

Las Hermanas Summer Fiesta

WHO: Las Hermanas, an auxiliary of Assistance League® of Long Beach, a nonprofit, volunteer organization serving the Long Beach community since 1940.

WHAT: Las Hermanas Summer Fiesta

WHEN: July 19, 2008

WHERE: In the backyard of Chairman Florence Dodge

WHY: Summer Social

A Mexican-themed summer social for the Las Hermanas auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach was held on Saturday, July 19th, 2008. Chairman Florence Dodge's beautiful backyard was transformed into a colorful South of the Border location with bright lime green tablecloths centered with vibrant paper flowers. Red, white, and green streamers and balloons and a piñata decorating the gazebo helped create a festive atmosphere while a colorful parrot oversaw the happenings at the bar. Latin background music and delicious food catered by Super Mex made for a very successful and fun-filled evening. The early part of the evening was enlivened by "Los Dos Amigos" (otherwise known as Roger Klinkers and Jim Martin serving as bartenders) and tasty empanadas prepared and provided by Bette Brightman that were enjoyed by all.

The decorating and planning for the festive evening was executed under the able direction of Social Committee Chairman Fay Denny. Others on the committee were Jeanne Badgley, Debra Barrad, Pat Blaber, Bette Brightman, Jan Carlson, Jean Friedrichs, Marvell Gum, Georgia Klinkers, Melinda Martin, Linda Reabe, and Barbara Vaught. About 50 members and guests enjoyed being serenaded by member Marilyn Fortier and eight other "Women of Note" led by Carla Strandberg, following the dessert served by Jan and Ron Carlson. Also seen at the scene were Assistance League of Long Beach President Nanci Gee, Virginia Osmera, Gloria Sirotnak, Hashmat and Khalid Saeed, Mary Lou and Ben Millar, Evelyn and Art Meacham, Carolyn and Arthur Lockhart, John Fortier, Darwin Barrad, John Blaber, Bill Friedrichs, Alice Doherty, Miriam Garland, Le Siemons, Emily and LeRoy Goesel, Pam and LeRoy Kehret, Shirley Lamm, Diane and David Reed, Joyce Rothrock and John Taylor, Joan and Sal Sanders, Helen and Fred Sebring, Jan and Marv Stober, Maureen Stone and Nancy Tomis.

FYI: Las Hermanas, an auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach, supports the fundraising activities of Assistance League through philanthropies that benefit Long Beach children and adults. Las Hermanas administers the Assault Survivor Kits® program, providing "wear home" clothing and personal care items to survivors of sexual assault. Assault Survivor Kits are distributed in conjunction with the Long Beach Sexual Assault Response Team in Long Beach and surrounding cities. They also work at Assistance League's Thrift & Vintage Shop on Fourth Street. To receive information on upcoming events, please call the Assistance League of Long Beach Philanthropic Center at (562) 627-5650 or visit www.allb.org.