

S.I.N.ERGY GAZETTE

The official newsletter of the Soroptimist of Norwalk

Message from President Gail

It's almost Christmas and the beginning of a new year. The members of SI Norwalk have worked hard in 2005 to provide support to our local and global community. Think about the Violet Richardson, Women's Opportunity and Women Helping Women awards we presented in the spring, the Domestic Violence Workshop, Soroptimist Story-Time, and the Breast Self-Exam cards for Brasov! Think about our repeat boutique and the Gala we just completed. Think about the lunch meetings where we've shared our personal triumphs and tragedies. What a wonderful sisterhood are we!



My theme for this year is "Mentor, Motivate, Make a Difference." The past few months have found me needing the help of each and every one of you to keep the theme moving – and you've come through; I appreciate all your support in the club's activities as well as for me personally.

As we begin the new year, reflect on what Soroptimist means to you. To me it means that I, in some small way, make a difference in the lives of women and children, that I maintain the friendships I've found in SI Norwalk and that I set an example that will encourage more women to join our club.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday and the best New Year's ever.

With love to you all,

Gail

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HOLIDAY GALA 2005

2005 Gala was fabulous. President Gail said it was the “best ever”! Everyone seemed to have a great time.

I have included the results of the ticket sales by the trees and Cheri will have the profit information in January.

If anyone has money or receipts for Cheri, please send right away—so she can close the books on this.

Country Bear	425
Lottery wreath	460
Texas hold em	523
Lil Buckaroos	629
On the road	634
Home on the range	693
Eat, drink & be merry	942
	4306

My guess is this is about \$3440 in ticket sales, but Cheri will let us know exactly with her numbers.

Dawn Marie Lemonds on Project Independence two years into this four year project-

She writes: “All is NOT quiet on the Project Independence: Women Survivors of War "front" and I know that you are enthusiastically supporting our project in your Federation. We have 2 more years to go and we have topped the \$600,000 usd mark in donations! Your support to your Federation is VITAL and there is NO reason why we can't continue in the great style we have done and increase our giving and support and advocacy in this second two years! God willing we won't have another tsunami and hurricanes will subside in 2006 and 2007 but no matter what-OUR MISSION is moving forward!”

Remember our goal is to raise \$1.2million by 2007. This will provide nearly 2,000 women with the skills they need to rebuild their lives after war.



Project Independence Women Survivors of War

PROJECT INDEPENDENCE: WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL-

We have been given a PEACE DOLL, to assist in raising funds for Project Independence .

These are auctioned to the highest bidder or raffled off. Amanda will bring the PEACE DOLL to the January meeting and we can discuss how to proceed .

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Another way to participate: Buy the new CD with the song "Let Freedom Ring" specifically written for Project Independence Women Survivors of War by one of Dawn Marie Lemonds' friends, Patricia Williams. It is sung by Dawn Marie, Cathy Standiford and Patricia Williams. The CD has other songs related to helping and encouraging women too. If you are looking for a gift for someone here it is for only \$12 for one or \$20 for two. The CD's are being sold by SI Newport Harbor. There are a few of us in the Desert Coast Region who have them to sell. Contact either myself or Dawn Marie Lemonds to see who has some to sell to you in your area.

PRESIDENT GAIL has been successful:

BREAST CANCER CARDS ARE NOW IN ROMANIA -

Soroptimist of Norwalk Assists Romanian Women in Early Detection of Breast Cancer

Soroptimist of Norwalk joined with Soroptimist of Brasov, Romania in a project to assist in the early detection of breast cancer. Soroptimist of Norwalk produced 2500 Breast Self-Examination Cards in the Romanian language. The cards, which are to be hung in the shower, instruct women how to inspect their breasts for any abnormalities that could signal breast cancer and reminds them to perform the inspections monthly. The cards also inform women where to call for help if abnormalities are found. SI Brasov has prepared a distribution plan for the BSE cards and will begin the distribution the first week in November.

SI Norwalk and SI Brasov began work on the project in 2004. SI Norwalk designed the cards, had self-examination information translated into Romanian, and paid for the printing and mailing of the cards to Brasov. SI Brasov established the BSE card distribution plan for its community with a population of over 150,000.

SAVE THE DATES

**LUNCH MEETING:
JANUARY 5, 2006
RAMADA INN**



**President's Meeting
January 17, 2006
Check w/ Gail**



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