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## SALUTE TO SERVICE LUNCHEON



### STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Rocio Robles (North High School, Wendy Osorio (Ramona High School, Lizette Garcia (North High School)

### LIVE YOUR DREAM: EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD

Natasha Maness

### GOLD KEY AWARD

Annetti Bullock

## **SOROPTIMIST VISION**

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

## **SOROPTIMIST MISSION**

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

## **SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES**

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- **GENDER EQUALITY:** Women and girls live free from discrimination
- **EMPOWERMENT:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION:** Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:** Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Janet Payton  
2016-17 SIR President

I have procrastinated and now I am under pressure to get a Presidents Message out to you for this May newsletter. What can I say that hasn't already been

said? What a wonderful group of women to lead.

The Salute to Service lunch was another great event. And we have Jeanne Hatcher to thank for not letting us give up on this day but also for stepping up and chairing the event. I know she did not do this alone. So I also want to thank everyone who put in the many hours it takes to come up with our winners and coordinate this lunch. And what a great job! Every one of our recipients was outstanding. It was a very rewarding day to be President.

And Karen Roberts, thank you for letting us get involved with the Sister City Concert. The German Harmonist Group "Stad'l Harmonists" from Erlangen/Bavaria were outstanding and the "Inland Sound Chorus" was also great. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. I was unable to make the afterglow party on Sunday as I was not feeling very well. I guess two events in one day are more than I can handle but I am sure it was a very nice afternoon as well.

Some of us are gearing up to go off to Arizona for Spring Conference. I always enjoy the time spent with our fellow Soroptimist both in our club and others. This year's theme is "Mission Is Possible" and with Penny Babb as our Governor I am sure we are in for a fun trip.

### **ARE YOU A LION OR A GAZELLE?**

"Every morning in Africa, a Gazelle wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion that day or it will be killed and eaten. Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the slowest gazelle that day or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter if you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up, you'd better be running."  
...Anonymous

Janet Payton  
SI Riverside President



## MAY 2017



- 2 **BOARD MEETING**  
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 9 **BUSINESS MEETING**  
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 15 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES**
- 23 **PROGRAM MEETING**  
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside

## JUNE 2017



- 1-3 **GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE**  
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, Phoenix, Arizona

- 5 **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**
- 6 **BOARD MEETING**  
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 13 **BUSINESS MEETING**  
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- ?? **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
To Be Announced

## DATES TO REMEMBER



October 2017  
**DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING**  
Hosted by SI Chino Hills

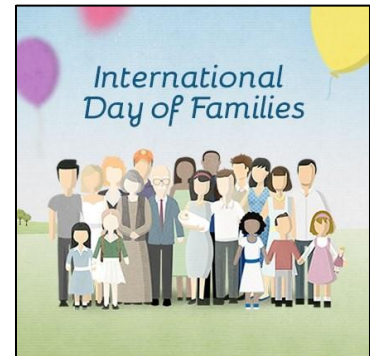
July 2019  
**21st SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Riverside Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue (corner of Spruce and Iowa), from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting. Lunches are approximately \$16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis.

For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

## MAY 15, 2017 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES



## **2017 THEME** **“Families, Education and Well Being”**

This year's observance of the International Day of Families focuses on the role of families and family-oriented policies in promoting education and overall well being of their members. In particular, the day is to raise awareness of the role of families in promoting early childhood education and lifelong learning opportunities for children and youth.

The day will highlight the importance of all caregivers in families, be it parents, grandparents or siblings, and the importance of parental education for the welfare of children. It will focus on good practices for work family balance to assist parents in their educational and caregiving roles. Good practices from the private sector in support of working parents, as well as youth and older persons in the workplace will also be highlighted.

The day also aims to discuss the importance of knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including among others, through



education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development. (SDG4, target 4.7).

## **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**



## **WHERE WE STAND: AGING**

Soroptimist International calls immediate attention to the growing population of older women and denounces the tendency for women beyond reproductive age to be invisible not just from policies and programs, but from society as a whole. Women have often experienced a lifetime of discrimination which culminates in a multitude of challenges faced in the post reproductive years, including a lack of security, protection, access to resources, access to education and access to health care. Soroptimist International champions a life course approach of educating, empowering and enabling opportunities for women at all ages, including the specific needs of older women.

### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL URGES GOVERNMENTS TO...**

Ratify, implement without reservations and monitor all

international treaties and agreements relating to older women, particularly the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging, and take into consideration CEDAW's General Recommendation 27 on Women and Aging.

Adopt the World Health Organization's recommended three pillar approach of ensuring older women have nondiscriminatory access to participation, health and security.

Address with immediate effect any laws or practices which render women financially insecure in older age, including differential retirement ages, lack of policies which allow women to fulfil dual roles as caregivers and employees and approaches to pensions which favor men.

Enact and enforce legislation which eliminates all forms of violence against older women, including physical, psychological, emotional, verbal, financial abuse and exploitation and neglect.

Roll out and adequately fund services aimed at reducing isolation and lack of social support specifically for older women.

Remove all barriers to older women's access to credit, financial and other productive resources, property and inheritance, particularly for widows and unmarried older women.

Sensitize and train authorities on age and gender related issues that affect older women.

Collect data and evidence based research disaggregated by age and sex to better understand the unique needs of older women.

### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WILL CONTINUE TO...**

Support programs and agencies which provide services for older

women, including health care, social care, independence and recovering from abuse.

Ensure that older women are supported to actively participate in society.

Champion a life course approach to access to education, training and technology.

Lobby governments to ensure that social protection measures are in place for older women.

Work towards changing gender stereotypes of older women, particularly the negative portrayal of older women in the media.

Encourage health care professionals to screen for elder abuse of older women.

Recognize and support the unique role many older women play as primary caregivers for AIDS orphans and grandchildren.

### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL...**

Provides educational opportunities for older women, including literacy and maths, vocational skills, technological skills and knowledge about their rights.

Empowers older women to actively participate in society and to take control over their own lives.

Enables opportunities for older women to continue to live their lives to their fullest potential throughout their entire lives, not just in their societal defined productive and reproductive years.



**2017-18 SI RIVERSIDE  
SLATE OF OFFICERS**



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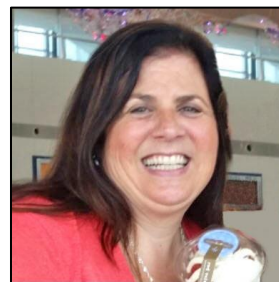
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**MARCH 22-APRIL 5, 2017  
INTERNATIONAL  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

***"MENTORING FOR  
YOUNG WOMEN"  
INTERNATIONAL  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
WITH SI ERLANGEN,  
GERMANY***

**THE PROGRAM:**

SI Riverside (USA, California) and SI Erlangen (Germany, Bavaria) have developed an international exchange program to give young women from both cities the opportunity to collect new experiences by staying in the respective partner city. The goal is to help to advance personal and professional development of young women.



The program allows the participants staying in the partner city to get to know the lives of professional women there and to develop their own strengths through personal get-togethers and conversations with members of Soroptimist clubs.

SI Riverside welcomed Luisa Hammer to Riverside from March 22nd until April 5th. Luisa was visiting us from Germany as part of our "Mentoring for Young Women" International Exchange Program with SI Erlangen, Germany.

Following are photos from the last few days of Luisa's visit in April.

***DINNER AT GRA POW  
WITH VICKIE WHEELER***



***DINNER AT ROMANO'S  
WITH JANET PAYTON***



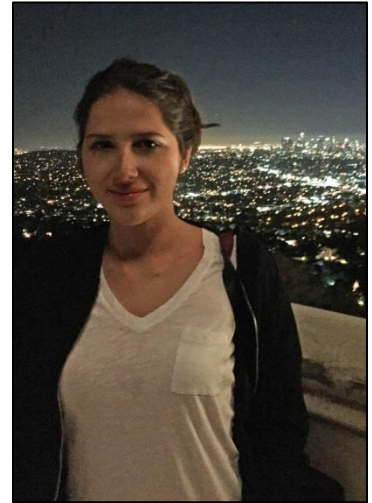
***DINNER WITH JEANNE  
HATCHER, VICKIE WHEELER  
AND ELLEN CLIZBE***



***S'MORES WITH VICKIE  
WHEELER'S FAMILY***



***WITH ALEXANDRA STREAM  
IN LOS ANGELES***







*WITH MICHELLE PARADISE  
IN INDIO*



*WITH ATTORNEY  
REBECCA MCKEE*



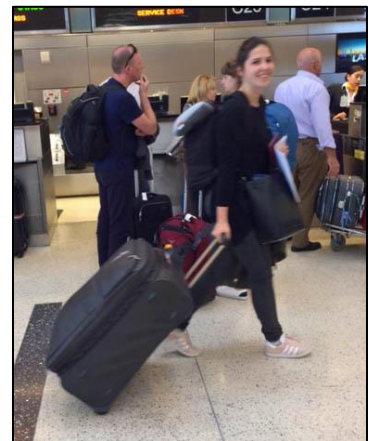
*LAST DINNER WITH  
JANET PAYTON AND  
FAMILY*



*LEAVING JANET PAYTON'S  
HOUSE TO GO LAX*



## **FAREWELL AT LAX**



## **APRIL 25, 2017 SALUTE TO SERVICE LUNCHEON**



Our 2017 Salute to Service Luncheon was a great success! We had some amazing women and girls that we honored who have spent countless hours of volunteering within our community.

We had three **STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARDS** handed out with one girl receiving \$1,500 and the other two girls received \$500 each. Two of the

girls were from North High School (Lizette Garcia and Rocio Robles) and one was from Ramona High School (Wendy Osorio). All three girls will be entering college in the Fall...two of them expressed an interest in the medical field and one is interested working in a non-profit area where she can make a difference in the world.

Our **LIVE YOUR DREAM: EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD** was given to Natasha Maness. Natasha is expecting to graduate in June with her B.A. degree from California State University, San Bernardino after nine years of study. She supports her three children with a full-time job at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her application, Natasha said, "I was in a very abusive relationship both mentally and physically with my now ex-husband. I knew I had to go to college so I could provide a better future for my kids. He hated the fact that I enrolled into college, and I recall him breaking my laptop and completely destroying my school supplies in a jealous frenzy." Natasha has been accepted into the Masters Program at CSUSB and plans to become a social worker.

Our **GOLD KEY AWARD** was given to Annetti Bullock. This year we selected the Riverside Police Department for this award and they nominated Annetti. She has volunteered for the RPD for nine years and put in over 1700 hours! Annetti coordinated the "You Are Not Alone Program." She daily contacts senior citizens to see how they are doing and tracking their needs. She also serves as a Chaplain with the department providing comfort and strength to both the department members and community members when tragedy strikes. On her nomination paper, RPD said, "Anytime there is a need, she will drop what she is doing to answer the call for assistance. Ms. Bullock goes above and beyond

to help not only the Police Department, but also her community."

Our Salute to Service Luncheon allows us to directly make a difference in women and girls' lives. Our hard earned Valentine Dessert Auction dollars allow us to support women and girls who are volunteering and moving ahead within our community. I'm so proud to be a member of SI Riverside!

Jeanne Hatcher  
Salute to Service Chair

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD



Rocio Robles with  
SVA Mentor Ellen Clizbe



Wendy Osorio with  
SVA Mentor Ellen Clizbe



Lizette Garcia with  
SVA Mentor Ellen Clizbe

## LIVE YOUR DREAM: EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD



Natasha Maness with LYDETA  
Chair Carol Allain





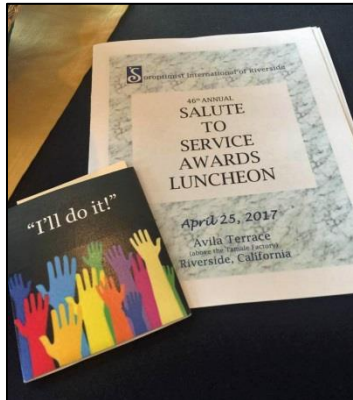
## GOLD KEY AWARD



*Annetti Bullock with Gold Key  
Award Chair Anh Nguyen*



## SALUTE TO SERVICE LUNCHEON



*Cheyenne Mata - 2015 Live Your  
Dream: Education and Training  
Award Winner attended this  
year's luncheon.*

**APRIL 29, 2017  
SISTER CITY CONCERT**

# **SISTER CITY CONCERT**

## **STAD'L HARMONISTS FROM ERLANGEN**

This may not be Austria, but the hills were indeed alive this weekend with the sound of music. The city of Riverside was blessed to have visitors from Erlangen, Germany, the Stad'l Harmonists, nine men who sing in the barbershop style.

They performed in the Sister City Concert on Saturday at the Magnolia Center Church of Christ with our local Inland Sound Chorus, a group of over two dozen men who also sing in the barbershop style. In fact, a quartet from this group sang at our SIR installation three years ago when I was installed as president, and my theme was "Hands in Harmony". Karin Roberts was the installing officer and she went to work finding just the right addition to the evening, and a connection was made.

Last September, when Karin, Jeanne and I were in Erlangen for the three countries gathering we met with two members of the Harmonists to continue to arrange their visit to California. The concert location had already been chosen and there were several items on their agenda that needed coordination.

Karin was instrumental in setting up a visit for the men and their wives to the Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City where they were able to pay their respects to one of the greatest German Harmonists from the 1930's, Josef R. Cycowski. On Sunday they all walked Mt. Rubidoux with our mayor, Rusty Bailey, and then

we had the pleasure of hosting their group along with some of the Inland Sound Chorus gentlemen and their wives and members of the International Relations Council at our house. We were treated to several songs in a cozy backyard setting. Some were in German and some in English, and the ISC men joined in for those numbers. We were delighted to receive several gifts from the Stad'l Harmonists and they were kind enough to donate their portion of the proceeds from the Saturday event to our club.

Many thanks to the SI Riverside members who helped set up and clean up and who brought food to share: Karin Roberts, Jeanne Hatcher, Chris Deviny, Carolyn Kegarice, Glenda Richards, Ellen Clizbe, Linda Robertson and Colleen Walker. We even sang to our guests on the spur of the moment! It was truly a pleasure to get to know these fine gentlemen and their lovely wives. We wish them the best as they continue their travels over the next several weeks.

Lynn Scecina

## **WELCOME DINNER**



## **VISIT TO MEMORIAL**



## **SISTER CITY CONCERT**



## **AFTER CONCERT AT WANG CHO KOREAN RESTAURANT**







**GATHERING AT LYNN  
SCECINA'S HOME**



## **INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING INC.**



Hi, Mentors! Inspire's Annual Fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, September 9th at 6:00 PM at the Marriott Riverside. This event is what helps us raise the necessary funds to sustain the program.

Did you know that it takes about \$14,000 a year per student to provide all of the housing and necessary support? Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this amazing event.

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## FRIENDSHIP LINK SI EDINBURGH SCOTLAND



Thank you so much for recent newsletters. We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting later this month and as always are trying to persuade members to take office. I think that lots of clubs have similar problems.

Meanwhile, hope you are enjoying some early summer weather.

Best wishes to all at SI Riverside from SI Edinburgh.

Trish Morrison

*Editor Note: SI Edinburg's Annual General Meeting is similar to SI Riverside's annual Strategic Planning Meeting.*

## LOOKING BACK INTO SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



**JUNE 1959**



1959-1960 Officers of the Riverside Soroptimist Club (left to right):

Ola Miner, Treasurer  
Jane Lunt, Recording Secretary  
Marjory White, President  
Margery Nethery Brown,  
Vice-President

## SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



## THE SOROPTIMIST EMBLEM

The emblem is a circular disc on which the figure of a woman appears as the central figure. She emerges as the "spirit of womanhood," vital, steadfast and dauntless. A plaque bearing the name "Soroptimist" is held in her upraised arms.

The leaves and acorns of the oak bend downward to the right from the word "Soroptimist" and are emblematic not only of the strength and growth of the organization but of the progress and achievements that it will attain. The leaves of the laurel are on the left of the word "Soroptimist." Laurel is renowned

as the symbol of victory and typifies friendship and success, both of which are vital to club life.

The word "International" forms the lower portion of the emblem and signifies the worldwide institution that Soroptimist has become.

Our emblem is more than just a badge of identification. It is a symbol of the aims and ideals of Soroptimists everywhere.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



*Linda Robertson  
May 2nd*

*Michelle Paradise  
May 29th*

## MAY CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



*No Anniversaries  
in May*



## MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Pam Bradford posted: "Paper Bag Monster Puppets - Chapter 2. Grandson Braden and I made another monster puppet together with him putting on the stickers while I glued on the feet and arms. Now he can put the puppets on both hands and have a puppet war!"



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post by Kari Clizbe Haloviak: "Loved celebrating my favorite brother's golden birthday! My amazing brother got to BE amazed today. Thanks to Pete McLeod for getting us in and giving us an outstanding and entertaining private show!"



Binu Cloud posted: "Superhero 5K (after)."



Jana Cook posted: "The day is done and Herman & Esther are resting together. Thank you to all who were here, in person and in spirit, who made this day so special and just a little bit easier."



Susan Exon posted: Crabbing around while eating spaghetti and enjoying my two favorite girls."



Debbie Ferraro posted: "A wonderful Easter together!"



Edith Gingerich posted: "Easter Blessing to all."



Vicki Hightower posted: "In New Orleans having a blast. Big Ole Gator on our airboat swamp tour. He's eating marshmallows."



Annamarie Megrđichian posted: "Happy Easter to you. Remember it's not all eggs, chocolate and the bunny!"



Kathy Michalak posted: "Another great day in Nashville. But first, a visit to Graceland!"



Michelle Paradise posted:  
*"Sophia had 5 routines and was absolutely beautiful. She scored high golds and lightening golds in all. I'm so proud of her. And her studio placed as the highest scoring studio. They were all so excited!"*



Kathleen Parra posted: *"An easy trek to Tahquitz Falls in Palm Springs. Totally worth it! Then Sherman's for knishes. My eyes, my brain, my heart needed this! Peace."*



Janet Payton posted:  
*"Happy Sibling Day!"*



Karin Roberts posted:  
*"Anniversary at the Winery in Tustin. Celebrated our 18th anniversary with champagne after David's appointment at UC Irvine's Neurology Dept. Dr. Hermanowicz was pleased with David. He is doing so well we thought we deserved a glass of bubbly. Soon to depart for our six month stay in Europe for the third year now. We are getting used to being part time Riverside and part time Viennese."*



Linda Robertson posted: *"A Throwback Thursday from long ago. Summer 1966, age 17. I was a bridesmaid for the lady my uncle was marrying. Too bad the photo is in black and white. The dresses were a hot pink color."*



Lynn Scecina posted: *"Married to Michael Mihelich for 27 years. Let the adventures continue. Love you, love our family!"*



Colleen Walker posted:  
*"Our daughter, Jamie Leigh, married Nicholas Sloan Sunday evening in a gorgeous outdoor ceremony at the Temecula Creek Resort. Here are a few teaser pictures until the professional ones come back."*



Lisa Williams posted: *"Today our son Jared checked into MEPS in San Diego. Tomorrow he swears in with the United States Air Force and flies to boot camp. We are incredibly proud of him and all he stands for. We love you Jared and can't wait to see your amazing accomplishments in this new and exciting chapter in your life."*



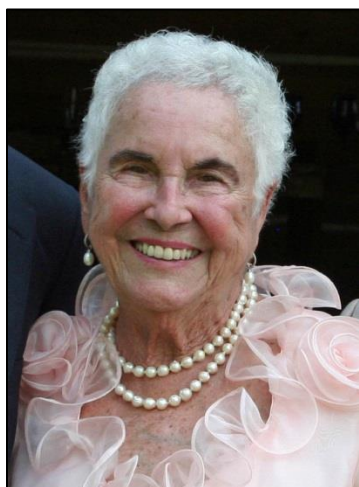


## OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



*Congratulations to Annamarie Megradichian for the article on her business "Nothing Bundt Cakes" in the current Villa Magazine*

## IN MEMORY



**BETTY BENNETT**  
*May 5, 1925 - March 26, 2017*

Betty Bennett was SI Riverside's president from 1971-72. Her Soroptimist legacy includes the creation of the club's Gold Key Award presented for the first time in 1972 to a woman who had given 20 years of volunteer service to the local community.

The Gold Key Award program was such an astounding success that we call it SI Riverside's most prestigious award and have continued to present it to a deserving woman every year since 1972.

Betty retired and left the club in 1990 at which time SI Riverside presented her with an Honorary

Membership. Even after she retired, Betty supported many of our club events with personal donations and she loved reading the club newsletter which was emailed to her every month.

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## SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



I pledge allegiance to  
Soroptimist and to  
The ideals for which  
it stands:  
The Sincerity of Friendship,  
The Joy of Achievement,  
The Dignity of Service,  
The Integrity of Profession,  
The Love of Country.  
I will put forth my greatest effort  
to promote, uphold, and defend  
these ideals, for a larger  
fellowship  
in home, in society,  
in business, for country  
and for God.

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## EDUCATING WOMEN AND GIRLS

