



PLAN AHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PALM DESERT, JUNE 2018

-Doris Churry, Editor

“TEAMWORK HAS MADE THE DREAM WORK!” Thank You President Becky and SIPD Board Members

So Many Thank Yous for a Satisfying Year!

Thank you Governor Penny for your inspiration and for contributing to our 2017-18 SIPD Club year, “MISSION POSSIBLE” has been accomplished

Atta Girl Cathy for your hard work in securing eight GREAT speakers

- Chris Dentice CVRM, Hope for Homeless Women in our Valley
- Palm Desert Mayor Jan Harnik, State of the City
- Kim Richards, Macy Personal Shopper, Simply YOUR Holiday Wardrobe tips
- SIPD Past President, Deborah Glickman, City of Palm Desert Public Art
- Officer Heather Olsen, Cathedral City Police Department update on Human Trafficking in the Valley
- Demi Antoinette Mazingo, Esq. GWR Board Nominee
- Liz Glowka, Soroptimist at United Nations
- Dallas Williams, Family YMCA of the Desert, Programs for Women and Girls
- May SHOH Clients, CVRM Graduate Erin Jones, Chris Dentice CVRM

Every speaker was an inspiration to our members; learning is powerful.

What did we accomplish this year? I'm glad you asked, check us out

1. Club Visitation Hemet/San Jacinto Valley
2. CVRM Movie/Pizza at the Mission



3. 600 NEW Bras and Panties, and over 60 gently used bras were donated to SHOH and CVRM
4. SHOH Client's Mountain Escape with Ella, lunch, hike and a Big Bear Lake Boat Tour
5. Over 30 purses were donated with personal size hygiene items for the CV Homeless Women
6. “Santa Surprises” highlighted our Holiday Luncheon at the CVRM with the Women

in the Gateway Program. Homeless last year, on a path to a better life in 2018. Homeless for the Holidays no more.

7. Keys of HOPE, so many tears as the Women received their own key inscribed with their personal word of hope, thank you Ella for contributing this gift for the gals.
8. Marie Newton's Holiday auction, SUCCESS best describes this fun holiday gathering.
9. Soroptimist New Member Sign Up Margarita Party at Cambria Gallery on El Paseo was a fun night, definitely a "Do Over".
10. Proclamation honoring SIPD for our work in promoting Human Trafficking Awareness, presented to President Becky by PD Mayor, Sabby Jonathan
11. Mrs. Parson's - We picked this up from GWR 2017 Spring Conference. Many of our members were motivated to submit their stories for our SIPD PLAN AHEAD newsletter this year answering the question, "Who is Your Mrs. Parsons?"
12. SIPD has a Blogger, Lori's Whirled Blog is always a must read, thank you Lori.
13. Night at the Races experienced a 40%

increase in attendance, good job Betsy and Claudia.

14. Our New Club Charter Committee was abandoned, perhaps to be revived another year. Thanks to our committee for pursuing the possibilities.
15. Atta Girl Doris. Persistence paid off with an unrestricted \$5,000 grant from Trilogy Foundation.
16. SHOH Shower was FUN, complete bedding sets were gifted to the House, Atta Girl, Ella for your shopping expertise
17. SIPD Senior Tea at Joslyn Senior Center. Such a lovely event
18. Mission Catering experienced a 30% increase in business, because we stepped out of our comfortable, tablecloth and service luncheon to a no-frills, self-serve catered lunch. Atta Girl to all our members for embracing a money-saving change that empowered us to use our funds for SERVICE Projects.

I hope you enjoyed our SIPD 2017-2018 club year.

I'm so glad we've had this time together, to share a cause and a smile.....

-President Becky





SOROPTIMIST JUNE CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 11:30am

SIPD INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Betsy Kreger, President

Desert Falls Country Club

1111 Desert Falls Parkway, Palm Desert

Gloria Hill, Past GWR Governor, Installing Officer

June 7-8-9, 2018

GOLDEN WEST REGION

SPRING CONFERENCE

All members encouraged to attend!

PALA RESORT in Temecula area

See President Becky about last minute arrangements

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

No meeting today Ladies

See you at

President Betsy's Retreat in July TBA!



TENTATIVE SCHEDULING

SIPD PRESIDENT'S RETREAT

July TBA

Golden West Region

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

July 13-14, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, Phoenix AZ

HOSTED BY GOVERNOR LORI REED

"Engage Your Passion"



SOROPTIMIST'S 45TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN JULY 30-AUGUST 2, 2018

TENTATIVE SCHEDULING

SIPD SUMMER SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

New SIPD club year begins in September

SABBY JONATHAN, MAYOR

City of Palm Desert

"Current State of Palm Desert"

Desert Falls Country Club

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING
...DIFFERENT?

Calvin Klein
ck



A
PURSE
PARTY!



WHEN: Thursday, November 1 @ 5pm

WHERE: 72550 Greenbriar Lane, Palm Desert
760 565 6947 or 619 823 9591

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Lots of fun!

Some beautiful purses at very reasonable prices

All purses are donated and 100% of proceeds go to our club

Start collecting purses from your family, friends and neighbors and feel free to drop them off with Janice or Marie

Would prefer to have these bags far in advance

Most purses will be priced but there may be some that will be presented as a silent auction item

Would like volunteers to bring appetizer or wine/beverage – please let us know what you can do

Bring a guest(s) and let them know that the price of admission is either \$5.00 or a donated purse(s)

SAVE THE DATE!

-Marie, Janice and Betsy

CHANEL



COACH



Soroptimist House of Hope

-Marilyn Alt, Director



Our Soroptimist International of Palm Desert club affirmed its FY2017-2018 donation of \$3,000 to Soroptimist House of Hope. Shown presenting the oversized check to Trish Klimkiewicz, president of the SHOH Board of Directors and Dot Reed, founder and past president of the board who has continuously served on the board since SHOH was established 37 years ago, is Marilyn Alt, a board of directors member for the past 15 years herself and member of Soroptimist International of Palm Desert.

The Soroptimist House of Hope, established in 1981, is a residential recovery home in Desert Hot Springs for women seeking recovery from alcohol and drug addictions and a second, transitional living, home in Beaumont. SHOH is licensed and certified by the State of California, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

We are proud to say that SIPD has been a Patron Club since inception!

SPRING CONFERENCE

- GWR spring conference convenes in the Temecula area at the Pala Casino and Resort for the first time.
- Kicking off the conference agenda is a Summit on the status of education.
- Thursday night is Governor's Appreciation night and she will be giving out recognition for the women having served our region over the biennium.
- This year's SIA president, Dawn Marie Lemons is the federation representative and she will be mingling freely and will also bring us one of the several keynotes speeches about Soroptimist.
- There will be much to learn and enjoy in the variety of presentations over the event; numbers of informative workshops will also be held.
- It's GWR election year and we will vote for the slate of officers for the new biennium, to be led by incoming Governor Lori Reed.
- At the end of the conference the highlight will be the installation of officers to be inducted for the 2018-2020 biennium, with a Denim and Diamonds theme for the evening's and conference's wrapup.

Throughout we will all enjoy many opportunities to rekindle old friendships and establish new ones. Awards will be given and honors bestowed. Fun will permeate the entire experience and as usual, it will be an enjoyable and rewarding time well spent for Soroptimist!

Attending and representing SI Palm Desert this year:

President Becky – will run for District 2 Director
DONA Margaret

Liz – on the ballot for Secretary

Barbara – appointed to serve as GWR Fundraising

Betsy – Presenting on DI * BI

Doris - Delegate

Plenty of room in the car ride and at the hotel for anyone who wants to attend!



Soroptimist International of Palm Desert

Installation of 2018-2019 Officers



"Helping Women and Girls Reach Their Dreams"



Installing Officer – *DONA* Gloria Hill, Past GWR Governor

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 11:30 am – 1 pm, \$20 per person

Desert Falls Country Club

1111 Desert Falls Parkway, Palm Desert

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

President – Betsy Kreger

Secretary – Mary Kay Berlier

Treasurer – Doris Churry

Past President Director – Cathy Brown

Service Director – Janice Heronema

Membership Director – Becky Goebel

Fundraising Directors – Rose Mary Jameson and Christine Duranceau

RSVP by June 1 to Betsy Kreger - 760-408-3100 or duhbets@earthlink.net

The SMALLEST thing ...

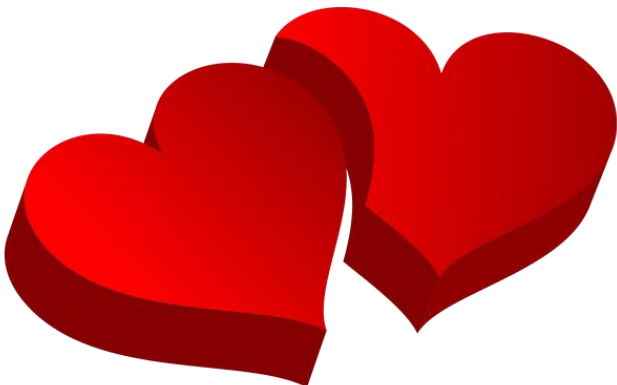


IS making a difference!

-Ella Manor

Members of SIPD were all asked to save our white bottle caps, and look what happened. And there are more. Each cap stands for a minute of dialysis at Loma Linda University Medical Center Hospital. What a great outcome.

I was made aware that for every clear plastic water bottle cap the Loma Linda Hospital gave one minute to a patient on dialysis. Our SIPD club members and member businesses, a local church, a third grade class in Cathedral City, and a special education class in Mecca all started saving. We have collected several thousand caps and will continue to save them for the patients to receive needed treatments.



Our personal service project last summer was hosting the clients and a staff member from Soroptimist House of Hope, our club sponsored agency where women stay to recover from chemical and alcohol dependency. We invited them all for a day in the beautiful San Bernardino mountains.

They arrived in Big Bear in time for a nature hike before lunch. Lunch was served and a local successful businesswoman told about her recovery.

After lunch they were treated to a two-hour boat trip on beautiful Big Bear Lake before returning to Desert Hot Springs.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In addition to the above two personal projects which Ella Manor took on and spearheaded this year, she donated key charms to CVRM, shopped for SHOH bedding and also invited us all to her home for a lunch meeting al fresco. Before leaving, Lyn took a proper picture of us adorning their shiny new "toy".



"You shall be known by the company you keep." If so, then I'm hanging around with Ella!

5 Car Buying Mistakes People Make

-Cathy Brown

Good financial advice includes not only making smart investment decisions, but also smart money decisions. Other than real estate, the most expensive purchase that most people make is their car.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, American households spend about \$500 per month on buying, maintaining and insuring their cars and trucks. That's \$360,000 over a typical 60 year adulthood!

Here are some costly errors that you should avoid:



1. **Paying Cash for a Car**—While I am not faulting the logic of wanting to own a car free and clear, with interest rates very low and loan approval chances very high, now is an ideal time to finance a vehicle with borrowed money. Use the cash to pay off higher interest debt or invest for longer-term goals (hopefully at higher rates than what you're borrowing at).
2. **Buying Used Instead of New**—We all know that used vehicles are generally less expensive than new and likely will depreciate more slowly, but new vehicles have several advantages. First, new vehicles are less likely to need costly repairs and they're usually covered under the warranty. Second, the loan terms for new cars are generally longer (thus lowering the payment) and many times have lower interest rates. Finally, safety features and technology on new vehicles vs. even cars of a few years old can be striking.
3. **Buying Instead of Leasing**—Especially if you're financing the car, leasing may make more sense than buying. When you lease, you're only financing the amount of

the vehicle depreciation over the time you're planning on keeping it, so you normally get a smaller payment. Or, you could probably afford a more expensive car than if you buy. Leasing makes the most sense for people that want to drive a new car every 3-4 years. If you keep your cars longer, buying is still probably a better choice.

4. **Paying with a Home Equity Line of Credit**. Some people like the convenience of using an existing line of credit. It may have made sense in the past, but HELOC interest is no longer tax deductible unless you use it for home improvement, so then the decision should be based on the cheapest money rates available. These days, rates on auto loans are typically cheaper than HELOC loans, so you should check with the auto company, your credit union or bank to find out their rates before you automatically go to your available credit.
5. **Paying More for Fuel Efficiency**—Many people are interested in fuel efficient, hybrid or electric vehicles to help the environment and their pocketbooks. Unfortunately, these vehicles are many times more expensive than other less fuel efficient vehicles. Depending on how much you drive each year, factor in the initial cost and you may find that you're better off with the less fuel efficient vehicle.





THE TRAVELLING SOROPTIMIST!

Rhythms of the Resort

-Susan Browne Rosenberg

We decided to plan a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, after returning from a trip to Mexicali with Jess' Rotary club in January. Our neighbors



to the south rely heavily on tourism and trade with the American people and we chose to show our support of the Mexican people by spending some time and money in their country. My cleaning lady (who is from Mexicali and recently became a US citizen) thought we were crazy and was clearly worried for our safety. But the U.S. State Department gives the all clear for the tourist zones (resort areas) of Puerto Vallarta, so why worry?

There was a report a few weeks ago about two Palm Springs men who were visiting and were attacked in the early morning hours returning from a club. A lawyer once told me, "Bad things happen after midnight." Be sensible and be in your hotel by midnight. Crime statistics for Anaheim vs. PV show that more crimes are reported in the Disneyland area than in PV.

<https://www.puertovallarta.net/fast-facts/crime-safety-puerto-vallarta>

Southwest Airlines now flies direct from San Diego to PV in 2 ½ hours on Saturdays. There is a two hour time difference and roundtrip airfare is about \$300. We used points, so we just paid for taxes. Interval International gave us the incentive to visit with a certificate for one week in a two bedroom suite for just \$279. The "season" in PV is November to April and the incentive was to get "heads in beds" in May. We were told that the rainy season is from May to October. We did not see one drop of rain.

We were also warned about the "Shark Pit" at the airport. This is a room of time share tour hawkers placed between the customs area and the street where taxis are located. Just say "No!" or "No Gracias". Go straight to the taxi counter inside the terminal and purchase a ticket to your hotel. Pricing is based on distance for various zones. We were going to the new resort area of Nuevo Vallarta which is 10-15 miles north of the airport. Nuevo Vallarta has been built up over the past 15 years into a safe, beautiful area. <http://www.rivieranayarit.com/destinations/nuevo-vallarta/>

We stayed at the Villa del Palmar Flamingos Resort. The resort sits on Banderas Bay, and is known for its golf courses, and long, sandy Nuevo Vallarta beach.



View from our fifth floor balcony. Pool chair view.

For those of you who love pools (Doris) this one is fabulous. Multiple levels, fountains, water volleyball and entertainment by the iguanas. Did you know that iguanas are pretty swift swimmers? They routinely swam between the islands in the pools and live in the palm trees. We were content to find a shady spot under an umbrella and cozy up with a good book and a cerveza. Two for one beers all afternoon by the pool. For the adventurous, there is swimming in the ocean, paragliding and kayaking.

One morning we decided to walk north along the sand to the closest town, Bucerias. It takes 30-40 minutes and in the hot sun with no shade, so we took a taxi back to the hotel after lunch. The small town is described as what old PV was before Elizabeth Taylor discovered it. Her home on the outskirts of the southern edge of town is now a restaurant called The Iguana. If you love shopping, Bucerias has lots of small shops and stalls selling tee shirts, jewelry, and hammocks. We ate lunch at Miguel Angel's Restaurant and Bar, where the owner welcomed us and parrots squawked happily in their cages. They have live music too.

Our one expensive excursion was a boat ride across the bay to have dinner and see the "Rhythms of the Night" show. The 45 minute ride was the most scary part of the whole week. That boat would not pass a U.S. Coast Guard inspection. We sat on the top deck in cheap plastic lawn chairs that were not secured. The middle of the bay was quite WAVY and when we were broadsided by a large wave, the chairs all

went sliding to the left. I was surprised that no one was injured. Once on land again, we were greeted by men and women in Mayan costumes. The buffet dinner was delicious and the show quite entertaining.

But I must admit, that I most enjoyed the daily Rhythm of the Resort as viewed from my balcony or pool chair. These hotels and restaurants are filled with workers who make about \$5 a day, before tips. There are hundreds of employees who make the daily bus trip into and out of the resort area. Access into Nuevo Vallarta is strictly

controlled and secure. There were 3 security check points between the door of our hotel and the main highway. Because labor is so cheap, there were workers everywhere doing all the menial tasks of keeping the hotel beautiful. Each morning around 7, the beach guys would show up and start arranging chairs, raking the sand and digging holes for the beach umbrellas which have to be taken down every afternoon when the winds pick up. Then two men would haul out the pool cleaning equipment to clean up the iguana poop and leaves that collected over night. Several

more men would start fanning out on the grounds hand watering the plants and hosing off the pavement. Inside hallways and the lobby, women would sweep and mop. We cringed while watching two men attempt to steady a 20 foot ladder against a pole where a rope had become entangled that was used to unfurl a canopy over an outside patio. One man's job each morning was to pull these ropes and secure the canopy before their customers arrived.

Everyone we met was kind and friendly. We plan to return. *Una mas cerveza por favor.*



LORI'S WHIRL!

THE OFFICIAL BLOG OF SIPD



-Lori Oliver

REGION CONFERENCE: “What will I miss?”

I'll tell you what I'll miss, hanging with my peeps. Rooming with Soroptimist friends. Catching up with other clubs. Seeing if we drew a good official visitor or a dud. And I can't describe enough how much I love not hearing my name read aloud at the Celebration of Life.

I haven't missed a region conference for quite some time. But I will miss this one. Because Minnesota. This I know: the Powerpoints will be boring. The speeches long-winded. The food average. The certificates all too abundant. The weather hot. The room's cold. The wifi weak. And the liquor expensive.

The theme, Engage Your Passion, will be neither engaging nor passionate. And none of these things are bad! These are

Soroptimist traditions that repeat all over the world with only very slight variation. It's what we expect and what we are used to. It's tradition!

Speaking of tradition ... conferences are a lot like a wedding, are they not? Or more accurately, a renewal of vows. Speakers speak from a podium. Guests listen politely. Meals are served on round tables with rented cloths. There's always something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue – and the exchange of jewelry. All that's missing is a big fancy cake and a big white dress. But there are presents! Most guests bring something and lucky ones take something home.

I hope each of you who are attending this year's conference will appreciate the conference as much as I will miss it from afar. Give a big hello to any and all who might enquire about my absence. I love you all. Be good, have fun, and represent! L'chaim!



You'll miss this Lori and we will miss you too! -Ed.

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WHO IS “SHE”?

-Dawn Marie Lemonds, President
Soroptimist International of the Americas



Dawn Marie when visiting SIPD

It is my practice to keep a list of “she’s” in my mind when I talk about our programs. They are women and girls Soroptimist has helped overcome extreme obstacles. Our focus is to make the SIA Dream Programs the center of the work your club does. These are the “she’s” we seek to help. Both programs empower the participants to work toward their goals and change their economic and social situation through education and support. These are OUR SIA-branded programs, and they directly show our support of five of the UN Sustainable Goals.

Who are YOUR “SHE’S”? I wonder what great things would happen if every member could tell about Soroptimist’s impact and specifically some of the stories we hold close to our hearts?

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” -Pope John XXIII

-Best for Women, May 2018



-Margaret Henderson

APRICOT SQUARES

$\frac{3}{4}$ C softened butter
 1 C sugar
 1 large egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla extract
 2 C all-purpose flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp baking powder
 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ C sweetened shredded coconut
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C chopped walnuts
 1 10 or 12 oz jar apricot preserves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl whisk flour and baking powder and gradually add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Fold in coconut and walnuts.

Press $\frac{2}{3}$ of dough onto the bottom of a greased 9x13" baking pan. Spread with preserves; crumble remaining dough over preserves. Bake for 30-35 minutes, until golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Yield 2 dozen.

