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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.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Janet Payton
2017-18 SIR President

Here we go again! I am so thankful to all of you for your

help and encouragement last year. We as a team accomplished a lot and I look forward to serving as your President again this year.

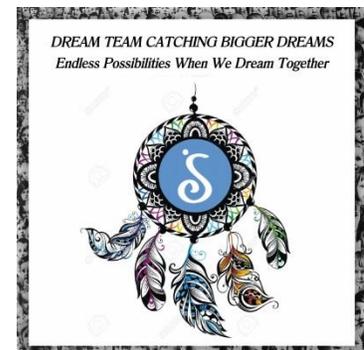
We are wrapping up our year but not slowing down. The 2017-2018 year is already getting started.

We will have a formal strategic planning meeting on July 11th at the First Methodist Church starting at noon. This will be during our regular scheduled July business meeting. Please plan to stay a little later that day as this usually takes longer than an hour. The club will pick up the tab for lunch at this meeting.

Just a reminder to everyone that due to the timing we need to get started on the Backpacks for the kids at Arlington Temporary Assistance. I know you will be hearing from Vickie Wheeler very soon.

***DREAM TEAM CATCHING
BIGGER DREAMS - ENDLESS
POSSIBILITIES WHEN WE
DREAM TOGETHER***

Janet Payton
SI Riverside President



JULY 2017



THERE IS NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY

- 11 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

Note: The Strategic Planning meeting will last longer than our usual one hour meeting time. The club will be picking up the tab for lunch at this meeting.

- 15 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OVER THE EDGE
President Janet Payton will represent SI Riverside when she rappels down Riverside City Hall
- 20 SUMMER SHOPPING SOCIAL
5:30 PM, Home of Annamarie and Gerry Megrđichian
- 25 STUFFING BACKPACKS
12:00 PM, Habitat For Humanity, 2180 Iowa Ave, Riverside
- 30 WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

AUGUST 2017



- 1 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 3 DISTRIBUTION OF BACKPACKS TO ARLINGTON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE
- 8 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
- 22 PROGRAM MEETING
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 26 NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

DATES TO REMEMBER



August 4-5, 2017
GOLDEN WEST REGION LEADERSHIP TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT RETREAT

Ontario Airport Hotel
Ontario, California

October 6-7, 2017
DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING
Hosted by SI Chino Hills/
Inland Empire

April 10, 2018
SI RIVERSIDE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND SALUTE TO SERVICE
Mission Inn, Riverside

June 7-9, 2018
GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE
Pala Casino Resort and Spa
Pala, California

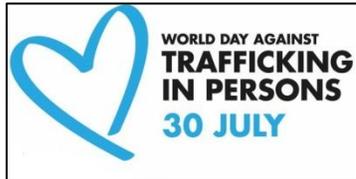
July 30-August 2, 2018
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS CONVENTION
Yokohama, Japan

July 18-21, 2019
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 First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside 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.

**JULY 30, 2017
WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**



With the "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons" on July 30th, attention is called to an international problem. It appeals for fighting against trafficking in persons. The United Nations (UN) had proclaimed this date in 2013 to inform about the situation of the victims and to stand up for their rights. Trafficking persons means the sale or purchase of people

against their will. Nearly every nation has to deal with this problem in some way.

On the "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons," the Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking is executed. This initiative aims to support and strengthen the engagement and the participation of the public. The logo in the shape of a blue heart stands for the sorrow of the victims and the coldness of the offenders.

The UN Secretary General appealed for becoming an active part in the fight against human trafficking.

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL**



*Soroptimist
International
Where We Stand
Statement:
Gender Based
Violence*

Soroptimist International is committed to end all forms of violence which affect women and girls disproportionately. Gender based violence occurs in the family, in the general community and through actions perpetrated or condoned by the State.

Whatever form it takes, gender based violence is deeply rooted in historical inequalities, power imbalances and gender based discrimination.

Gender based violence is a violation of human rights and affects the ability of women and girls to reach their full potential and participate in society.

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
URGES GOVERNMENTS TO:**

- Ratify and implement without reservation all international conventions and treaties which directly and indirectly address gender based violence and actively engage in accountability mechanisms contained therein.
- Without delay enact or reform legislation to criminalize all forms of gender based violence and enforce legislation with appropriate prosecutions of perpetrators.
- Reject any differentiation between the public and private sphere as a justification for gender based violence.
- Ensure that front line responders have adequate resources and training to respond quickly to all incidents of gender based violence with gender specific compassion, understanding and respect.
- Recognize that gender based violence poses significant financial costs to society and that prevention of violence has real economic benefits.
- Invest in initiatives to make public spaces safe, particularly for women and girls.
- Adequately fund effective resources and appropriate support services to victim/survivors of violence, including safe shelter, access to legal services and medical and psychological treatment at no cost to the victim/survivor.

- Recognize that some groups are at particular risk, including migrants, refugees, indigenous women and girls, rural women and girls, women and girls living with disabilities, HIV positive women and girls, women and girls living with mental health challenges and women and girls facing multiple discriminations (such as sexual orientation and gender identity, race and ethnicity).
- Take all necessary steps to ensure that gender based violence is never used as a tool of war and that women and girls living in conflict affected areas are fully protected.
- Address any increased risks of gender based violence in areas affected by natural disasters.
- Ensure robust systems are in place and utilized to collect reliable data and statistics disaggregated by sex relating to violence and ensure that the collection of this data does not endanger women or girls in any way.

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
WILL CONTINUE TO:**

- Support a human rights based approach to eliminating gender based violence.
- Engage in behavior change work focusing on the message that eliminating gender based violence benefits everyone.
- Support programs which educate girls and boys at an appropriate age about healthy and respectful relationships.
- Work to ensure that schools and other educational settings are not sites of gender based violence and

that girls, young women and women can have access to education without the threat of violence.

- Raise awareness in the community on the harmful effects that gender based violence has on all members of society and work to break the cycle of violence and provide support to services which offer needed services to victim/survivors as they rebuild their lives.

**MAY 23, 2017
LIVE YOUR DREAM
SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATION**



Chris Deviny, LYD Co-Chair, Wendy Osorio, LYD Scholarship Awardee, Janet Payton, SI Riverside President

**2017 Live your
dream scholarship**

For the second year, SI Riverside awarded a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who attended our Live Your Dream Conference in her AVID middle school education years.

This year's award went to Wendy Osorio, a Ramona High School AVID senior. Wendy will be attending UCLA in the fall and plans to become a physician.

In all my years of employment at UCR and/or my committee work in Soroptimist and other organizations, I have never been

so impressed with an application.

Wendy was faced with such sorrow and adverse circumstances during her middle school and high school years that it is amazing she graduated at all, much less maintaining a straight A average in all classes including advanced placement classes such as Chemistry, Calculus, History, English, etc.

One day, when Wendy is indeed a physician, she has accepted our offer of coming to serve as a speaker at our Live Your Dream Conference. Calendar that one!

Chris Deviny, Co-Chair
2017 Live Your Dream
Conference

**MAY 23, 2017
INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS
TRAINING INC.
PRESENTATION**



Vicki Hightower, SI Riverside Inspire Chair, Luther House Resident Assistant Brittany, SI Riverside President Janet Payton

At SI Riverside's Business Meeting on May 23rd, Luther House Resident Assistant Brittany thanked SI Riverside on behalf of Inspire Life Skills Training Inc. for adopting the Luther House.

Brittany and the residents who reside at Luther House appreciate that SI Riverside members continue to come by the house and offer support, not only through meals and other tangible items that are dropped off, but

also through notes of encouragement.



**JUNE 1-3, 2017
GOLDEN WEST REGION
SPRING CONFERENCE**



Spring Conference was held June 1-3 at Point Hilton Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix. President Janet, Delegate Vicki Hightower and myself attended the three day conference which began with an optional Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education workshop. Both President Janet and I attended the workshop which included speakers and a great panel of knowledgeable education leaders from the greater Phoenix area. The main focus was how we can collectively impact women through education for their betterment. The workshop was well received, and we may have another one next year when Spring Conference will be held in District 2.

Thursday evening began with the governor's cocktail party, where I provided the entertainment (which actually on many songs was a sing-a-long), followed by a fun "You're the Bomb" dinner where members dressed up in their Mission Impossible garb and we enjoyed a fun auction.

Friday morning, I led a fabulous group of Soroptimists in our National Anthem as we opened

our first business session. It sounded like a band of angels and was a great way to start off the conference. We had a wonderful motivational speaker from Grand Canyon University whose energy was infectious and very motivating. The Live Your Dream Award banquet was great and we showed our "Purse-onality" with a fabulous Bag of Dreams. We had over \$300 in items in our bag for the Pick-a-Prize raffle. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Our Live Your Dream Jar was beautiful. Thanks to JoAnn Moore for putting together an absolutely gorgeous "Riverside" themed jar, complete with lights and citrus. I'll be bringing the jar to club meeting and passing it around to continue our commitment to the Dream Programs. Together, we raised \$745.18. The following individuals donated \$100 or more and received a special Live Your Dream Pin: Kathy Michalak, Janet Payton, Linda Robertson and myself.

Both Friday and Saturday we had some fabulous breakout sessions with information from membership, public relations, fundraising and programs. Each of us went to different workshops and gained knowledge on how we may be able to implement some new things in our club. On Saturday we had a great guest speaker, "Mobile Mary," who taught us how the use of social media, in many different forms, can increase our collective impact. Mary is from Corona and might be a great guest speaker next year for our club.

Spring Conference, although held in not my favorite city, was a great event and I am so glad I was able to attend. We made some new friends, reconnected with some old friends and had a great time of fellowship with Soroptimists from other clubs in the region.

Leadership training will be coming up in Ontario the beginning of August, I strongly urge anyone that can attend to do so. *(See article in this newsletter.)* It's a great way to gain information and get truly motivated to carry on the tradition of Soroptimist.

Annamarie Megrdochian
Senior Delegate



**JUNE 13, 2017
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
PRESENTATION**

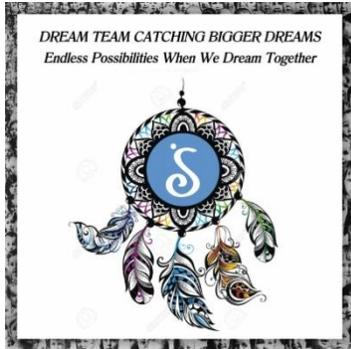


*Kathy Michalak, Habitat for Humanity
Executive Director and SI Riverside
President Janet Payton*

At SI Riverside's Business Meeting on June 13th, SI Riverside President Janet Payton presented

Kathy Michalak, Habitat for Humanity Executive Director, with a check for \$1,000 to purchase a washer and dryer for a single mother moving into one of Habitat's homes.

**JUNE 28, 2017
2017-18 INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**



The beautiful poolside of Michelle Paradise's backyard was the perfect setting for the 2017-2018 SI Riverside Installation on June 28th. As members and guests dined on delicious Smokey Canyon BBQ chicken, ribs and all the sides, we enjoyed President Janet's description of the year in review. She presented each outgoing board member with a gift. Colleen Walker was the installing officer and welcomed all of the incoming board members to accept their duties.

The incoming board members are:

- Janet Payton, President
- Vicki Hightower, Vice President
- Vickie Wheeler, Recording Secretary
- Edith Gingerich, Corresponding Secretary
- Debbie Ferarro, Treasurer
- Carol Allain, Assistant Treasurer
- Lynn Secina, Senior Director
- Susan Exon, Junior Director
- Annamarie Megradian, Senior Delegate
- Tillie Soliz, Junior Delegate.

Lynn Secina
Past President









**JULY 15, 2017
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OVER THE EDGE**



Janet Payton, President of Soroptimist International of Riverside, has agreed to go "Over the Edge" for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat works in partnership with people in need to improve their poor living conditions and SI Riverside has supported this organization for many years.

On July 15th, President Janet will be rappelling down Riverside City Hall on behalf of SI Riverside and she would appreciate if you could make a donation to her cause. If President Janet can raise \$1,000 then Habitat for Humanity will make a donation back to our club. So please help both Habitat for Humanity and SI Riverside by making a donation through the following link:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/janet-payton/JanetPaytonPresidentSoroptimistInternationalofRive>

Soroptimist International of Riverside thanks you for your support.

**JULY 20, 2017
SUMMER SHOPPING
SOCIAL**



SI Riverside invites you and your friends, family and significant others to our:

**SOROPTIMIST
SUMMER
SHOPPING SOCIAL**

Thursday, July 20th
5:30 PM

Home of
Annamarie and Gerry
Megrđichian

Join us for a casual evening and Buffet Dinner.

Shop for LuLaRoe Clothing, Pampered Chef Products and Origami Owl Custom Jewelry.



SI Riverside will receive 10% of all sales

RSVP by July 15th to
Annamarie at:
(951) 545-2109
annamariemega@
gmail.com

**JULY 25, 2017
BACKPACKS FOR
ARLINGTON TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE**



Happy Independence Day! July 4, 2017 is almost here! That means it is time to start purchasing items for backpacks for the Arlington Temporary Assistance children.

President Janet and Budgeteer Pam gave me the good news that SI Riverside is increasing the budget for the purchase of more backpacks. Our goal is to purchase 60 backpacks. That means for each of the items we put inside the backpacks, we will need 60 of them.

As of July 1st, we already have:

- ◆ Planned Parenthood donated 60 binders
- ◆ Carolyn Kegarice donated 50 new books for the children and 60 composition books.
- ◆ Jeanne Hatcher donated 15 small staplers.
- ◆ Carol Allain will donate 60 highlighter packs.
- ◆ Chris Deviny will donate 60 erasers.
- ◆ Lynn Scecina will donate 60 pencil cases.

- ◆ I have 60 decorative pencils.

I noticed we have no regularly scheduled meetings in July besides Strategic Planning. President Janet asked Kathy Michalak if we could use the meeting room at Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday, July 25th, at 12:00 pm (noon) to stuff the backpacks. Kathy said yes. That means we have until July 25th to get the best prices on the school supplies.

Remember these are children who need us. Some are homeless. Some are almost homeless. This means that they aren't sure where they will be sleeping the next night or the next night. These families are referred to Arlington Temporary Assistance by the Department of Social Services, the Unemployment Office, schools and the community. They are very appreciative of our assistance.

Jurupa Unified School District begins the new year August 8th. Alvard Unified School District begins the new year August 10th. Riverside Unified School District starts school August 28th. I have spoken with Director ATA Ofelia Sanchez and we have set August 3rd as the distribution date for the filled backpacks.

Ms. Sanchez told me that Star Crippen, the Assistant Director of ATA, passed away on April 1st from complications of having diabetes. I extended sympathy on behalf of SI Riverside. Ms. Sanchez's daughter, Vanessa Sanchez, is now the Assistant Director of ATA. Ofelia will be out of the office due to knee surgery so we will be working with Vanessa this year.

Ms. Sanchez expressed her sincere appreciation for SI Riverside helping these needy children get a good start on their new school year. She already has a list of families who have been

referred seeking help with school supplies.

Look over the following list. Let me know what and how many items you are willing to donate. If you want to contribute money to purchase supplies, I assume you would mail your check to Treasurer Debbie Ferraro.

I will work with you to get supplies picked up if that is what is needed. See you Tuesday, July 25th, at noon at Habitat for Humanity to fill backpacks.

As of July 1st, we need 60 each of the following items:

- ◆ Crayons (24 pack)
- ◆ Box of Pencils (#2)
- ◆ Pencil Sharpener
- ◆ Glue Stick Packs
- ◆ Highlighter Pens
- ◆ Wide Ruled Paper
- ◆ College Ruled Paper
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Pocket Folders
- ◆ 5-Tab Dividers

We need 45 each of the following item:

- ◆ Stapler (small)

I will be periodically sending out the list of items to keep you informed of what we have collected.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Vickie Wheeler
Chair, ATA Backpack Project



**AUGUST 4-5, 2017
2017 LEADERSHIP
TRAINING &
DEVELOPMENT RETREAT**



**August 4-5, 2017
Ontario Airport Hotel
and Conference Center**

**700 North Haven
Avenue, Ontario CA**

**Hosted by:
Governor-elect
Lori Reed**

*Dear "One Mission" Golden West
Region Soroptimists:*

*Welcome to the 2017 Leadership
Training Retreat!*

*Thank you for stepping forward
to offer your time, talents and
experiences to the success of
our Soroptimist organization.
Whether you take on a formal
leadership position with your club
or our Golden West Region or
you take on a mentor position to
help others become successful
leaders, your commitment is
extremely valuable and respected
by all of us. If you were able to
come to the 2017 Spring
Conference and/or see the
Spring Conference resources
available on our GWR website,
you'll know that you were
encouraged to act on your will
to make a difference in our
communities. The "will to act" is
extremely powerful, isn't it? We
must keep ourselves in this state -
the will to continue to think of
ways to improve and the will to
take action to improve the status
of women.*

*We need to overcome any
hesitation to act, we must
delegate to and train others, we
must conduct and participate in
meaningful meetings, we must
measure our progress in short
time frames so we know what we
have accomplished and what we
must still do, we must research
women who are doing what we
want to do and create a
mentorship relationship with
those women, we must be
supportive of all women willing to
lead and we must give thanks to
others and for our blessings.*

*My wish for you is to continue to
explore and discover our
amazing organization and to
recognize the power that you
have individually, and our clubs
have collectively, to improve -
even save - lives! It's a powerful
message and a powerful
understanding.*

*The theme of our retreat is "One
Mission." Improving lives through
access to education IS the only
mission we need to truly
accomplish great things.*

*Join us as we enjoy our coming
days!*

*Penny Babb
2016-2018 Governor
Golden West Region*

For registration details go to the
Golden West Region webpage
and click on the "Quick Link" for
the 2017 Leadership Retreat:

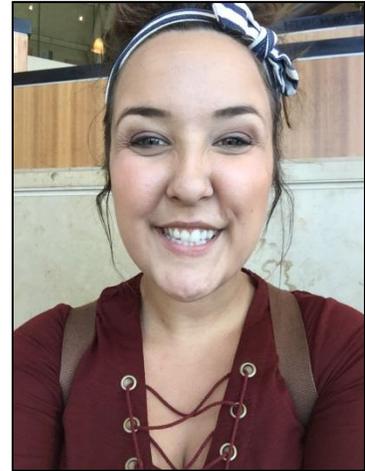
<http://www.goldenwestregion.org>

**INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS
TRAINING INC.**

***Meet Resident
Assistant Brittany***

Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc.
mentors and trains former foster
and homeless youth to become
self-sufficient, responsible adults
and to make positive life choices

through the pursuit of higher
education. Inspire provides
residents with a supportive
housing environment, designed
to mimic the experience of living
in a college dorm, complete with
an on-site Resident Assistant (RA).
Brittany fulfills the RA role at the
Luther house, which was adopted
by Soroptimist International of
Riverside a year ago.



Brittany learned about the Inspire
program from her good friend
who was then the RA. Brittany's
friend was getting married and
asked Brittany if she would be
interested in interviewing to
become the new RA. Two and a
half years later, Brittany herself is
engaged and will soon be
leaving the Luther house.

Brittany has experienced many
challenges and rewards in the
time she has been an RA for
Inspire. The greatest challenge
was to balance being an
authority figure in the house,
while also being a positive
influence and providing support
to the girls. She sees herself as a
role model for the girls and
strives to lead by example with
her involvement in church and in
the community. Brittany is
rewarded by witnessing the girls
transformation in the Inspire
program. The girls she lives with
now want things for their lives
that they never thought possible,
such as an education and better
opportunities for their futures.

Brittany and the Luther house girls are very grateful for SI Riverside's support. Brittany stated that she appreciates that the SI Riverside women continue to come by the house and reach out to the residents, who, due to their past, are often not very approachable. Brittany said she loves that our members do not give up on the girls and that they continue to offer support, not only through meals and other tangible items they drop off, but through notes of encouragement. The girls keep all the notes and cards we send them. Brittany said that the girls know SI Riverside truly cares about them and they know they can trust our members.



As always, the Luther house is in need of everyday items such as cleaning supplies, paper goods, personal hygiene items and fresh fruit and vegetables. Please call RA Brittaney at (951) 675-2442 and she will coordinate with the girls to make sure someone is home to accept your donation. Feel free to also send Brittany your congratulations on her upcoming marriage and thank her for the guidance she has provided to the Inspire girls over the last few years.

Vicki Hightower
Inspire Chair

**GOLD KEY AWARD
THANK YOU LETTER**



To Janet Payton and the members of SI Riverside:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere and humble gratitude to you and this great organization that honors the efforts of women all over the world. Thank you so very much for blessing my life with the 2017 Gold Key Award and the Certificate of Recognition from the Office of Mayor Rusty Bailey. I am humbled and honored that someone thought enough of what God has gifted me to do for our community at large.

My volunteer chaplain service for the Riverside Police Department began in 2007 as a regular volunteer serving in whatever capacity needed from wrapping hundreds of toys for Christmas giving, blankets and slippers for our local seniors, singing for special events and administrative support. In 2008 when the department decided to re-instate the Chaplain Corp, God led me to apply. I was trained at the Ben Clark Training Center via the Sheriff's Department Chaplain Training Academy and my instructor was Chaplain Jim Clizbe.

From 2008 until 2015 I served as the only female African American Chaplain for RPD and now we have three female chaplains on staff.

It is my desire to continue serving our local community in whatever capacity the Lord guides me to. I enjoy what I have been created to do and am blessed to be an example to women everywhere to encourage and empower them to know...yes we can.

Respectfully yours,

*Chaplain Annetti Bullock
Riverside Police Department*

**FRIENDSHIP LINK
EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND**



Hi, Pam!

Thank you for the interesting newsletter.

SI Edinburgh has no meetings now until September. We will then be extremely busy organizing events to celebrate our 90th birthday in December.

If any of your club members are likely to be in Edinburgh around this time, you would be most welcome to join us.

Hope all at SI Riverside have a lovely summer!

Trish Morrison
SI Edinburgh

INFORMATION ABOUT SI EDINBURGH SCOTLAND

SI Edinburgh was founded in 1927 and is one of the oldest in Scotland giving many years of service locally to the community working with, amongst others, the Bridgend Allotment project, Cranston Street Women's Hostel, Scottish Love in Action and Kids Love Clothes. They lobby on behalf of, and undertake local projects that benefit, women and girls.

SI Edinburgh works regionally in cooperation with 14 other Soroptimist clubs across southern Scotland and nationally across the whole of Scotland with 22 other clubs.

They also work within a United Kingdom framework on behalf of women and girls. The focus project work across the UK is raising awareness on Violence Against Women.

SI Edinburgh works internationally, supporting the lobbying and advocacy work at the United Nations on behalf of women and girls as well as fundraising for specific projects which support women and girls.

LOOKING BACK INTO SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY

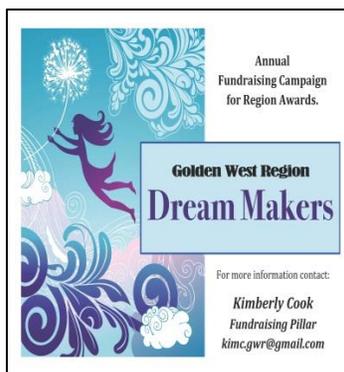


AUGUST 1956



AUGUST 1956: Marion Russell Millar (Minnie) of Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland, is visiting in Riverside until next week. She is a Soroptimist (in fact has been secretary of her club in Leith since 1949) and Monday was the guest of honor at the Riverside Soroptimist Club's luncheon meeting. The Edinburgh club is the sister club of the Riverside group and it was on the local club's travelship that Mrs. Millar came here. Pictured, left to right, are Olive Kinney, president of Riverside Soroptimist Club, Lettie Ann Glover, one of the members of the club's International Understanding and Goodwill Committee, and Mrs. Millar, who is showing them a sprig of Scotch heather.

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



GOLDEN WEST REGION DREAM MAKERS PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the GWR Dream Makers Program?

This is a fundraising program for region level Live Your Dream winners awarded annually at the GWR Spring Conference. This program provides individual Soroptimist members with an opportunity to contribute to the region level Live Your Dream (LYD) award fund for the following year's spring conference.

How much does it cost to be a GWR Dream Maker?

The suggested donation amount is \$100. However, any amount above or below \$100 will be gratefully accepted.

Do I get anything for donating to the GWR Dream Makers Program?

Yes! Those donating \$100 or more will receive a Dream Maker pin. There will be a new pin or other Dream Maker promotional item offered each year for those making the minimum donation amount. You will also be recognized at the GWR Spring Conference for your generosity!

Where does the money go?

Every penny of your Dream Maker donation goes to awards for the LYD region level winners at the following year's spring conference.

Does the GWR Dream Maker program replace the silent auction fundraiser at Spring Conference?

The Dream Maker program does NOT replace the annual spring conference fundraiser. The Dream Maker program is a way for individual Soroptimist members to contribute to region level LYD Awards. The spring conference fundraiser is a way

for clubs to contribute to region level LYD Awards.

Does the GWR Dream Maker program replace the Laurel Society Program?

ABSOLUTELY NOT! The Laurel Society Program is the way that you, as an individual Soroptimist member, contribute to programs and awards at the SIA/Federation level. Your donations to the Laurel Society make it possible for women and girls across the world to achieve their dreams through SIA programs. These donations come back to the GWR in the form of LYD awards for region finalists and SIA Club Grants.

Is my GWR Dream Maker donation an annual or one-time donation?

The GWR Dream Maker program is an annual program to insure that adequate funds are available for our region level LYD winners from year to year. However, there is absolutely no obligation to contribute on an annual basis. Once you make a contribution you will be sent information about each year's Dream Makers Program but you are under no obligation to participate.

Can I pay monthly?

We do not have a monthly payment system set up yet but you can donate whatever you can afford and GWR Fundraising Chair Kimberly will keep track, letting you know when you have become a GWR Dream Maker.

Are there different levels to the Dream Makers program?

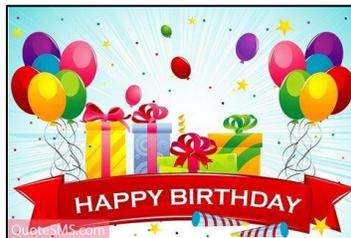
No but there is no limit to how much you may contribute. Each year when you contribute you will receive another pin or GWR Dream Maker promotional item.

Can I contribute to the Dream Maker program for someone else?

Yes, a contribution to the Dream Makers program can be made to honor anyone! A club may want honor an outgoing president with a Dream Maker pin or contribute to the Dream Maker program as a tribute to a member who has passed away.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Tillie Soliz - July 3rd

Binu Cloud - July 5th

Lisa Williams - July 6th

Caroline Leach - July 11th

Colleen Walker - July 15th

Pam Bradford - July 19th

Janet Payton - July 28th

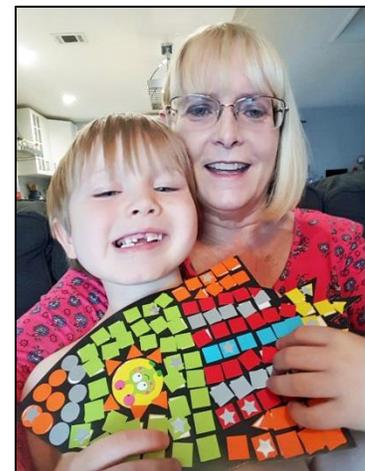
Judy Pekarek - July 29th

JUNE CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



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MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



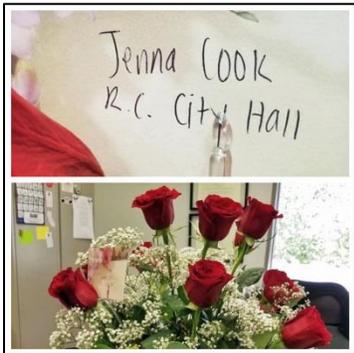
Pam Bradford posted: "Arts and Crafts with Braden and Grandma Pam: This time we made a mosaic rocket ship taking turns placing the colorful stickers on the rocket ship base. We knew we were done when Braden placed the big round alien sticker in the center of the ship. Cool!"



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post by Kari Clizbe Haloviak: "Smothering this cutie in hugs and kisses before leaving him for a sleepover with my parents. He squeaked, 'I think you can trust your parents with me. You can let me go now!'"



Binu Cloud posted: "I randomly ran into my friends from junior high and high school at Universal Studios. A very nice surprise!"



Jana Cook posted: "For my birthday, my dear husband sent flowers to ANOTHER WOMAN!"



Susan Exon posted: "Congratulations to my little brother marrying the love of his life. Love you two!"



Debbie Ferraro posted: "Happy Birthday to my beautiful Mom! Wishing so much that I could be in NJ today to celebrate YOU and your special day. I love you, Mom!"



Vickie Hightower posted: "First day in Scotland. Visited a beautiful church with a 5,000 year old yew tree."



Caroline Leach was tagged in a post by Bernie Titus: "Love it when Russ and Caroline Leach come up to visit. In La Conner today."



Annamarie Megrđichian posted: "Sharing the love of cake with the City of Riverside at the Riverside Sailing Club's annual Regatta at Fairmount Park."



Michelle Paradise posted: "6 years ago I married the love of my life. I love you so much."



friend Robin Gray's birthday. With TK Jones, Debbie Kelley, Julie Ford and 2 others. Dinner and dancing. Good time with good friends."



Lynn Scecina posted: "We had a wonderful family Father's Day gathering. We're so happy everyone could be here for some fun, food and conversation."



Marta Tapia posted: "My son looking dapper in his suit."



Lisa Williams posted: "Our son Jared makes us proud on a daily basis. The last couple of days have made us overwhelmingly

proud! Congratulations! We love you, Jared!"



OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



Vickie Hightower's grandson, Robby Laws, graduated from kindergarten on June 13th.

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Kathleen Parra posted: "Last visit with Adrian. Headed to Charlotte. Ahhh, cried all the way to the condo, so hard but so wonderful. Adrian is amazing. Work, home and all. We also learned 10 ways to get to Lake Lure from Asheville. The roads here are like giant bulls eyes. You circle in and it's the long way. Peace!"



Janet Payton was tagged in a post by Jayme Shafer: "Our little Kindergartner graduated today!"



Linda Robertson posted: "Fun evening. Friends celebrating

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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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