

# SoroptiValley

## News

Best for Women

Welcome SI of Moreno Valley to our new year of making dreams come true.

Please **WELCOME** our new members: Nina Navarro, Cheri Rhoades, Monica Yerena, Pat Keller and Patricia Holguin. We are excited to have them on board.



Although we promote membership throughout the year, we have scheduled a **"Meet and Greet" for January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Ayres Hotel.** **Do you know the only qualification to be a Soroptimist is to have a heart for service specific to improving the lives of women and girls?** I challenge each of us to think of one person who fits that criteria. The only thing left to do is invite them to a meeting or event. We will take it from there. Make this **your** personal goal.

In addition, our leadership team has been established for the new year. That does not mean we do ALL of the work. We need your help. We have several committees which we encourage you to select from such as Public Awareness, Fundraising, Membership and Programs. These are the points of contact if you have any questions:

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Five club officers represented SI Moreno Valley at the Golden West Region Leadership Training in Ontario, held in August. The attendees will have lots to share when we return back to our Business Meetings in September.

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## President's Message By Nina Thomas

Now you may not be a football fan or care anything about the sport. I'm good to watch the kick off and usually come back for the fourth quarter to see the finish. The thing I do enjoy and get very inspired by are the stories of the players, coaches and owners that make it all happen. With that said, I just watched the NFL induction ceremony to the Hall of Fame. I was deeply inspired by these men who were all overcomers. None of the seven inductees had it easy getting to that very special moment in their lives. These guys were smart, educated and focused. They knew what they wanted and every one of them gave credit and showed their gratitude to the mentors they had along the way to their success. **I couldn't help but think of our club and execution of our mission.**

Mission Possible, We did it ladies! Once again we saw the vision and came through with an amazing year. We raised funds, we served and we empowered women & girls with resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. We took on the mission. We accomplished a lot last year. Through our collaborative efforts, the club raised funds that exceeded \$25,000. With these resources, we were able to fund our programs, give scholarships and take care of all our obligations throughout the year and still give more away to various community causes.

Thank you, to each member of the board! Thank you, to the committee chairs. Thank you, to every club member for every minute you put toward making our 2016-2017 year an amazing success. All of our participation in community events, the time spent making blankets, baskets, helping families, women and children, shopping for food or just shopping (for our cause). It all makes a difference. Thank you for the time spent in planning, preparation, communication and the execution our many activities.

I am happy to announce that our club is already on board with Golden West Region's call for ONE Mission. A sad fact brought up at the Leadership training was that a number of girls and women who apply for one of our programs is turned down every year. I truly believe that we can be part of the solution by Making More Opportunities for women & girls to receive Education and have mentors to help equip them with power & purpose. If we could turn that \$25,000 into \$30,000 or \$40,000 or \$50,000, just think of how many more lives we could touch. **If every member invited one new person to become a member, 25 becomes 50.** In a month we will kick off our 2017-2018 year to **Make More Opportunities.** It was a pleasure to serve you this past year and I look forward to serving you in our new year. Wishing you all an enjoyable rest of your summer!

President Nina



## Our Signature Programs for 2017-18 are in full swing...

### Dream It/Be It

Beginning Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Pat Box will lead SI Moreno Valley into its second year of this signature program "Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls" which will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. "Dream It, Be It" targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. The topics to be covered include the following:

**Location: Bayside Community Day School**

**Class time 11:09-12:09 50 Minutes per Session**

**Session 1: Discovering Your Dreams (September 13: Facilitator= Pat Box)**

**Session 2: Exploring Careers (October 11: Facilitator=Ruth Salley)**

**Session 3: Creating Achievable Goals (November 8: Facilitator=Shirley Y Morgan)**

**Session 4: Rising Above Obstacles (December 13: Facilitator=Nina Thomas)**

**Session 5: Turning Failure into Success (January 10: Facilitator=LaDonna Jempson)**

**Session 6: Balancing Your Stress (February 14: Facilitator=Denise Fleming)**

**Session 7: Putting Dreams into Action (March 14: Facilitator=Sandy Ferguson)**

If you relate to any of these topics and would like to assist the facilitator by providing your testimony to these young ladies, please contact Pat Box at [patbox1@verizon.net](mailto:patbox1@verizon.net).



**PLEASE SHARE!!**

### Live Your Dream Awards

The Live Your Dream Awards program (formally known as Women's Opportunity Awards program) is the Soroptimist major women's education project. Through the program, clubs assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program and must demonstrate financial need.

The application period each year is from July 1-November 15.

Go to [www.simorenovalley.org](http://www.simorenovalley.org) for more information and the application.

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with 2 of the 2016 winners.



Judy Vasquez, previous LYD award recipient and current club member, looks proudly over Devin, 2017 Winner.



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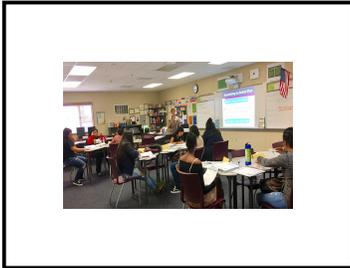
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**Calendar of Events:**

Breakfast meetings will resume on **September 13th**. Although your attendance at all meetings is encouraged, let us help you remember the weekly topics. ALL of our meetings are held on Wednesdays from 7:00am-8:00am in the following order:

**B**-Board Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**B**-Business Meeting-2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**S**-Speakers-3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (If you know of someone whose mission is in line with ours, provide the contact information to Sandy Ferguson [sjferg26@msn.com](mailto:sjferg26@msn.com))

**S**-SOLT Training- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month, there will be no meeting.

**2017**

October 7<sup>th</sup>: "Quartermania" 5-9pm Pre-sale tickets only \$25.00  
20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Fall Training meeting in Hemet

November 4<sup>th</sup>: "Shop for the Cause" 10-4pm Tickets only \$20.00  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Festival of Trees

December Date TBD Salvation Army Kettle Competition

**2018**

January 31st Membership "Meet and Greet" 6pm

March 10<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show at MV Senior Center

June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Spring Conference at Pala Casino/Resort in Temecula  
We are Co-hosts so all hands on deck

Do you have time to put together a fleece tie blanket for the Moreno Valley Police Department to give to frightened children during accidents and arrests? Easy to do from home. Kits will be provided. 40 need completion. Contact Ardith at [biggrammy214@gmail.com](mailto:biggrammy214@gmail.com)



Many thanks to DeAnn Harned, Ardith Turner and Caroline Lyons who just returned from "Kids Kingdom" Orphanage in Maneadero, Mexico. We provide \$1000 support and school supplies to the children there annually.

Know that our club is appreciated by many!

**Do you know where your membership dues go?**

SIA annual member dues-\$70.00  
New members, one time- \$10.00  
SIA training - \$ 5.00  
Liability Insurance - \$ 3.00  
Founders pennies - \$ 5.76  
GWR regional dues - \$31.00

Annual Club payment for Spring Conference - \$100.00

Breakfast meeting-\$35.00 per month additional. If you do not intend to eat each week, this fee is waived. We want you to attend these meetings. Don't allow this fee to prevent you from coming. This is money paid to Brandon's Diner for allowing us to meet there.

SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICE

*FACEBOOK-POST BETWEEN 8-9AM, 1:00-2:00PM, 4:30-6PM  
AND 9:30-11:00PM FOR MOST VISIBILITY-UP TO 3X/DAY*