

On Eagles Wings



The President's Corner by Pattie Vargas

Hello, Soaring Eagles!

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." Ghandi

Another fundraiser has come and gone and our scholarship winners have been selected. I find it amazingly gratifying to serve on the Scholarship Committee and to play a small part in helping others achieve their dreams. It is especially rewarding when you consider that, if not for the Soaring Eagles, some of the recipients might not be able to afford their books, take additional classes or go to school at all! One of our recipients, Ashley Hobbs, attended the fundraiser and spoke to the attendees regarding what our help has meant to her. Ashley was a winner in 2007 and we are so pleased to be able to help her again in 2008 as she continues her progress towards a degree in Marine Biology.

The fundraiser team worked very hard this year, under the able

direction of Sue Puffet, who did an awesome job leading us in a direction we had not previously pursued! Now, I suspect that no one works on this committee because we love the last minute changes, the long, planning meetings or the event that begins hours before the first attendee ever arrives. No, I think it has something to do with keeping your eye on the prize – the scholarship applicants we are going to help and the members who will benefit from our Professional Development program.

Consider some of the students we have helped in the past ... Ashley who came up through the Foster Care system and has continued to push and challenge herself to achieve her dreams. I also think of Amber Nieves who successfully completed a Drug Treatment program, regained her daughter and went on to earn, with our help, her certification as an addiction counselor and now carries a case load of 40

individuals. We've helped students and applicants from Valley High, from Women's Resource Center, and other organizations – individuals who have gone on to make us proud!

Knowing who we are helping, and the difference we are making, is what makes the long hours and the hard work for the fundraiser worthwhile. What could be a more rewarding use of our time and energies!

Fondly,

Pattie



Soaring Eagles May Birthdays!



Judy Jessup
Stacey Moffat
Carole Mahn

May 1
May 6
May 6

Sybil Igrug
Sara Dozier
Donna Martos
Shelley Gardner

May 11
May 18
May 19
May 24



JOIN US FOR THE MAY MEETING!

Lois Tiedemann, Transformational Success Coach, is a two-time Ironman Triathlete and founder of Transformation TriSystems, a personal growth and development company designed for people from all walks of life to find balance between their personal and professional lives. After experiencing some major life-changing events these past two years, Lois is a true living testimony that anything is possible. Be prepared to be inspired!

**ESCONDIDO COUNTRY CLUB
1800 W COUNTRY CLUB LANE
ESCONDIDO, CA**

MAY 1, 2008

5:30 NETWORKING, 6:00 MEETING

\$20 PER PERSON

Courage changes things for the better. With courage, you can stay with something long enough to succeed at it, realizing that it usually takes two, three or four times as long to succeed as you thought or hoped.

-Earl Nightingale

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From the Editor



What a wonderful time we all had at Casino Night! Special thanks to Sue Puffet and everyone on her committee for an AMAZING fundraiser!!! Attendees with cameras, please send your pictures to the Editor!

Moffat and I had a great time. We won BIG at black jack, I think we must have had about 40 tickets at the end which is the equivalent of \$4000 in Vegas! Not bad for starting out with \$500 in play money. But we were pleased at how fun and friendly the dealers were. We actually learned a lot that night which is great because we head to Vegas at the end of May! I have been to one other event that our vendor "Casino Magic" worked... and I have to say that I would hire them for any party in a heartbeat.

The food was absolutely delicious. I go to a lot of catered events and I have to say this caterer provided really good food. Forgive me for drawing a blank on their name but you may want to ask Sue for future reference. And this was not just hors d'oeuvres, friends. This was a meal and there was PLENTY for everyone. They were giving out food in to-go boxes at the end of the night! Where does THAT ever happen?! There was a carving station with buns so you could make a sandwich, plus incredible gourmet stuffed mushrooms and a yummy puff-pastry-pesto-tomato-basil finger food of some sort. (I could never write food reviews for the paper!) Plus a variety of fruits and cheeses and a delightful dessert buffet.

I thought the venue was great, too. There were plenty of places for storage and lots of extra tables and chairs at our disposal. Plus a giant kitchen with plenty of refrigeration for all of the beer that had been donated! It was nice to have a stage for the slide show (by the way, the slide show was AWESOME... kudos to whoever put that together) and for Pattie to do her fun emcee routine and give-aways at the podium. There was a sound system so we could play our Rat Pack music... which we thought would be so great and in "Vegas Style". But one of my Sinatra CD's had "Send in the Clowns" on it and Moffat was horrified that I would play such a depressing song at a party. We had a few laughs over that one. Oh well... live and learn.

The auction was really great and I know we all owe Julie Kangas a huge thank-you for putting it together. I swear that's the hardest part of any fundraiser. The company, as always, was superb. I love my ABWA friends. Again I thank our hostess Sue and her awesome committee for a wonderful time and for giving so generously of their time to further our goal of helping our young people of North County. I am blessed to be a part of this chapter.

Stacey Moffat
Newsletter Editor

**RSVP to Agnes
by May 5th so
we can notify
the caterer.
Thanks.**



***Inland Valley Council
May 10, 2008***

9:00 a.m. Registration/Networking/Breakfast (Cost: \$10)

9:30 a.m. Call to Order

Program: "MinuteClinics"

**Place Menifee Valley Medical Center,
Sun City, CA (Address/Directions Below)**

RSVP by: May 5, 2008 to Agnes Peters

Phone: (951) 925-2283 or

E-M: agnespeters@verizon.net

**Attendance
Incentive
drawing
at meeting.**

1st - \$50

2nd - \$25

**Must be
present to win.**



Speaker/Program

**Margaret Easley, Manager of Operations for
MinuteClinics in Riverside, San Bernardino
San Diego and Orange Counties**

Margaret will tell us about MinuteClinics that provide affordable, accessible healthcare in many Southern CA Counties. In a Press Enterprise article she said, "It's for the working person who doesn't want to take the whole day off to see a doctor but wants relief for their symptoms—they come to be seen and get in and get out."



Directions to Menifee Valley Medical Center

28400 McCall Blvd., Sun City, CA

Directions: From Riverside go south on I-215 and exit at McCall Blvd. At stop sign, turn left onto McCall Blvd. From San Diego go north on I-215 and exit at McCall Blvd then go right at stop sign. Travel approximately 1.5 miles to main Medical Center entrance on the left. Parking is available behind the building then follow sidewalk to the Education Center on the left.

**SOARING EAGLES
IMPACT REPORT
April 12, 2008**

Program by Agnes Peters "Sharing Ideas about Recruiting and Retaining Members".

Retention by Mentoring.

Keep members advised of all chapter information
Chapter reimbursement for educational seminars etc
Contact absentee members monthly by e-mail or phone.

Recruitment: Leave literature in public businesses. Join other community organizations i.e. Chamber of Commerce. Contact and acknowledge businesses in your community Advertise speakers in local publications. Participate in community functions.
Remember to mention National Membership and Magazine.

Orange County Mixer had many ABWA volunteers and contacts. Two Attorneys in attendance at IMPACT from Laguna Beach area from this Mixer..

District VI conference May 2-3 in Colorado. Discount on "Best Practice Binder" which is due July 21st. Important information in Plan B class. "First Timers" chair Susan Villotti needs helpers for fun festivities in room Summit A&B after evening meal.

ABWDay Co-Chairmen Phyllis Eichler (Wind Song) and Linda Johnson (Orange Charter Chapter) selected for September 20. Location to be determined.

Chapters invited to link to IMPACT weblink. Please advise Board of chapter decision..

Attendance – 21 (13 chapters and 3 guests);

Inland Valley Council May 10. Reminder of \$50 and \$25 cash drawing at each meeting.
Next Program "Dynamics of Communication "
LAAC "Hats Off" August 2nd.
Next IMPACT July 12.

Marlene E. Montooth

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IMPACT Delegate





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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition

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