



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Elizabeth Jane (BJ)

Gallagher – Western Canada Region - SI Edmonton member since 1988. Entrepreneur and adventurer BJ brings a whole set of "how to" skills to the table. She has served Soroptimist at the Regional level, and has participated in and, with her club, hosted some very interesting Friendship Trips. Welcome BJ!



Aline G. Chan – Eastern Canada Region SI Hamilton/ Burlington member since 2007. A business / accounting major Aline was a teacher, an award winning journalist, and went on to a second career as a Bank Manager. She now works part time for the City of Hamilton and is a full time volunteer!! Welcome Aline!



Sarah Phillips – Western Canada Region - SI Surrey/Delta member. Western Canada Region Board secretary 2006-2008; presently executive administrator for a Consultant firm. Welcome Sarah !

CANADIAN SI CLUB GRANT RECIPIENTS 2010-2011

- **SI Surrey - \$1,000**
- **SI The Langleys - \$700**
- **SI Kamloops – \$1000**
- **SI Ridge Meadows - \$500**
- **SI Courtenay - \$1000**
- **SI Dundas Ancaster Flamborough - \$1000**
- **SI Peterborough - \$1000**
- **SI Tri-cities - \$1,000.00**
- **SI Banff - \$800.00**

Congratulations to these Clubs!

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada is pleased to participate in individual Club Projects fitting the Club Grant criteria by providing seed money for launching the Project with grants of up to \$1000.00.

Canadian SI Club Grant applications are accepted up to September 30th of each year. Grant winners are announced at our Annual General Meeting in October. Visit www.soroptimistfoundation.ca for a Canadian Club Grant application form.

GRANTS FOR WOMEN UPDATE

At the Grants for Women deadline January 31st we were in receipt of 30 complete applications in Western Canada and 52 in Eastern Canada.

GRANTS FOR WOMEN UPDATE CONTINUED

In the West Soroptimist Judges were from SI Kamloops. Thank you to Carole Keyworth, Sarah Williams, and Diane Gibson who took on the difficult task of judging the 30 applications and coming up with a Short List of 10 to send to the National Judges for the final selection of two recipients. Thank you SI Kamloops Judges: *your time and effort is appreciated!*

In the East judges were from SI Cambridge: Linda Sharp, Dr. Gertrud Hocke, and Karen McDowell tackled the judging of 51 applications and developing the Eastern Short List of 10. Thank you to the SI Cambridge Judges: *Your time and effort was very much appreciated as well.*

The National Judges were **Lynda Desrocher** - retired nurse, Royal Inland Hospital; Women's Institute member; **Mary Scott** - retired Bank Manager and travel consultant entrepreneur; and **Claire Johnson** - retired teacher and current National Hostel Association Board Member. Thank you National Judges - *The contribution of our National Judges cannot be overstated; your community service is appreciated!*

Publication of the 2011 Grants for Women recipients are posted to the website by May 31st and announcements made directly to Clubs.

Shirley Sanderson
Grants for Women National Manager

Community Sponsors to bring Grants For Women recipients to AGM

With the support of community sponsor **Heritage Education Funds Inc.**, two "Grants for Women" recipients were funded to attend our SFC AGM in Winnipeg as guest speakers.

Cost to Sponsor: \$1,500.00 Companies can sponsor, SI members (or Clubs) can sponsor, individuals can sponsor! A receipt will be issued. Contact any Board member.

COMMITTEES NOW AT WORK!!!

As usual we must thank and recognize the members of our SFC member-clubs for their continued contribution to the good and welfare of our Foundation!

History Committee - Janet Simms-Baldwin has chaired the History Committee with members Alison Sanders and Sandy Ng. This committee have put their sights on a presentation for the Foundation's 50th Anniversary in 2013.

Legacy Committee – New - Legacy Committee Chair – Barbro Stalbecker-Pountney, SI Toronto, has been named Legacy Committee Chair. Thank you Barbro for serving on this committee.

Investment Committee – Patti Dolan, SI Calgary; Jas Sahl, SI White Rock and the SFC Board Treasurer serve on an on-going basis, ensuring investments align with our SFC Policy and reporting to the Board bi-annually.



Donations

Thank you so much for your individual support and Club fund raising events for the fiscal year to the month of March 31, 2011.

Donations:
(July 1,'10-Mar. 31,'11) **\$16,471.12**

Endowment Fund

As at March 31, 2011 - **\$1,161,422.55**

*** SFC Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, October 22, 2011
at the
Holiday Inn Winnipeg South
(Pembina) Winnipeg, Manitoba
Please plan to attend!

*** "Corporate Solicitation Committee"**

This committee will put together materials intended to invite and encourage donations to our endowment fund from non-Soroptimist target groups.

Once this committee has identified the various target groups and formulated a package presentation, a campaign to solicit donations to the endowment fund will be launched!

If this project is one that you feel comfortable with and yes, we hope excited to participate in, please contact any Board member. Contact information is at the end of this newsletter and on the website: www.soroptimistfoundation.ca

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THREE BOARD MEMBER TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2011



Shirley
Sanderson

SI Kamloops
SFC Board

2007-2011



Janet
Simms-Baldwin

SI Cambridge
SFC Board

2007-2011



Corinne
Rivers

SI York Reg.
SFC Board

2007-2011

***Thank you to these three Soroptimist members for their four years of service
to the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada!***

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CONGRATULATIONS! **Grants For Women 2011**

Western Canada Region

Raven Bowen – a Master’s Student in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C. established many projects and programs that reduced violence and predation experienced by sex workers in cooperation with government and law enforcement officials.

Raven has many community-based publications to her credit (visit: <http://bccec.wordpress.com> for publications), including, i) “Research Ethics: A Guide for Community Organizations”, in which Raven collaborated with sex workers and academics to establish ethical parameters for researchers conducting projects with sex workers, in keeping with the Tri Council Policy Statement. ii) “Human Trafficking, Sex Work Safety and the 2010 Games: Assessments and Recommendations”, for the Sex Industry Worker Safety Action Group, which explored human trafficking and hallmark events, in preparation for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games (available at the Vancouver Police Departments’ website: <http://vancouver.ca/police/assets/pdf/reports-policies/report-human-trafficking-2010-games.pdf>).



Lindsay Monk - Lindsay Monk is a Master of Arts candidate in the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. Her academic research is focused on First Nations’ housing and the ways in which First Nations are engaging the problem of housing.

Housing plays a crucial role in family well-being and greater representation and responsibility for women in housing could have a restorative effect on familial relations, gender issues, and overall well being of the community. The aim with this research is to examine how the efforts of First Nations, and First Nations women in particular, can be supported and sustained to enable their engagement with housing to facilitate a wider change.

Lindsay graduated from Queen’s University in 2006, earning a B.A.H with a dual concentration in Environmental Studies and History and began her work with the federal government soon after graduation. She was chosen as the federal representative on the Canadian Housing

and Renewal Association’s Youth Steering Committee for the 2010 Congress and continues to volunteer with the organization.

Improved housing on reserves will have obvious benefits for families including improved health, and the involvement of women in improving housing on reserves can also empower these women to act more effectively on wider issues within their community. It is this empowerment process that Lindsay intends to pursue following completion of this project, with a career in focused capacity development working with and for women in the improvement of living conditions on reserves.

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Eastern Canada Region



Blanca Haydee Lopez de Brizuela is a *Juris* Doctor (LLB) candidate at the University of Ottawa. She is a lawyer and a former judge from El Salvador. Blanca completed a Master in Legal Studies at Carleton University. Her research “En-gender-ing Gender Sensitive Decisions: A Challenge for Decision-makers” draws on the issue of the impact of gender discrimination and domestic violence in refugee cases.

Two things are the cornerstones in Blanca’s life: her family and her commitment to social justice for the advancement of women. Blanca is a mother of six sons. She and her family came to Canada seeking protection ten years ago. As a single mother and as a refugee, Blanca knows the struggles women face in order to survive. Her experiences have taught her how to combine work with compassion and how to

balance family and professional life.

“*Our Unspoken Stories: The Stories of Butterflies*” is a book that Blanca has co-authored with the Women and War program coordinator at the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa (SASC). Some of the stories will be featured at the Women’s World 2011 Conference (<http://www.womensworlds.ca/>) in Ottawa. In her capacity as the Women of Colour Outreach Coordinator, for SASC, Blanca has supported women survivors of violence, rape, torture and trauma. She also worked as a settlement counselor for Catholic Immigration Centre and volunteered with the Community Legal Clinics in Ottawa, helping women in their immigration and settlement processes. Her choice of pursuing a law degree in Canada was the result of those experiences.



Sophia Colantonio graduated with summa cum laude from the University of Ottawa, in Biology. She is a promising young medical scholar and leader, with a very strong research interest in Clinical medicine and public health.

A well rounded student all throughout school, Sophia also played competitive soccer and was a volunteer in her community, providing education and support to young teens about health and healthy lifestyle choices through Planned Parenthood. A high performing values driven physician in training, Sophia is determined to make a difference in the lives of Canadian women and children through medicine and public health. To be able to contribute her skills and abilities to the fullest, she is working on her **Doctorate of Medicine at the**

University of Ottawa and is completing a Master’s degree in Public Health at Yale University. This will serve her to good advantage as a future clinician where she hopes to apply the valuable lessons of prevention and population health improvement in her future work as a practicing clinician. Eventually, Sophia Colantonio envisages not only a leadership role in medicine, but also a teaching one, where she can impart the lessons an interdependent world, with her knowledge of bench science and medicine.

Shirley Sanderson
Cornerstone Editor