

Cuesta College Scholarship Winners Honored at November Luncheon



Scholarship Chairperson, Christine Womack shared about the process in choosing the winners.



Scholarship winners Linda Larios, Melanie Jennings, Serena Philebar; SBWN Scholarship Committee members Reverend Sharon Dalrymple, Christine Womack and Alyce Thorp along with other winners Kimari Peterson and April DeLeo. **MORE PHOTOS PAGE 4**
Photos by Dawn Rodden



April DeLeo - raising everyone else's kids



Linda Larios - escaped abuse.



Kimari Peterson- single mom 2 kids.



Melanie Jennings - nursing program.

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Mission Statement

Professional business women promoting one another to achieve professional and personal goals. SBWN meets each month and offers its members valuable networking time with other businesswomen and informative presentations from a variety of speakers on topics relevant to business and the goals of businesswomen. In addition, we provide financial support and assistance to Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County and award a Cuesta College Scholarship to female adult re-entry students.

SBWN 2015-2016 Coming Events

DECEMBER

Holiday Dinner & Benefit

Sunday, 6th @ 6:00 pm
Windows on the Water
699 Embarcadero #7
Morro Bay

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 8th @ 5:30 pm
LO/BP Chamber
781 Palisades Ave., LO

Please note: there WILL NOT be a luncheon in December.

JANUARY

Luncheon
Tuesday, 5th @ noon
La Palapa
1346 2nd Street
Los Osos/Baywood Park

Speaker:

Marianne Kennedy
Executive Director,
Women's Shelter Program
of SLO

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 12th @ 5:30 am
LO/BP Chamber
781 Palisades Ave., LO

FEBRUARY

Luncheon
Tuesday, 2nd @ noon
La Palapa
1346 2nd Street
Los Osos/Baywood Park

Speaker:

Ginger DiNunzio
Sandprints Photography

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 9th @ 8:30am
LO/BP Chamber
781 Palisades Ave., LO



A Message to Our Members

Well Done Ladies!

This year we were able to give every scholarship applicant something to help further their education! It was difficult deciding this year as the Scholarship committee members top choices were all over the place. Most of us had different #1 picks, but by choosing 4 winners everyone's number one received the scholarship. However, all the nominees were deserving. By making the top scholarship \$800 it gave us some wriggle room for gifts to all applicants.

What was different this year is that while interviewing them we uncovered some needs. Two ladies were without computers! Not having one to do homework at home meant Kim spent

many days in the EOPS office doing homework. Also most information from professors these days are disseminated online. This is a hardship we felt the need to address.

By asking my more tech savvy than me friends on facebook I found out there are very serviceable new laptop computers for around \$250. I also priced some rebuilt ones, but they didn't beat the capabilities of the new computers. Also there is a version of Microsoft Office for students that is \$80 for 4 years for TWO computers, so we save them money if we buy the software for them. Regular office licence is \$70 for ONE year. Since we wanted them to be able to get help using the computers we added 2 years geek squad help for each of them. The cost was less than \$400 per computer!

Another theme we heard was that the price of

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MEMBERS have either a standing or absentee reservation for lunch.
Member cancellations or guest reservations are requested by 12:00 P.M. the Friday prior to the day of the meeting.
Book your reservation online at www.sbwn.org or email info@sbwn.org

How to Join & Member Benefits

Our general membership luncheon meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon. There is a \$16 meeting fee for members; \$20 for non-members and guests. (Annual membership dues are \$45). Non-members are welcome to attend two luncheon meetings – then we hope you will join us as a member. Online membership applications available at www.sbwn.org or email info@sbwn.org to request a membership brochure.

- Networking, Business Contacts & Referrals
- Friendship & Mentoring
- Education & Community Outreach
- Increased Visibility for Your Business
- Leadership Opportunities
- Monthly Meetings/Newsletter
- Membership Directory
- Group member of the Los Osos/Baywood Park Chamber of Commerce

South Bay Women's Network 2015 Holiday Dinner & Benefit

On Sunday, December 6th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Windows on the Water, located at 699 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, South Bay Women's Network (SBWN) will host its Annual Holiday Dinner & Benefit – Holiday Elegance. This is our primary fund raiser benefiting the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo. Join us for an elegant dinner party with delicious food, live music and dancing, appealing raffle prizes and silent auction items.

All prizes for the evening have been generously donated by members and local businesses. Raffle tickets will be available at the event. The cost for the benefit dinner is \$55.00 per person. All are welcome! Reservations are required and may be made by RSVP of the invitation you received in the mail or online at www.sbwn.org (click on the Holiday Dinner & Benefit calendar event). Seating is limited. The deadline for dinner reservations is Monday, November 30, 2015.

Please note that there WILL NOT be a luncheon in December.

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gas was a problem. Cuesta is not located in a place where most could walk to it. This gave Alyce the great idea to give out gas cards!

Also Serena has an eye condition that makes her fall asleep if she reads a lot. A condition that could be addressed by glasses with prisms. This also seemed like a necessity to help her through her education.

So in the end we made awards as follows:

#1 April DeLeo	\$800 check
#2 Linda Larios	\$800 check
#3 Kimari Peterson	\$400 Computer + \$400 check
#4 Melanie Jennings	\$800 check
April Malhiot	\$400 Computer
Serena Philebar	\$285 Check for glasses + \$100 gas card
Ebony	\$300 gas card
Lisa	\$300 gas card
Corina	\$300 gas card

I'll admit the Scholarship luncheon is one of my favorites. These women sharing their stories and struggles are inspiring! I hope that we continue as a group to support our fundraisers so we can help more women next year. It is a great event that we make happen.

So Thank You!

Christine Womack
Scholarship Director



Birthday Girls

Christine Womack December 17

**We had 25 Members & Guests
at our November Luncheon
Welcome Returning Member
Kelley O'Neill**

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!

• **Entries for the 28th Annual Los Osos/ Baywood Park Christmas Parade are now available .** This year's parade is being held Saturday, December 12th at 10 am with "Christmas Safari" as the theme. Those interested in participating will find an entry form at www.lobpchamber.org or by contacting the Chamber office at 528-4884 for more information.

• Remember the newsletter is your voice. The Networker newsletter invites SBWN members to provide women in business, women in life articles and photos of important events. A newsletter is one of the best ways for network members to stay in touch with what other members are doing. Keep them posted in Network in the News and Personal Notes columns. Information can be emailed to info@sbwn.org

• **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - SBWN** Members may submit flyers for our monthly on-line newsletter for \$25. Please contact Dawn Rodden, for format information or if you need to submit a hardcopy for scanning. E-mail all questions and digital files to info@sbwn.org

A thought for the month...

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

— Henry Van Dyke

Happy Thanksgiving!



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More November Luncheon Photos



Kimari Peterson was awarded a check for \$400 and a laptop computer.



SBWN members and guest find scholarship recipients an inspiration.



Scholarship winner, Serena Philebar was awarded \$285 for glasses and a \$100 gas card.

The NET ZONE



Holiday Open House & Grand Opening

Monday December 7th

12pm - 7pm

"New Location" 1034 Los Osos Valley Rd.

(Near Carlock's Bakery)

Beautiful Holiday Floral Arrangements, Bouquets, Cut Flowers, Fresh & Dried Wreaths, Blooming Plants, Garden & Home Accents, Gifts & More!!!



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: December 15th



SBWN Auction/Raffle Donation Guidelines

Dear SBWN Members: This sheet contains detailed guidelines for the collection of auction/raffle gifts for this year's Holiday Dinner & Benefit. (Note that the raffle is to benefit the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo.) *It is important to adhere to the following guidelines to make the process as smooth as possible.*

The Auction/Raffle Gift Coordinator this year is **Gila Zak**. She will be keeping the Master List of donors, so that we do not duplicate our requests. Please keep her posted when/if you solicit any donations. If you have any questions about auction donations, please contact her. A donation form must be filled out for **ALL** donations.

Please note: We will **NOT** be able to accept donations after the deadline listed below, and we ask you do **NOT** bring donations on the evening of the Holiday Dinner & Benefit. Thanks for your help!

Event Chairs:	Debra Garcia and Sana Begovic
Gift Drop-Off Deadline:	Wednesday, November 25, 2015
Gift Drop-Off Location:	Home of Gila Zak, 749 Mar Vista Dr., Los Osos
Gift Donation Organizer:	Gila Zak 528-1408/cell 704-3599

Donation Guidelines:

- 1.** Please ensure that all gifts are self-contained (i.e., if there are several parts to the gift, they should be enclosed in a basket or a gift bag. Please do not bring loose items.)
- 2. FORMS:** Please fill out the 3-part donation sheet legibly and completely. Note that it's very important to write in a good description of the gift, especially the contents of gift baskets. The benefit gift coordinators will not have time to do this before the Holiday Dinner & Benefit.
- 3.** The **BOTTOM** sheet – give to donor as a receipt.
- 4.** The **TOP 2** sheets – turn in with the gift to Gila for organizing.
- 5.** Please ask the donor for two (2) business cards. Attach (1) to gift, (1) to donation form.