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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 transforms the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

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
2017-18 SIR President

Just like it is officially Spring but the weather is not there yet, we are getting closer to the end of another great year but we are not done yet!

As we are wrapping up the Valentine Dessert Auction and Live Your Dream Conference, we have had very little time to celebrate our success.

But I know a great way to celebrate. Make your reservations for the 70th Anniversary Dinner at the Mission Inn. The committee is busy planning and finalizing all the

details for the event on April 12th. This is truly a great thing and a great way to celebrate!

Just think about it for a minute. 70 years ago 18 women just like you and me got together to try to make a difference in the lives of women and girls. The women have changed and the mission has evolved and changed but we are still women serving our community and the world.

Thank you to Tillie Soliz, Lynn Secina, JoAnn Moore and Chris Deviny for volunteering to be on the nominating committee. Please consider serving in one of the board positions and don't wait to be asked. If you want to serve please reach out to someone on the committee. If you are not on the board, please remember every member is valuable. We have plenty of jobs to go around.

Edmund Burek said, "*Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do little.*"

And Sydney Smith said, "*It is the greatest mistake of all to do nothing because you can only do little.*"

So don't think that just because you are not on the board or you are not a committee chair that we do not need you. Everything you do and any thing you do for the club is greatly needed and appreciated.

Janet Payton
SI Riverside President



APRIL 2018



- 3 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 7 **WORLD HEALTH DAY**
- 10 **SI RIVERSIDE RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**
- 12 **SI RIVERSIDE 70TH ANNIVERSARY AND SALUTE TO SERVICE DINNER**
Mission Inn, Riverside
- 22 **INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**
- 24 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

MAY 2018



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- 8 **BUSINESS MEETING**
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- 15 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES**

- 22 **PROGRAM MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

DATES TO REMEMBER



June 7-9, 2018
GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE AND SOROPTIMIST SUMMIT
"Soroptimist Soaring: Discovering, Dreaming and Exploring"
Pala Casino Spa Resort
Pala, California

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

October 5-6, 2018
DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING
Hosted by SI Riverside

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.

**MARCH 22, 2018
INTERNATIONAL
EARTH DAY**



International Earth Day is celebrated to remind each of us that the earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance.

It also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.

International Earth Day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

The theme for 2018 is "End Plastic Pollution."

Education is the foundation for progress. We need to build a global citizenry fluent in the concepts of climate change and aware of its unprecedented threat to our planet. We need to

empower everyone with the knowledge to inspire action in defense of environmental protection.

Environmental and climate literacy is the engine not only for creating green voters and advancing environmental and climate laws and policies but also for accelerating green technologies and jobs.

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
OF THE AMERICAS**

sisterhood powerful
inspiration opportunity
dream it be it award empowerment
friendship girls support education
respect community
make a difference RESOURCES

Soroptimist Dream Programs

"Empowerment" is a word we hear often, but what exactly does it mean for women and girls? Simply put, women are empowered when they are free to act in their own best interest.

Soroptimist International of the Americas improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. We work for a world where women and girls have the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

Social and economic empowerment are closely intertwined. Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being and when they can have a voice in the financial decisions that shape their lives and the lives of their families. Women are socially empowered when they have a personal sense of autonomy,

self-confidence and the power to control their private and public lives. Women's social and economic empowerment is necessary for successful and healthy women and girls, as well as families and communities.

The Soroptimist Dream Programs, Live Your Dream Awards and Dream It, Be It, are dedicated to helping women and girls achieve social and economic empowerment.



Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women

Since 1972, Soroptimists have been empowering women through The Live Your Dream Awards. Live Your Dream Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families. The program gives them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. Recipients have typically overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse. They may use their award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or training, such as books, childcare and transportation.



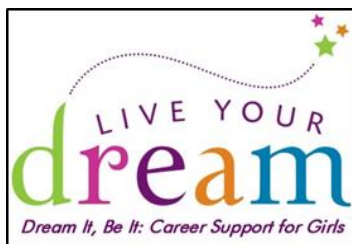
Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls

Dream It, Be It joins the Live Your Dream Awards as Soroptimist

International of the Americas' cornerstone programs. This program 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. Soroptimist clubs in 20 countries and territories work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures.

From Soroptimist International of the Americas website:
www.soroptimistinternational.org

**MARCH 3, 2018
 LIVE YOUR DREAM
 DREAM IT, BE IT
 CONFERENCE**



To all my wonderful Soroptimist Sisters:

Our Live Your Dream Conference was held on March 3, 2018, at Riverside Community College. In spite of the cold weather and rain, 137 7th and 8th grade girls attended the conference and it was a huge success.

Special thanks to you folks who were really the glue that brought it all together: Jeanne Hatcher, Ellen Clizbe, Chris Deviny, Carolyn Kegarice, Carol Allain,

Michelle Paradise, JoAnn Moore and Judy Pekarek.

Thanks also to:

Jana Cook, who did a great job at bringing the goals to life.

Michelle Paradise for sharing your inspirational story and making life "real" and helping us to focus on what goals we have and the way we should live our lives.

Kathy Michalak, as always, the Emcee with the mostest! Way to make the girls feel comfortable.

Vickie Hightower for the beautiful and thoughtful bracelets for each attendee.

Anh Nguyen and the members who contributed for making the backpacks full of goodies to make the event memorable.

Our wonderful hosts at Riverside City College. What an awesome venue!

And everyone else I did not mention who got up early in the rain yesterday to help, helped behind the scenes to coordinate EVERYTHING and make this memorable for the young attendees.

Every SIR member should be proud of yourselves and your club! Live Your Dream might be a Soroptimist "thing," but we started it first!

God has blessed us beyond belief and that we can help others in their journey is truly a gift.

Thank you to all of you. I'm proud to be among the "chosen few!"

Annamarie Megrdichian
 LYD Chair







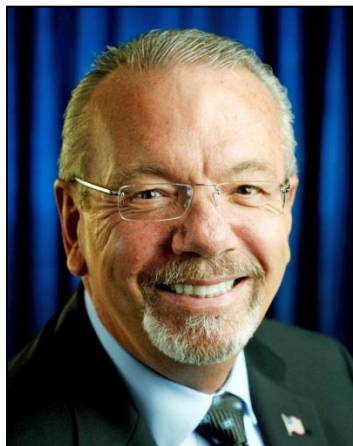




THANK YOU TO OUR LIVE YOUR DREAM SPONSORS



Thank you to **BANK OF AMERICA** for sponsoring our Live Your Dream Conference and thank you to Rocio Montejano (on right), Bank of America Senior Vice President Operations Market Manager, for volunteering to be a panelist at the conference.



Thank you to **SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE**, County of Riverside Second District, for sponsoring our Live Your Dream Conference.

COMMENTS FROM 7TH AND 8TH GRADE LIVE YOUR DREAM ATTENDEES

1. I have never been somewhere that has inspired me so much that I can't wait to achieve my dreams.
2. I liked hearing all the speakers talk about how they got to their career goal. I loved coming to the conference. It was amazing!
3. Never end this amazing program. It will benefit a lot of girls and give them an idea into what to become.
4. What amazing, confident women. I wish I could have asked more questions.
5. It was GREAT and I'm glad I came.
6. I loved this conference and I learned a lot from it.
7. This conference was so inspiring to me. It absolutely was beneficial for me to think about choosing a career and college.
8. I loved this conference. This really encouraged me and made me think more about my future!
9. This conference really helped me realize that I can believe in my dreams.
10. This was life changing and tons of fun.
11. It was so inspiring how every speaker told us their background story and then telling us not to give up.

12. Thank you for putting this together for us girls. I really appreciated it all.
13. I loved these panels. They definitely inspired me to do my best and to achieve what I can.
14. I learned to DREAM BIG!
15. I loved this experience and this experience has really changed my mind and now I think that I know what to do with my life.
16. I liked how much self-confidence they had and it made me want to have self-confidence.
17. Everything was amazing and I truly wish I could come back next year.
18. I really enjoyed the fact that I was exposed to many new things.
19. Being there made me feel more comfortable with my future career path.
20. Everyone boosted my confidence!
21. Keep doing this event because you give every girl a chance to believe in herself.
22. What I liked most about the conference was the encouragement and inspiration each of the women gave me.
23. I wish I would be able to come back next year. You guys are amazing, and I loved it.
24. I am grateful I was offered this opportunity.
25. I was really inspired to continue following my goals and one day to make them a reality, not just a dream.
26. This was a very inspiring day for me.

27. Very good information and inspirational conference. It was also fun and exciting, and I am so glad I attended!
28. Amazing conference. It helped me figure out future professions that I am now considering.

MARCH 6, 2018 DELIVERY OF THE "BATTLE OF THE BAKERS" AWARDS

On March 6th, SI Riverside members Ellen Clizbe and Carol Allain visited each of the winning bakers in our Valentine Dessert Auction Battle of the Bakers and presented them with award plaques and ribbons.



ISABELLA'S CUPCAKES AND MORE

- GRAND PRIZE - BEST OF SHOW
- BEST THEMED DESSERT
- BEST NON-CHOCOLATE CAKE
- BEST CUPCAKE



JAMMIN BREAD

- MOST DELICIOUS
- HONORARY TASTER'S CHOICE



CREME DE LA CREME BAKERY

- BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE



VICTORIA CLUB

- PEOPLE'S CHOICE

**MARCH 15, 2018
PRESENTATION OF LIVE
YOUR DREAM
EDUCATION & TRAINING
AWARD**



Soroptimist International of Riverside member Kathleen Parra presented a check for \$500 to our club's Live Your Dream Education & Training Award winner Kenia Rosales. The total award is for \$1,500 and Kenia will receive the remaining \$1,000 at SI Riverside's 70th Anniversary and Salute to Service dinner on April 12th at the Mission Inn.

The Live Your Dream Education & Training Award is Soroptimist's major service project. The award (formerly called the Women's Opportunity Award) was established in 1972 to assist women entering or re-entering the workforce in obtaining the education and skills training they need to improve their employment status.

These awards are designed to give women heads of household who provide the primary source of financial support for their families the opportunity to achieve their career goals, an opportunity they have not previously had because of economic or social barriers or personal circumstances. The Live Your Dream Education & Training Award is for women who are attending or have been accepted to a vocational/skills

training program or an undergraduate degree program.

**MARCH 23, 2018
VISIT WITH SOROPTIMIST
FROM AUSTRIA**



SI Riverside members Jeanne Hatcher, Ellen Clizbe, Janet Payton, Debbie Ferraro, Lynn Secina, Chris Deviny and Karin Roberts visited with Heidi Oswald (front row left).

Heidi is a member of our Friendship Link club in Austria, SI Sudburgenland Stegersbach. She presented SI Riverside with a 70th Anniversary gift of \$170 from her club and a beautiful card signed by all of the members.

Heidi is visiting Southern California with her husband Thomas and we were thrilled that she took time from her busy schedule to visit with SI Riverside members.

**MARCH 27, 2018
INDUCTION OF NEW
MEMBER**



Membership Chair Lynn Secina with new member Debi Sullivan

Debi Sullivan was inducted into SI Riverside on March 27th. Debi

is a realtor with Realty One Group Champions. She contacted SI Riverside through our Facebook page and when provided with further information, decided that SI Riverside would be a good fit for her.

We are thrilled to have Debi in our club and we will definitely put her many talents to use on club projects.

**WELCOME,
DEBI!**

**APRIL 12, 2018
70TH ANNIVERSARY AND
SALUTE TO SERVICE
DINNER**



The time is growing closer for our 70th Anniversary Celebration and Salute to Service, which will be held at the Mission Inn in the Grand Parisian Ballroom on Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

Invitations have all been mailed out and seats for this "not to be missed" event are still available. We are looking forward to welcoming Alice Wells, past president of SI and SIA, as our keynote speaker.

We will also be honoring our Gold Key Award winner, Jane Carney, who has been a tireless volunteer in our community for many years.

In addition, we will be awarding two Live Your Dream Education and Training Awards to very

deserving women and two Student Volunteer Awards as well.

Please help us celebrate by registering for this event today and invite your friends.

Lynn Scecina
70th Anniversary Chair

JUNE 7-9, 2018 GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE



2018 GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE AND SOROPTIMIST SUMMIT

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Come to the second annual Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education. Wondering how to understand the link between achieving dreams and education? Work with a panel of local experts to learn easy ways to improve the educational status of your community. Collaborate with educational and business leaders: Tina Loza, Jennifer O'Farrell, Jessie Fuller, Chriaco "Cid" Pinedo, Ed.D. and Mike Stull.

Wine Cave appetizers and tasting. Join the recognition of our 2016-2018 Golden West Region committee members and express your thanks for their hard

work. Enjoy having the time to visit with fellow Soroptimists in a fun, relaxing setting. Everyone is invited.

Keep an eye out for these amazing women. Meet our visitors from Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. We are so excited to welcome our official SIA visitor, Director Sherry Pearson and our SIA President, Dawn Marie Lemonds, to our Spring Conference. What a wonderful opportunity to visit with them and discuss our amazing organization and your role in our success.

Listen to five Spring Conference keynote speakers: Marcia Zielinski, Jennifer O'Farrell, Monica Green, SIA Director Sherry Pearson and SIA President Dawn Marie Lemonds.

Enjoy Spring Conference workshop presentations from: Dana Osborne, Marcy Decato, Marcia Zielinski, Margie Burke, Laurie Moses, Mandy Mann, Rene Myers, Paula Adkins, Karen Saelens and Betsy Kregar.

You will be electing them then attending the Installation of the 2018-2020 Golden West Region Board of Directors. The theme is Denim & Diamonds - Blingy not western. Celebrate Governor-elect Lori Reed as she is installed as your governor and celebrate our newly elected GWR Officers and District Directors who make up your 2018-2020 GWR Board.

Visit the amazing Temecula Wine Country with fellow Soroptimists. Jump on the bus at the Pala Casino Spa Resort and visit four wineries with your friends. Lunch is included. You can leave your bags at Pala check-out. What a wonderful way to end your weekend and continue to enjoy celebrating Soroptimists.

The Call to Spring Conference is now available on the Golden West Region website:

www.goldenwestregion.org

Please let Treasurer Debbie Ferraro know if you will be attending the conference and which meals you will need. We have money in the club budget to share among Spring Conference attendees and after all members have signed up, Treasurer Debbie will let you know how much you owe.

Please make your own hotel reservations at the Pala Casino Spa Resort. Reservation information is in the Call to Conference.

Please let Treasurer Debbie know by MONDAY, MAY 14th, if you will be attending Spring Conference.

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING



Inspire Life Skills Training 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. For a while now, Soroptimist International of Riverside has supported the Inspire house located on Luther in Riverside by providing the young women in residence with hot meals, treats, gifts, groceries, supplies and anything else that comes to mind.

Inspire does much more than provide housing for former foster and homeless youth. Inspire prepares the youth for future success. As you may know, Inspire youth are required to attend school, either college or a trade school, and work part-time while in the program. Inspire youth also pay nominal rent which helps them get ready for the realities of the "real world"

and requires them to create and stick to a budget.

In addition, students are required to attend "life skills classes" twice a month. Such classes include: budgeting, career guidance, sexual harassment and rape prevention, cooking, interview skills, resume writing, emotional health, self-defense, etiquette, healthy eating and proper cleaning techniques.

If you would like to contribute directly to the Luther house, they are always in need of everyday items such as cleaning supplies, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper), personal hygiene items and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The residents are very busy with school and work so please call the Resident Assistant Breana at (303) 501-0312 and she will coordinate with you to make sure someone is home to accept your donation.

Vicki Hightower
Inspire Chair



Amirah, a resident at Luther House, celebrated her 20th birthday on March 22nd. Here she is with a birthday gift delivered to her by SI Riverside member Vickie Wheeler.

SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



JULY 2015

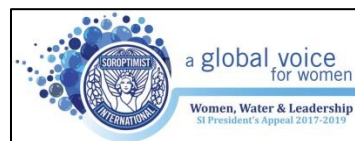


Soroptimist International of Riverside has supported the SafeHouse Transitional Living Program for the last several years. We have provided financial assistance, furniture, clothing, equipment, holiday parties, craft projects and speakers in areas of interest to the residents such as interviewing skills, budgeting and cooking.

In July 2015, after speaking to Ann Miller, Director of the Program, it was decided that SI Riverside would provide bikes which could provide safer transportation than walking for residents attending school and/or working, especially at night.

When the eight bikes were delivered, the looks on both the residents and staff's faces really said it all. The stories of the residents of the Transitional Living Program are sad but real and their appreciation is immense and genuine.

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



WOMEN, WATER & LEADERSHIP

The 2017-19 International President's Appeal supports projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and education needed to manage water resources and gain careers in water related professions.



WATER IS LIFE:

Safe, accessible water is crucial to preserving life. Water fuels our bodies, cleans our homes and clothes, drives industry, generates energy and irrigates the crops which feed the population. Growth in the world's population and industrialization, together with climate change and demographic shifts, all lead to an increased demand for water.

Annually, four billion people experience severe water scarcity. Additionally, 663 million people lack ready access to improved sources of drinking water (World Water Development Report 2016). Women and girls are disproportionately affected. Instead of earning an income or attending school, they are forced to be the primary water carriers for their families.

By uniting the four Soroptimist Federations, "Women, Water and Leadership" seeks to reach the goal of raising £350,000 over two years, empowering at least 500 women to be self-supporting and to enable and educate at least 100 women to move into leadership.



WATER AND WOMEN:

It is increasingly accepted that women should play an important role in water management. Women are experts, agents of change and perform an important role in achieving equitable access to water for all, and for all uses. Despite positive steps taken in past decades, the potential contributions of women in water development remain largely untapped, inhibiting women's economic empowerment.

Of the millions of paid water-related jobs worldwide, currently less than 17% of the positions are filled by women. Their expertise, if harnessed through education and empowerment, could position women as effective leaders.

WHAT CAN SOROPTIMISTS DO TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL?

Soroptimists are invited to support "Women, Water & Leadership," once again joining with the SI membership around the world for a common goal. Clubs or members can make a donation through their own Federation or you might hold a fundraiser and use social media and websites to create awareness.

At least five projects will be supported on five continents that educate, empower and enable women and girls to lead in water and embrace the UN Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs), and the targets set out in SDG 6: Water and sanitation, SDG 4: Education, and SDG 5: Gender Equality.

The President's Appeal will promote the inclusion of women in water resource governance as experts and leaders during all phases of the projects. Women will be equally involved in decision-making throughout the entire project cycle, from education and capacity building, through to design, implementation and monitoring.

The President's Appeal seeks to reach the goal of raising £350,000 over two years and to have improved, sustainable, accessible and affordable water products and services on five continents. The projects will empower at least 500 women to be self-supporting.

The first project to be supported is "Improving access to agricultural information, clean energy and water to achieve better food security for 500 women farmers in Kenya, Africa."



Five hundred women farmers in the Nakuru, Kilifi, Kisumu and Machakos counties, require education and vocational training to manage their farms effectively and to ensure food security, particularly as the water supply in their areas is scarce.

Through training and capacity building, the women will be exposed to better and modern farming structures, helping them move on from subsistence farming to growing crops and raising livestock sufficient only for one's own use and to commercial farming. The women will be supported throughout the transition.

The President's Appeal will afford women the opportunity to be empowered to improve the food security of their families and their community, whilst contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, on the challenges of poverty, food security; access to water; gender equality and environment worldwide.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Karin Roberts - 24th
Casey Angulo - 26th



APRIL CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Karin Roberts
4-1-2000

Lynn Scecina
4-26-2011

JoAnn Moore
4-1-2015

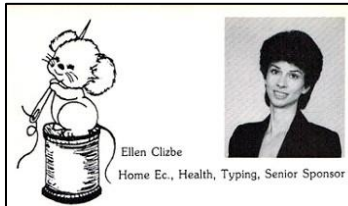
MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Carol Allain shared an article from shutterstock.com on "101 Color Combinations to Inspire Your Next Design" and added the comment: "Wonderful color combinations!"



Pam Bradford posted: "He did it again! Grandson Braden finally filled his Batman bank with the change that I bring him each time I babysit. On Saturday Grandma Pam and Braden took a trip to Target to buy a new toy and when we got home, Braden posed for me with his special purchase."



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a photo posted by Dan E. Roberts: "Chisholm Trail Academy Faculty 1985."



Jana Cook posted: "Awesome run in Tustin through the blimp hanger. 17 stories high wood structure without any center support. And I got to do it with

Cousin Karen England and my devoted hubby, Mr. Bill."



Susan Exon was tagged in a post by Arie Gold: "Had an awesome day hosting a local elementary school at our law school. Thanks to all those who helped and proud to have La Verne Law host such great events."



Edith Gingerich was tagged in a post by Carri Wingard: "Celebrating our special friend Edith's birthday. You have been an amazing friend for so many years. May the years to come bring you much joy and blessings. We love you."



Caroline Leach posted: "Our time in Scotland so far has been

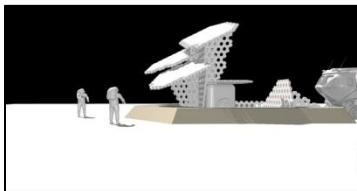
fun, adventurous and lazy. We drove to Inverness to see the standing stones. Stayed at a lovely Inn on the River Ness. We visited Sterling but got there an hour before the castle closed. The past several days we have been hit with the worst storm in 50 years. Good thing we stocked up on food but no TV or Wi-Fi. I decided to hibernate. Yesterday Russ was able to dig us out of the snow with a dust pan. I guess once a Marine, always a Marine."



Vicki Hightower posted:
"David came to visit grandma."



Annamarie Megrdichian is going to an event on June 2nd, Habitat for Humanity Over the Edge.



Anh Nguyen posted a photo:
Winner in the Joan B. Calambokidis Innovation in Masonry Competition, "Architectural/Engineering Firm" category.



Kathy Michalak posted: "Today I met some amazing California women doing wonderful things. So proud to be recognized with them. Thank you Senator Richard Roth for the honor of being your first Woman of the Year for Senate District 31. Proud to be "the plank!"



Michelle Paradise shared a memory from February 27, 2013: "I love, love this memory. Last game of school soccer team and they won 7-1 with my girls each making 2 goals. Best part was when Sam did the assist to one of Sophia's goals and Sophia went running into Sam's arms! Great moment."



Kathleen Parra posted:
"Peacefully 39 years we celebrate today. Ponte in Temecula the best!"



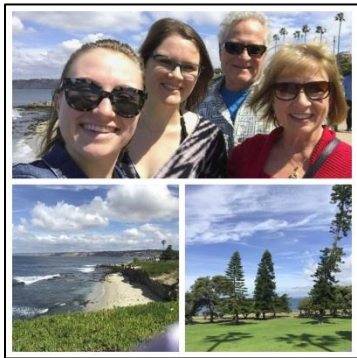
Janet Payton posted:
"A wonderful anniversary celebration at the best restaurant in Riverside."



Judy Pekarek shared a funny snapshot from Inner Strength's video.



Linda Robertson shared a post by Julie Ford: "Two painted ladies at Martha McLean Park."



Lynn Scecina posted: "Beautiful day in La Jolla celebrating Tina's birthday."



Debi Sullivan was tagged in a post by Lenore Rice: "Four broads having fun at the Mission Inn."



Colleen Walker posted: "Tonight is very bittersweet. We closed Sister Act after 12 amazing sold out performances. I was so proud to share the stage with my good friends, Erin and Morgana. We first met at Palm Canyon Theatre 14 years ago. Sisters, you rock!"

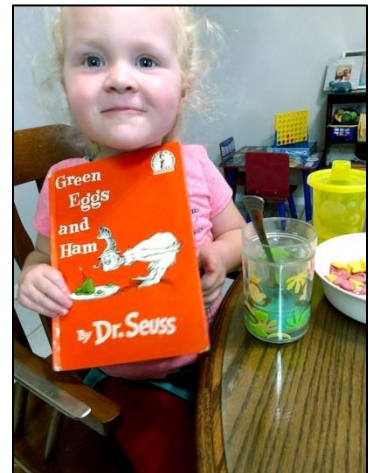


Lisa Williams posted: "Another beautiful day!"

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



Karin Roberts and her husband David visited past SIR president Bernie Titus and her husband Tim in Seattle, Washington.



Vickie Wheeler participated in "Read Across America Day," a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids and books. Vickie's granddaughter Audrey does not like eggs of any color but green milk was lots of fun.

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