

WOMEN IN BUSINESS, ORANGE COUNTY

The Roving Reporter

Did we have a great meeting at the Center Club, or what? It reminded us why we like this organization so much. It was delightful talking with each other and laughing, enjoying the delicious horse-dooovers (oh, all right you purists – *hors d'oeuvres*), good wine (or other drinks of choice), and throwing out ideas about our future. From the sound of the members that night, our future is rosy and we should be around another 25 years!

Jean Harduvel did her usual excellent job of planning this event, down to the chocolate-covered strawberries. There was enough good food to satisfy the most discriminating palate (weren't those crabcakes marvelous?). Fran Beckman, our in-house pastry chef, made up three boxes of sweet delicacies, which went to three lucky members in a drawing.

Norma Cooper, chair of the nominating committee, is looking for a few more good women to sit on the board next year. We need people who not only have ideas, but have the energy and passion to implement those ideas. We're all delighted that Sandi Clark is back with us and will be on that board next year. Look out, WIB, here comes a whirlwind! Yay!

Audrey Prosser volunteered her Laguna Beach home for our June end-of-the-year meeting. Oh, we do love Laguna! The March meeting will be at UCI (a flyer is in the works), and the April and May meetings are on the drawing board.

Three members of the Retreat Committee motored down to Indian Wells on a Saturday to check out the Indian Wells Resort for our venue. What a great spot! The hotel offers us free breakfasts, a hospitality suite, shuttle busses to El Paseo (the Rodeo Road of the desert) and the nearby casinos, a lovely meeting room, and cozy sleeping rooms – they're throwing in one luxury suite, so the late-nighters can hang out and talk the night away. The firm date is June 3-5, so **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! You do NOT want to miss Retreat!**

Jean Harduvel spoke of some of the changes coming as a result of the Town Hall meeting. One is to change our venue from Embassy Suites and vary it more. Another is to make the meetings shorter so that we can all get home a bit earlier.

If you missed this meeting, you missed a good one. If you were there, you already know how good it was. See you in March!

Nola Sheldon