

San Jose Women Celebrate

San Jose women's division members hosted a lunch Aug. 2 at Bellarmine Preparatory College. Originally envisioned as a gathering for about 200 women, the final attendance was 390, including 115 guests.

Molly Fumia, author of three books about grief, shared her thoughts with the audience: "I look out into this audience, and I am overwhelmed by the...kaleidoscope of faces." She urged the women to "use the power of your heart. Never let anyone discredit your emotions."

Wendy Clark, SGI-USA women's division leader, spoke about diversity and the power women have to break down barriers: "Sustained engagement requires us to continue the dialogue with another [person] when every part of our being wants to run away...."

"By doing so, we not only learn something about others, but about ourselves as well."

— *SUSAN MOLING, correspondent, and others*

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