: Suzanne Gillam

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mittee: **Domestic Violence
Awareness Dinner and
Dance**, Co-Chairs: Paulette
Trippler and Johanna Lyman

Laws and Resolutions: Chair:
Mary Huebner

Education: Sub-Committee:
**Youth Citizenship Award,
Violet Richardson Award and
Women's Opportunity
Award**, Chair: Sally Alapai

Committee Minutes:

The Education committee met
on Oct. 5th, noon, at Denny's.
Committee members present
were: Keri Campbell, Lana
Taira, Millie Bloedorn, Sally
Alapai, chair (Fanny

Gouveia- unable to attend) Our
agenda follows:

1) Discussion of participation in
the Kealakehe Career Planning
exercise of job interviewing. We
have been asked to volunteer an hour
or two to act as the interviewer for
students applying for jobs at
"Waverider Village". The week long
exercise will run from Nov. 29 -
Dec. 3. Sign-up sheets/times will be
passed out at our business meeting,
or Sally has the forms available to
fax to members not at the meeting.

2) WOA, VRA and YCA:

a) we are editing the YCA forms
to reflect Soroptimist International of
Kona level only.

b) set up timeline to distribute
applications, get out press release,
and establish application deadline.

c) VRA- targeting more volunteer
organizations.

d) Judges will be needed.

e) Program will be at February
program's meeting as requested by
Board. Date to be announced.

f) Would like more members on
committee.

Meeting adjourned about 1:15pm


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From left to right are Amy Rosato, Nancy Gilleland, Mamie Bramlet, Judy Jones, Paulette Trippler, Paula Wilson, Linda Smallwood, Johanna Lyman, and Mary Hubner. Jane Murakami, is seated.

2004 - 2005 OFFICERS INSTALLED

Tanya Brown, youngest sister of the late Nicole Brown Simpson, was a surprise speaker at the 33rd installation dinner for Soroptimist International of Kona on July 27 at the Royal Kona Resort. Vacationing at the Resort with her fiance, Ms. Brown spotted the sign announcing the function and dropped in to express her great appreciation for the work Soroptimist International of the Americas is doing nationwide for the cause of domestic violence awareness and prevention.

Jane Murakami, District VI Director, Soroptimist International of the Americas Founder Region, installed new officers for the 2004-2005 year during the program. The new officers for the Kona club are: Co-Presidents, Mamie Bramlett and Judy Jones, Vice President, Nancy Gilleland, Recording Secretary, Paulette Trippler, Corresponding Secretary, Johanna Lyman, Treasurer, Paula Wilson, Assistant Treasurer, Linda Smallwood, and Directors, Millie Bloedorn and Amy Rosato.

Two new members to the club were inducted by Murakami during the evening program. Health consultant, Jackie Murray of HMSA Healthpass, and realtor, Kelly Shaw of Century 21 Homefinders Hawaii.

GARAGE SALE RAISES \$1299

Our August 7th Garage Sale raised \$1299 thanks to the help of Soroptimists Johanna Lyman, Wilma Schweickhard, Sally Alapai, Mary Huebner, Mary Hanano, Amy Rosato, Linda Smallwood, Judy Jones, Laura DeBoer, Mary Huebner, Paula Wilson, and Millie Bloedorn. A special mahalo to Nancy Gilleland who volunteered her house and her client's donated furniture for the cause.

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If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

- Chinese proverb

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