

# JET STREAMS



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## President's Message

Welcome to the New Year!

We are jumping into 2008 by participating in the launch of SIA's STOP Trafficking Campaign. The launch date in the US is January 11<sup>th</sup> so SIPA Jet Set and SIPA (Noon Club) will join together to get the information out to our community. As we discussed in our meeting last week, this is not a just one day event—this is an on-going effort to inform the community not only of the problem of trafficking and sexual slavery, but gives us an opportunity to raise awareness that Soroptimist is an international organization addressing this issue to make a difference in the lives of women and children.

Approximately 113 *Winter Blast* invitations were sent out in December! Lisa Wyatt is ready to accept donation items, so feel free to bring them to our meetings or we can make arrangements to get them to Lisa's home. Pam Sanguinetti will bring a list of folks to our next meeting who donated last year for your perusal. It's not too early to make those contacts and you may know of a business or individual that is not currently on our list who may wish to make a donation.

Just a reminder...if you have any type of "winter theme" holiday decorations that we could use for the *Winter Blast*, please contact Helen Fox or bring them to a meeting. We will identify them so they can be returned to you.

Please keep in mind that there are women in our community who would love to join an active service organization. Let's make it SIPA Jet Set! We have a SOLT meeting scheduled for this month...January 31<sup>st</sup>! Perhaps this would be an opportune time to make that invitation to visit us. We have club information you can carry with you to share with others when they ask, "What is a Soroptimist?" or "What does your club do?" This information may be picked up at club meetings or by contacting Marsha Robin. Don't forget to invite past members as well who may now be in a position to return!

The Area meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, in Forks. Details will be forthcoming in the near future according to SI of the Olympic Rain Forest. Please put this on your calendar and we can car pool out there.

The 2008 Region Conference will be held April 24-27 at the Best Western Coeur'd Alene Inn at Coeur'd Alene, Idaho. These conferences are informative, fun, and provide you an opportunity to network and see a "bigger picture" for this organization. Please let me know if you have an interest in attending.

One more thing...if you sit next to someone each week and notice they have missed a meeting or two, please give that person a call. Let us know what is going on in their lives so we can offer support, if needed. Hopefully, they are on a holiday and having a splendid time, but sometimes this is not the case.

Hugs to each of you,  
President Jill



## National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution designating January 11, as the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness.

In recognition of this day, Soroptimist is launched the Soroptimists STOP Trafficking project intended to raise awareness about the sexual trafficking of women and girls.



*Nanette Noyes and Jill Oakes on National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness.*

Soroptimist clubs participating in this important project through Soroptimists STOP Trafficking serve as a voice for the many women trapped in lives of sexual slavery, and raise awareness of Soroptimist as an organization working to free women and girls from this heinous existence. For more information about sexual slavery and Soroptimist's commitment to ending it, visit [Soroptimist.org](http://Soroptimist.org).

## Brace yourself for Winter Blast!

Preparations are well underway for the Ways and Means Committee event of the year. Don't forget to remind friends, co-workers, and community partners that they are invited and to plan on having great time at **Winter Blast** on February 16.

*Soroptimist Sisters Heather Eims, Marsha Robin, Billie Graughberger, and Tina Smith-O'Hara got together and painted the Winter Blast Banner.*



Stand by for more news from committee members as the time draws closer. Be sure to bring raffle items to Lisa Wyatt for the silent auction gift baskets, decorations to Helen Fox, and prospects for donations to Pam Sanguinetti.



## Slavery's New Face:

### Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls

Slavery is a harsh reality for millions of people the world over who find themselves trapped in an exploitative and abusive system, bought and sold like objects, and treated with no dignity or human decency.

How extensive is slavery's reach? Human rights groups estimate that anywhere between 12.3 million and 27 million people are enslaved in forced or bonded labor, child labor, sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude at any given time.

Slavery exists in a variety of permutations, but all forms of slavery share some common characteristics: slaves are forced to work; are owned or controlled by an "employer"; are dehumanized and treated as commodities; and are physically constrained and unable to move.

One type of slavery and exploitation that continues to proliferate at an alarming rate—and that has a particular relevance to women and girls—is sex trafficking/slavery. *Excerpt from SIA Website*

The Soul Shakers are warming up for an evening of music and dancing at **Winter Blast**. Front row: Mike Pace, Nathan Rice, Cindy Lowder. Back Row: Chris Stevens, Duane Wolfe. Not pictured: **Jim Rosand!**



## Calendar of Events

Jan 31	SOLT Meeting
Feb 7	Soroptimist Women's Opportunity & Violet Richardson Award Presentations
Feb 14	Diana Bigelow speaks about play she is writing "Women without Men"
Feb 16	Winter Blast
Feb 21	Healthy Families
Feb 28	Business Meeting
Mar 6	Shelley Taylor - Property Tax -
Mar 13	Women of Distinction Awards
Mar 20	Dawn Nobile-McVay-Living Well Natural Health Center
Mar 27	Business Meeting
April 12	SIA Area Meeting—Forks
April 24-27	SI Regional Conference—CDA, ID

## Soroptimist Jet-Set Highlights



Approximately 80 kids attended the Boys and Girls Club Christmas party. It was a successful evening full of smiles from kids of all ages. Thank you to all who contributed to this special event!



From Left: Anna Shields, Jill Oakes, and Marsha Robin swear in new SIA Jet Set Member Debbie Camfield.



Before and after shots of the completed Octopus Project. Pretty cool!



*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.*

*-Helen Keller*

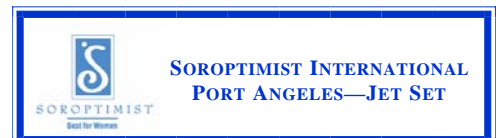


President Jill Oakes and Shawnee Hathaway-Ochs at the Family Learning Center Open House celebrating Shawnee's raffle prize.

### Did you know...

- January 31 is the deadline for submission of nominees for Women of Distinction
- February 1 is National Wear Red Day

*Happy Valentine's Day!*



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