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Passing the Torch at Soroptimist

The Annual New Officer Installation Dinner of Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley took place on June 25, 2008 on the beautiful patio at the home of Bob and Diane Benjamin in Sand Canyon. Nearly 50 guests were in attendance including club members, Soroptimist guests and local dignitaries. The audience was there to honor outgoing president, Gail Rocco-Mack and welcome the newest leader of the organization, Terri Cadiente. Terri joined the Club in April 2006 and has moved up to the top honor after fulfilling her role as a Director in 2007-2008.

Diane Benjamin, a past president of the club installed the 2008-2009 Board of Directors which included Lisa Schuman, President-Elect, Donna Kreutz-Vice President, Janet Hudson-Treasurer, Linda Kahl-Treasurer-Elect, Lori Hollister-Recording Secretary, Sandi Naba-Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Nelson-Director 1 Year, Kaye Cruger-Director 2 Years and Gail Rocco-Mack-Past President.

Local representatives from the State Representatives and the State Senators offices as well as City Council members bestowed honors on out-going president, Gail Rocco-Mack thanking her for the valuable contributions the Soroptimist organization made under her direction. Lisa Schuman, 2008-2009 President Elect read a special commendation from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recognizing the efforts put forth by Gail in her role as President.

Each year, the President of the Club selects a theme with which to guide the group and this year Terri has chosen, *Back to the Roots*. "This club was established 34 years ago. Looking back to the roots of those who formed us, we're standing on great shoulders, and from that vantage point we're looking to take our roles as active stewards going forward today and into the future." Terri concluded her address to the members by saying, "it's our privilege to be Soroptimists and we have the opportunity to serve together with responsibility."

Terri is looking forward to carrying out the stated mission of the International organization while continuing the Club's commitment to its local Outreach Program which provides financial support to the SCV Senior Center, Domestic Violence Center, College of the Canyons, Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, Child and Family Center and the Betty Ferguson Foundation.

Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley is just one of 125 clubs worldwide that make up Soroptimist International. Founded in 1921, in Oakland, CA, Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who provide volunteer service to their communities. Almost 90,000 Soroptimists in about 125 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community-based and international projects benefiting women and girls.

The name, Soroptimist, means “best for women,” and that’s what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best working to help other women to be their best.

Contact Sandi Naba, Membership and Recruitment Chair at 661-645-1893 or visit www.siscv.com if you would like to learn more about joining the Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley club.