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CASUAL CONNECTIONS

Annual Shopping Trip

The 5th Annual Discount Shopping Trip to the Carlsbad Premium Outlet Stores and Gourmet Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. Guests are welcome. The flyer has been mailed out, so check it over and make your reservations now. For your \$65 (or \$50 if you drive yourself), you will receive a gourmet lunch at Bellefleur Restaurant, a post-tailgate party, door prizes and shopping awards, and a VIP discount coupon book. The group will meet in front of Target at The Irvine Spectrum at 8:30 am and leave promptly at 8:45. Don't miss out!

Boat Trip

The boat trip and luncheon event happened as scheduled on October 8. Members set sail on **Debbie Wilson's** new yacht, Reverie II – they noshed, drank champagne and soft drinks, and laughed a lot as they sailed up to Long Beach. The lunch at Tantalum was spectacular, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. AND . . . no U-turns in the bay this time!

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON / FOURTH WEDNESDAY FOR FUN

These monthly events are a vital part of our organization, and we hope you attend as often as possible. Obviously, the FFL is on the first Friday of each month. The venue is Terra Nova restaurant at The Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa; time: Noon. Cost: \$22 for members and guests.

The Fourth Wednesday for Fun meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. By popular request, the venue again will be BACCHUS Secret

Cellar, 6735 Quail Hill Parkway, Irvine. Member **Cary Grandfield** is the owner of the establishment, and welcomes WIB to spend an evening of fun and camaraderie. Come join us!

OCTOBER 18 DINNER MEETING

A small but lively group gathered at the Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa, where we entertained ourselves and three guests. The guest of Shirley McCarthy joined that night and received a certificate for a free dinner meeting. Our new member is **Jill Cipriano-Coon**, owner of Lady's Fast Fitness in Huntington Beach. Welcome, Jill!

Karina Santillan spearheaded the meeting, and had a couple of members give short presentations on their experiences with WIB. During introductions, each member had one minute to tell why WIB appeals to her. **Donna Cortino** timed each presentation and struck the chimes at the appropriate moment. Reasons given included fun, camaraderie, support of members for each other, opportunities to give back to the community, and a strong sense of belonging.

It was good to have **Lorraine Dageforde** there, looking slender and wonderful, and also **Sharon Blankenship**, who doesn't often get time from her busy work to join us. Some members donated items for a raffle. You have only to guess which two members won bottles of wine: Perhaps the only teetotalers in the group: **Romayne** and yours truly!

FUTURE DINNER MEETINGS

November 15: Debra Valle, "Selling the Brand When It's You."
Hilton Irvine Hotel

December 13: Mezannine Restaurant. Members only. Special price: \$25.
Members' holiday gift exchange.

January 17: At the home of **Ann Coil**. Guest Speaker: Chocolate Tier.

February 24 (Saturday): Women's Club of Laguna Beach. WIB Fashion show and fundraiser.

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