

The NARBW Chronicles

Southern California Chapter



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First SoCal NARBW Newsletter

Welcome to the Southern California NARBW Chapter quarterly newsletter known as the NARBW Chronicles. We are so glad you stopped by to see what this new and amazing chapter is all about.

Our first official meeting was on February 25, 2020, right before the pandemic started. We are the Women of the West aka “WOW”, and we are excited to be a part of this amazing unit of strong women.

Board Members

Chapter President: Trischelle Baysden

Chapter Vice President: Shamonda Jones

Chapter Secretary: Sandra Martinez

Chapter Treasurer: Young Jin Paik



First Chapter Meeting on Feb. 25, 2020



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WOMEN OF THE WEST

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A Word from our SoCal Chapter President

Hello to all the wonderful ladies of the NARBW SoCal chapter. This is our very first newsletter and I wanted to share some of our success stories from our first year as a chapter of NARBW. We have been very fortunate to enroll about 25 members in our first membership drive. Our next drive for new members starts in March and we hope to bring on many more great ladies and their fabulous ideas. During our first year we had several virtual meetings and managed to participate in a few fundraisers. Our sisters on the national level of NARBW have been very helpful in keeping us pointed in the right direction with planning and learning. We also participated in other chapter parties such as a Halloween party and a bingo night. Our chapter didn't let the Covid lockdown get in our way of having fun. We had a virtual baby shower and a virtual Christmas party. We found ways to be creative while staying at home. This year in 2021 we have many more fun events planned. There will be a few of us that plan to attend the convention in Jacksonville in May. Our SoCal chapter is in the first phase of planning for a great golf tournament. So, stay tuned for more details. We are also putting together a cookbook which I know will be a big success. Looking forward to spending time with you all and growing our chapter to be one of the best for NARBW.

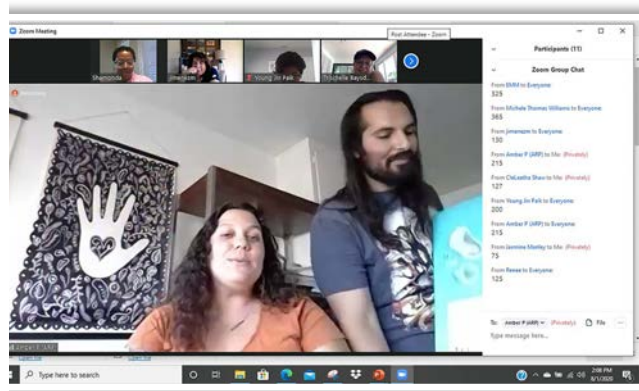
Respectfully,

Trischelle Baysden
President, SoCal Chapter NARBW



2020 End of Year Review

- First Meeting: Feb. 25th
- Officers' Installation: March 28th
- Dress for Success Event: June 20th (the raffle raised \$265)
- Facebook page went live in June
- Virtual Baby Shower: August 1st
- In Person Meeting & Covid Mask Contest: Sept. 19th
- Susan G. Koman Fundraising Walk: Oct. 11th (raised \$882.72)
- We donated three Thanksgiving Baskets to Foothill Family Shelter: Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving Basket Raffle: Nov. 18th (Raised \$140 and the winners donated the food from the basket to the Food Pantry ❤️)



Virtual Baby Shower



Covid Mask Contest



★ CHECK OUT THE AMAZING VIDEO
SHOWING ALL OUR 2020 FUN!

[NARBW SoCal 2020 End of Year Review](#)



Susan G. Koman Fundraising Walk

GOODBYE 2020

Holiday/End of Year Party

We had a wonderful time at our Virtual Holiday party on December 12th. We played games, made a special cocktail and had an ugly sweater, ugly mask and Gingerbread house contests.

Congratulations to the Winners!

Shamonda J. - Ugly Sweater



Sandy M. - Ugly Mask



Our Game Winners

Holiday Trivia: Nancy V.
Christmas Carols: Laura L.
Scavenger Hunt: Nancy M.



Lori Ledoux from the Florida Chapter won the **Individual Gingerbread House** contest, and **Chicago** won the **Chapter Gingerbread House** contest.



January Activities

We kicked the New Year off with our monthly Chapter meeting held on January 27th. We welcomed new members and discussed ideas for future fundraisers, raffles and charities to support. We also talked about upcoming activities and events.

February Activities

*Our monthly Chapter meeting was on February 20th.



Did you know that there are about 30,000 youths in the foster care system in Los Angeles County? All Saints Church Foster Care Project assists over 2,500 children and young adults in the foster care system in the Pasadena area. For Valentine's Day, the Foster Care Project put together Valentine's Day goodie bags for foster children ranging in age from newborn to 18 years old.

The Southern California Chapter of NARBW stepped up and purchased over \$200 of toys, socks, personal hygiene products, magazines and candy to contribute to these Valentine's Day goodie bags. Thanks to our NARBW sisters for making this charity donation a success!



If you missed the opportunity to participate in this worthy cause and would like to help out, then feel free to donate to the Foster Care Project at their website www.fostercareproject.org. They are always looking for monetary and item donations as kids come into the foster care system throughout the year.



Valentine's Day Raffle

The SoCal Chapter put together an incredible "Romance that Special Someone" Valentine's Wine and Dine gift basket that was raffled off on February 12th. We raised a total of \$745 dollars and all proceeds went to Reading Partners.

Congratulations to Kim Turner for winning the Valentine's Day Dinner Raffle! Here's a link to the video you can watch on Facebook.

Valentine Raffle Winner Video

For more information on this great organization or to make future donations, check out

ReadingPartners.org



Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

(all the details on the following will be highlighted in our next newsletter)

*New Members Drive & Anniversary Celebration in March

*Woman of the Year

It is time to vote for the Woman of the Year to represent our SoCal NARBW Chapter!

We received three nominations:

- Trischelle Baysden
- Shamonda Jones
- Sandra Martinez

The Winner will be announced at our Membership drive/Anniversary celebration on 3-27-21.



*NARBW Cookbook in Spring

Our bigger fundraiser project for 2021 needs everyone's support! We will be putting together a NARBW recipe cookbook!

We are asking all members to send in your favorite recipes for appetizers, main entree, desert, anything you want, we want it!! Send in as many recipes as you want!

So please send in your recipes to socalnarbw@gmail.com, if you have a photo to go along with it great!!

Ready...set...cook!!

*2021 NARBW Convention in May

The 2021 NARBW convention will be hosted by the Jacksonville Chapter on May 21st

Note: there will be a special Pre-Convention Tour on May 20th. (Fernandina Beach with boat tour and lunch)

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront

Reservations by phone (available 24 hours a day) call 1-800-222-8733

Group rates are available until April 19, 2021. Ask for "NARBW National Assoc Railway

For a detailed convention schedule, registration and raffle for free hotel stay, visit: <https://www.narbw.org/convention>

✿ The 77th National Convention ✿
Jacksonville, Florida



*Fall Popcorn Fundraiser



*Golf Tournament in 2022



Follow the River to Sun, Sand and Sisters Jacksonville Florida May 21 – 22, 2021

SoCal Chapter Committees...Calling all Members!

This is a quick summary of our active committees. We are looking for members who are interested in actively supporting these committees. If you are interested, please contact the respective chairwoman.

Ways, means and Welfare Committee

Description: Manages fundraising efforts for the general fund and charities. We would like all chapter members to send in ideas for fundraisers and suggestions for charities to support

Chairwoman: Jonni W. at jonni.w@soteriacompany.com

Sunshine & Membership Committee

Description: Functions as a hospitality team for members. Functions to include celebrating member's birthdays, benevolence acts, etc. We ask all members to send in their birthdate and any special occasions that may be coming up (marriage, graduation, pregnancy etc.). We would also like members to send names/emails of potential members.

Chairwoman: Marty J. at jimenezM@scrra.net

Publicity Committee

Description: Manages marketing efforts, press & publicity notices of all kinds, chapter/event photography, and publish a quarterly newsletter for the Southern California Chapter.

Chairwoman: Stephanie J. at Stephanie.Jablonski@amtrak.com

Public Affairs Committee

Keeps the members informed of proposed legislative bills concerning the railroad industry and other matters affecting the interest of the members and shall report activities to the national chairman

Chairwoman: Trischelle B. at BaysdenT@scrra.net

Scholarship Committee

Encourages members (or their families) to get an education and further themselves in the transportation industry by making an application for our scholarship fund. Scholarship Committee shall stimulate interest in the National scholarship by furnishing information to members and it may sponsor projects for the benefit of the National Scholarship Fund

Chairwoman: **TBD**



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