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Greetings!

Happy New Year Everyone!

2011 was quite a year for SILA. Our ranks grew by seven! Under the leadership of **President Jeri** we welcomed new members... **Jennifer, Diane, Ann, Jessica, and Bev**. I then had the honor of inducting **Daphyne and Teresa!** Retired/Life member, **Annie**, changed her status back to regular member. And, although **DeAnna** has not been able to join us for meetings, she has elected to remain a regular member.



Of course when you begin to talk/write about the "best" of anything, you must throw in the "worst" for balance, so let's get that out of the way first. We had our share of surgeries, illnesses, condolences, property loss (etc.) and we are thankful that our sisters were able to draw upon their inner strength to make it through. They were and still remain on our prayer lists but I wanted to acknowledge them in this little way without listing names.

Below, you will find our "Best of SILA 2011" in pictures. Thanks to all of the photographers for capturing the special moments and activities!

Just for fun, I would like to include:

- * Best service projects - 1736 and DWC
- * SI historical wonder - **Barbara**
- * Most traveled - **Carole** (how many continents?)
- * Most miles walked - **Teresa and Jessica** (our marathon/half-marathoners)
- * Best Sister Producers - **Emily** and her sister
- * Musician Extraordinaire - **Stephanie**
- * 24 most intriguing SI members of the year - **DeAnna, Annie, Emily, Jeri, Janet, Daphyne, Joyce, Bev, Joan, Karen, Barbara, Jessica, Dona, Sheila, Teresa, Julie, Carole, Ann, Pam, Diane, Stephanie, Jennifer, Leslie, and Betsy**

And now, as we turn our attention to 2012, the question is: "How can we do even better than we did in 2011?". The answer is pretty simple. Stay on course . . . We have identified our destination (commemorating SILA's 90th through our various activities), outlined our goals (in our SI portfolio), identified our projects (Youth Forum, service projects, gala anniversary celebration, WOA/VRA/Ruby/Fellowship awards), and set our sites (successful completion of all). If we just "stay on course" this will be our best year yet.

Happy 90th Anniversary SILA!

President Ginger

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Holiday Joy Shared

Christmas at 1736



On Saturday, December 17, SILA members once again shared the joy of the holidays by arranging for the children at the 1736 Domestic Violence Shelter to "shop" for gifts for their mothers, wrap the gifts in colorful paper and bows and put them in a large bag for the children to give to their moms on Christmas. With the help of the staff at 1736, including our own new member, **Daphyne Howell**, the club knew exactly what sizes were needed and how many moms were currently at the shelter. Special thanks to **Jeri Durham** for doing most of the shopping and arranging to include a framed photo of each child by the Christmas tree - sure to be the gift each mom will treasure the most. It's hard to know who enjoyed the activity the most - the children or SILA members!

Sisterhood Luncheon



To continue the holiday spirit, SILA members met after the 1736 event at the original El Cholo Restaurant for a "sisterhood luncheon". Strictly a social event, there was a good turnout to enjoy traditional Mexican food, margaritas, and good cheer.



Remembering SILA 2011

Meetings



Workshops



Induction of New Members



Downtown Women's Center



Awards Luncheon



Member News

Correction: It was **Stephanie Klopfleisch's** husband, Randy, not Stephanie, who had surgery, and it was knee replacement, not hip. It's hard to get good reporters!

Happy New Year!

