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Press Telegram, Seen at the Scene

Who: Assistance League of Long Beach
A nonprofit volunteer organization serving the Long Beach community

What: Members Only Party

Where: Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at CSULB

Date: June 11, 2010

Number attending: 160

Photo caption: (Left to right): Faye Alperin, President; Debra Barrad, Event Chairman; Jeanette Schelin, Director of the Japanese Garden

Descriptive details:

Magical Evening in Japanese Garden for Assistance League® of Long Beach

As soft afternoon light faded into magical darkness and the exotic notes of the koto drifted over the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, Assistance League of Long Beach began a year-long celebration of 70 years of service to the Long Beach community with a Members Only Party on June 11. The Members Only Party provides an opportunity to meet new members as well as old friends, and one long-time member said it was the best party ever. Chapter, Rick Rackers, Las Hermanas, CAMEO and Life members, many dressed in Asian-themed clothing, took docent-led tours around the tranquil garden, admired purple and lavender iris and hydrangeas in full bloom, fed schools of hungry koi, and snacked on spring rolls and potstickers. Dinner tables, decorated with Japanese fans and hydrangea blossoms, were situated around the garden, a peaceful oasis on the CSULB campus. Members enjoyed an Asian-themed buffet dinner of teriyaki salmon on a bed of spinach, broccoli beef, fried rice, and chow mein, followed by kiwi and strawberry tarts. After dinner, President Faye Alperin and

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garden director Jeanette Schelin introduced Toshiko Okawa, clad in a summery orange and white kimono, who performed several selections on the koto, a Japanese stringed instrument.

The evening was planned to perfection by event chairman Debra Barrad and committee members Bette Brightman, Sandie McCarthy, Linda McCarley, Greta Rosnow, Gloria Sirotnak, Marlys Pfrimmer, Kathy Wade, and JoAnn McDonald.

Seen at the Scene: Nanci and Lynn Gee, Sandie and Terry McCarthy, Sue and Bruce Foat, Mary and George Crane, Jane and Tyler Jackson, Ellie and Hank Schaffner, Shelly and Joel Sandler, Shirlee and Ray Bouch, Barbara and Michael Newton; Diane and David Reed, Georgia and Roger Klinkers, Linda and Allan Rahn, Linda McCarley, Julia and John Mendell, Julie and Randy Wilson, Joan and Wayne Twedell, Mary Ann and Terry Anderson, Suzanne and Doyle Powell, Beth and George Ciceri, Kathy and Bill Wade, Carol Bellmaine, Kerri and Scott Birnie, Linda and Doug Drummond, Kathy and Jim Lingle, Linda Rowland, Sandy Wells, Clara Andrews, Pauline Stenberg, Annette Kashiwabara and Marty Isozaki.

FYI: Assistance League of Long Beach, chartered in 1940, is the largest chapter of National Assistance League. Its signature philanthropic programs, Operation School Bell[®], clothes 5,700 children in need in the Long Beach Unified School District each year. Assistance League also operates a low-cost orthodontic clinic for 860 children from low income families. Other philanthropic programs include ALa Carte, The Kids on the Block[™], Howard Collection of Asian Art, Assault Survivor Kits[®], Scholarships and Mentoring.

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Mission Statement: Assistance League of Long Beach is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to create a community of volunteers to identify and deliver philanthropic services.