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History Committee Members

Past Board of Director Janet Simms-Baldwin joins Sandi Ng, Flora Francis, Jean Hird and Alison Sanders to launch the 50th Anniversary Book for SFC souvenir program in 2013. The enormous tasks of collecting, collating and editing this golden milestone of the Foundation need heads and hearts to complete the project in due course. Janet's expertise in organizing and logical assemblage of data combined with her artistic flair will contribute tremendously to this important project.



Grants For Women Award Winner-Raven Bowen with Foundation Chair Cora Salvador at the SI Vancouver Club presentation on August 9, 2011. Raven is a Master's student School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University.

Lindsay Monk, 2011 Western Canada winner of the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada Grants for Women was presented her award on Aug. 17 in a ceremony by SI Victoria Westshore. Lindsay is a Master of Arts candidate (2012) in the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. (Courtesy of Joan Jackson)

The SFC awards included a cheque for \$7,500 and a beautiful keepsake certificate.

Soroptimist Int. Convention-Montreal July 10-14, 2011

Three of the SFC board members were very fortunate to have attended the SI Convention in Montreal this past July. Chair, Cora Salvador, Director B.J. Gallagher and Secretary Eileen Stanbury were in attendance.

The SI convention opened with a flag ceremony during which 60 of the countries' flags were either displayed on the screen or carried in by Soroptimists and placed onto the stage. We received greetings from our SI current and past presidents, from convention committee Chair, Yvonne Machuk; SIA President Sharon Fisher; Eastern Canada Region Governor Bonnie Domonchuk and many others. After the convention opening, many attended a Friendship night wearing their country's costume.

The speakers were amazing and included Adrienne Clarkson, Maude Barlow, Dr. Samantha Nutt, Lee Graff, Dr. Kirsti Duncan and Anna Maria Tremonti.

"The SI Convention Committee deliberately selected prominent women speakers from Canada that have been working very hard as Leaders of Civil Society. Each shared a unique story of both their personal journeys as well as their contributions in raising awareness of issues and advocating on behalf of other women to improve access to services. They in turn were equally impressed with the work being undertaken by SI Clubs around the world and I am sure that there will be invitations for them to become members of SI, as well as them, becoming ambassadors and sharing with others what they themselves have learned about what SI does during their time with us at Convention." (Quote from Chris Knight, SISWP Liason: Project Sierra).

A plethora of interesting workshops made it impossible to attend them all. They ranged from Free Trade products, global shortage of water supply, dancing and exercise to birthing in third world countries.

There were several tours offered to attendees, including an exclusive concert at the world renowned Notre Dame Basilica. The music and ambiance were amazing.

The gala banquet was well attended with everyone wearing their most glamorous outfit. The entertainment was provided by Cirque Eloize, very similar to Cirque de Soleil. An act was performed between each course of the meal, which made for a very entertaining evening. For those of us that lingered after the banquet to chat, we were treated to a display of fireworks that were set off at the city waterfront.



by Eileen Stanbury

Treasurer's Corner



Sarah Phillips

Donations for the year reached a total of \$24,225 comprised of \$21,302 for the Endowment Fund and \$2,923 for the Operating fund. Eastern Canada Region contributed \$9,453 and Western Canada Region contributed \$14,772. The fiscal year 2011 donation decreased by 34.5% compared to the fiscal year ending 2010.

Full accounting of donations, income and expenses of the Foundation can be referenced at the Auditor's report to be approved at the Annual General Meeting on October 22, 2011 in Winnipeg.

The Endowment Fund Balance at the end of June 30, 2011 was \$1,241,025.

The official address in Winnipeg:
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following page –

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Investment Committee Member Vacancy!

Attention: Bean counter\$\$, you are cordially invited to join the purse keepers to grow the Endowment Fund and at the same time get to know the pulse of the economy. This exciting adventure is led by the Treasurer and Jas Sahl from SI White Rock.

The team will keep the Foundation at solid financial ground and ensuring that enough funds are available for the awards and grants.

A surprise two nights week end for two is up for grabs, courtesy of the Chair in beautiful, rustic Pemberton, BC.

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Tax receipts will be issued June 30th and December 31st. Mailing address for receipt if other than on the cheque or e-mail address: _____

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Thank You!

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Club Grants in the amount of up to \$1000.00 are available annually by application to the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.

The Foundation may offer five \$1,000.00 grants to clubs holding educational programs for women or girls that will help them to be the best they can be, by developing their abilities and their awareness so that they can reach their full potential. The exact number of grants and the amounts for the grants shall be determined each fiscal year at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, based on the funds available in that year's budget and the program needs of the clubs applying.

This issue was jointly prepared for distribution by the Board of Directors.



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