

WOMEN IN BUSINESS
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RETREAT

Twenty-four rabble-rousing, rambunctious revelers converged on Temecula the weekend of June 3, and the town will never be the same again!

Attendees: Philicia Alleyne-Sarago, Sharyl Anderson, Ann Coil, Norma Cooper, Donna Cortino, Lesli Feijoo, Susan Ford, Cary Grandfield, Jean Harduvel, Ria Hurban, Shirley McCarthy, Alice McCullough, Romaine Moehlenbruck, Katie O'Neill, Dorothy Pacella, Dawn Prebula, Audrey Prosser, Debra Quam, Karina Santillan, Nola Sheldon, Carol Stuart, Janis Weaver, Debbie Wilson, Blanche Zelko.

WIB on the Vine hit the mark. The South Coast Winery Resort & Spa was spectacular. The rooms were so nice, one was tempted just to stay in and enjoy the double Jacuzzi tub and/or the shower with a hand wand on one side and a standard spigot on the other. (I used both at once . . . it was great!!)

Some members went on Friday and stayed that night, as well. I haven't heard any tales about that day or evening, so I guess what happened in Temecula on June 2 stays in Temecula! Saturday, the group met at Carol's restaurant at noon, where we enjoyed a private dining room, a wonderful buffet, and a presentation by Phil Baily, owner of Baily's winery and Carol's restaurant. Phil told us about how he and his wife Carol started from virtually nothing and built a highly successful operation. Of course, prior to lunch the group enjoyed a wine-tasting in the wine-tasting room. Every participant got to take her wine glass home with her. (Apparently, it's cheaper to give away the glasses than it is to wash them!)

The afternoon was spent in various pursuits such as shopping, antiquing, massage, gambling at Pechanga, more wine tasting, and touring Old Town.

Saturday evening we all met for dinner in The Vineyard Rose, a private room at the resort. Alice McCullough had prepared a get-acquainted game showing little-known facts about each member. We were to match the member with the fact. We also played the highly popular steal-a-gift game. Ooooooh, you get something you really want, only to have someone else steal it away from you! Audrey Prosser REALLY wanted one of Susan Ford's stepping stones . . . but her nemesis Norma Cooper snatched it right away from her! The nerve!! The dinner was 5-Star, with choices of filet mignon, salmon, pork chop, and a couple of others (you can tell which ones interested me! I chose the salmon . . . mmmm mmmmm gooood!)

Sunday morning we were back in The Vineyard Rose for breakfast, where we ordered right off the menu! Everything imaginable including pancakes, French toast, various combinations of eggs and meats, three types of Eggs Benedict, etc. etc., and all kinds of juices. Donna Cortino (The Jewel Thief) led us in yet another game, this time testing our knowledge of wine. The table decorations were awarded as prizes.

All in all, it was another highly successful Retreat. Our thanks to Shirley McCarthy and her committee for their hard work in planning and coordinating the event.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH

The group met at Wyndham Hotel's Terra Nova Restaurant. Two guests attended: Cheryl Procaccini, a psychotherapist, and Kelly Fallucca, Director of Business Development for Martin Brinkerhoff Associates, Inc. This was Kelly's second visit; we hope to see more of her and Cheryl.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 13th Annual Insight On-Site D.C. Conference is scheduled for September 9 to September 13. Watch for updates as meetings and extra-curricular activities become finalized. If you need a brochure, contact Jean Harduvel or Ann Coil.

MEMBER UPDATE

Lorraine Dageforde reports that her jaundice condition has improved and she is feeling "nearly normal." Her energy level is good, and she's driving around town again. Her surgeon is pleased with her progress. Now she is awaiting results of her last blood test. If there is sufficient improvement, she may be eligible for the Experimental Research Study and chemotherapy in the next few weeks. June 15 is her next appointment. Let's all keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she struggles through this difficult time.

My eye came through the surgery beautifully, and I now have full vision in BOTH EYES! What a great feeling. A few years ago, I'd just have had to stay blind in one eye – thank God for modern medicine . . . and a gifted ophthalmologist!

JUNE MEETING

Your Roving Reporter will be out of town for the June meeting, and will therefore be unable to report on the event. Any volunteers for Associate Reporter? If you plan to attend and would be willing, it would be great if you could just take notes and let me know what happens so I can report it. Yes . . . you'll get a by-line! Jeez!

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