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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



*Vicki Hightower
2018-19 SIR President*

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."
...Amelia Earhart

One of the many things I love about Soroptimist International of Riverside is that we get things done! Our club doesn't just talk about improving the lives of women and girls, we take action to make it happen.

An excellent example is the Arlington Temporary Assistance Backpack project, chaired this year by Louise Borda. As a club, we scour back-to-school sales and make purchases to fill 60

backpacks for underprivileged youth in our community. The club budgets to purchase the backpacks and the school supplies are donated by the incredibly generous SI Riverside members.

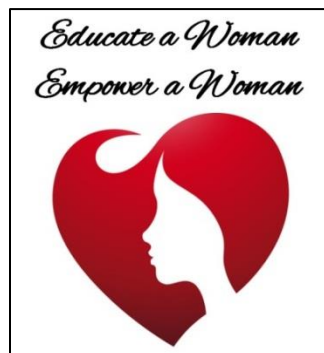
Thank you Louise for coordinating this extremely important project and thank you to all the SI Riverside members who donated to the project and thereby contributed to smiles on the faces of 60 children.

SI Riverside's "Get It Done" attitude is also evidenced by the new GED project the club voted to start at our last business meeting. The GED project (we don't have a catchy name yet) will be chaired by past president Janet Payton and she will be reaching out to members to be on the committee.

While the parameters of the project need to be flushed out more thoroughly, the rough plan is to sponsor three women to get their GED's and then to mentor the women and encourage them to continue with their education by attending vocational school or college. The plan is to assist these women as they continue their education, financially and emotionally.

We have just started our new fiscal year and we are off to an excellent start. I look forward to working with you as we continue our efforts to improve the lives of women and girls.

Vicki Hightower,
2018-19 SI Riverside President



AUGUST 2018



- 7 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 12 **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY**
- 14 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 26 **NATIONAL WOMEN'S
EQUALITY DAY**
- 28 **PROGRAM MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside

SEPTEMBER 2018



- 4 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 5 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
CHARITY**
- 8 **INTERNATIONAL LITERACY
DAY**
- 11 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 21 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEACE**
- 25 **PROGRAM MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside

DATES TO REMEMBER



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

February 7, 2019
VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION
Victoria Country Club
Riverside

March 16, 2019
**LIVE YOUR DREAM - DREAM IT
BE IT CONFERENCE**
Riverside Community College

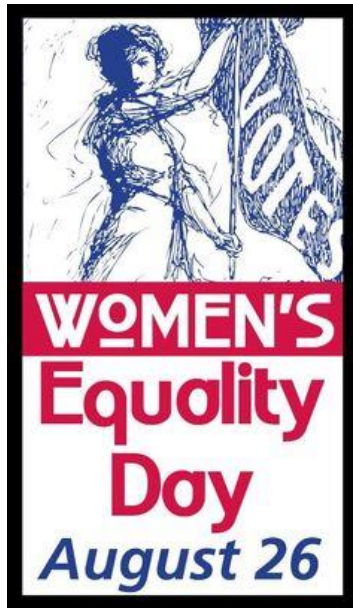
June 6-8, 2019
**GOLDEN WEST REGION
SPRING CONFERENCE**
Pala Casino Spa Resort
Pala, California

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.

**AUGUST 26, 2018
NATIONAL WOMEN'S
EQUALITY DAY**



NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The United States Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women full and equal voting rights on this day in 1920. Every year on August 26th, we commemorate this right with National Women's Equality Day.

Seeds were planted for the women's rights movement 80 years before when Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, while in London at the World Anti-Slavery Convention, were denied access to the convention floor. Once back in The United States, along with Martha Wright, Mary Ann McClintock and Jane Hunt, the women set in motion plans for the first woman's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. Held at Wesleyan Chapel on July 19-20, 1848, the conference drew 200 women the first day. On the second day, the

convention was opened to men and some did attend.

Resolved, that it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise. ~ 9th Resolution of the Seneca Falls Convention 1848

During the convention, 12 resolutions were presented. These resolutions enumerated the rights of that women should be equal to men socially, economically, legally and representatively. Of the resolutions, all but the 9th were approved unanimously. It was the right to vote that many women felt would cause many of their backers to withdraw their support. However, after much debate and the support of Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, the 9th resolution passed.

Woman's suffrage would have its beginnings. Another advocate, Susan B. Anthony, joined Stanton in 1869 in creating the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). Through nearly ten years of persistence and lobbying, the NWSA introduced an amendment in 1878 and after years of debate it reached the floor of Congress in 1886, only to be defeated. It would take another 34 years, passing of batons, states entering the union with constitutions including the woman's right to vote and civil disobedience for the 19th amendment to be introduced and passed by Congress.

HISTORY

By a joint resolution of Congress on August 26, 1971, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated. Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY) sponsored the resolution and every year since each president declares this day as Women's Equality Day commemorating the certification of the 19th Amendment to The United States Constitution.

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL**



CLIMATE CHANGE

WHERE THINGS STAND...

Every day, on every continent, people feel the effects of climate change. A drinking water source dries up or becomes saline, reliable subsistence resources fail to thrive or disease spreads unchecked. Rains come at the wrong time of year or in unpredictable amounts resulting in crops failing or washing away. A hydropower source becomes inadequate to generate electricity or permafrost melts and infrastructure fails. Coastal erosion, flood, wildfire or rising sea level destroys all a person owns as well as their livelihood. A natural disaster forces people to migrate from their homes.

The consensus of climate scientists is that human activities are a likely cause of climate-warming trends over the past century and the complicated effects of this global climate change are causing increasingly extreme and unpredictable weather events. Recognizing the multiple threats to national security and to all aspects of sustainable development and achievement of the 2030 SDGs, nearly all UN Member States agreed to combat global

climate change by reducing and eventually eliminating greenhouse gas emissions.

The adverse effects of climate change are inextricably linked to human rights. Multiple reviews and studies identify and describe the risks climate change poses to the rights to water, food security, highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, life and physical integrity, adequate housing, sanitation, self-determination and sustainable development. The rights of women and girls are especially threatened by the adverse effects of climate change.

...AND WHERE THINGS NEED TO GO

FUNDAMENTAL ACTION

Responding to climate change requires mitigation (reducing emissions) and adaptation (adapting to the climate change that is occurring now). Soroptimist International recognizes that climate change exacerbates existing pressures on states, communities and individuals everywhere and believes urgent and immediate integrated responses to climate change with strategies to protect the interests of women and girls is necessary to ensure sustainable development. By submitting country-specific reports, Soroptimist International can critically engage with the reporting and monitoring processes of UNFCCC, CEDAW, UPR, the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda thus ensuring the voices of women and girls are heard and inducing governments to act.

ADDITIONAL ACTION

Governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector and other institutions and individuals who interact with women and girls must act in the following areas

toward mitigation of and adaptation to climate change:

- ♦ **Raise Awareness of Climate Change:** No woman or girl is immune to the reach of the effects of climate change no matter how subtle or dramatic the environmental shift may be. Training programs and capacity-building that target women and support their role in implementing climate mitigation and adaptation policy give women and girls an awareness of what climate change is and how to adapt one's life to a changing environment which in turn gives women and girls power to recognize and chose options that improve their situation.
- ♦ **Conduct Research and Monitoring, Collect and Use Disaggregated Data:** Systems to collect accurate and reliable qualitative and quantitative data that are disaggregated by place, gender, age, ethnicity, language, marital status and other descriptors that are relevant to monitoring inequalities experienced by women and girls must be developed and uniformly implemented to assist development of climate-change related policies, laws and plans and when designing, monitoring and evaluating projects that provide aid and services to women and girls.
- ♦ **Provide Education and Access to Decent Work:** Natural disasters disproportionately worsen the earnings and employment opportunities of women. Livelihoods may be lost in a single disastrous event. However, the insidious creep of temperature, precipitation or sea level may present circumstances that slowly steal employment and

entrepreneurial opportunities. Educational programs should equip women and girls with knowledge, skills and flexibility to move to new or different employment or entrepreneurial opportunities as circumstances change.

WHERE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL STANDS

These are the principles that Soroptimist International strongly supports and will advocate for on behalf of women and girls:

- ♦ States should fully implement their Paris Agreement of COP21 commitments, to prevent global temperatures from rising and compromising a vast range of human rights.
- ♦ States, the private sector and NGOs should take care to protect the rights of women and girls and empower them to be leaders, experts and agents of change.
- ♦ States, the private sector and NGOs should provide for effective remedies to climate-related violations of human rights.
- ♦ States, the private sector and NGOs should assess and provide information about the effects of climate change to allow climate related decisions to be made with the participation of an informed public.
- ♦ Each State should adopt a legal and institutional framework that assists those within its jurisdiction to adapt to the unavoidable adverse effects of climate change.
- ♦ States must protect the rights of freedom of expression and association in relation to all climate actions, even

when the rights are being exercised in opposition to projects supported by government entities.

"We have entered a new era of global cooperation on one of the most complex issues ever to confront humanity. For the first time, every country in the world has pledged to curb emissions, strengthen resilience and join in a common cause to take common climate action. This is a resounding success for multilateralism".

UN Secretary General
Ban Ki-moon, 2015

Soroptimist International supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through its Federations, Unions, Regions, and Clubs by working on the ground with partner organizations and UN agencies to Educate, Empower and Enable women and girls everywhere.

JUNE 18 TO JULY 2, 2018 MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN SI ERLANGEN EXCHANGE



*Brianna Bern and President
Vicki Hightower*

Brianna Bern, the student that SI Riverside sent to SI Erlangen, Germany, spoke to the membership of SI Riverside at our July 10th business meeting. She reported on the highlights of her trip and passed around photos for members to enjoy.

JULY 2, 2018 EMAIL FROM SI ERLANGEN, GERMANY

Hi Pam. Greetings from Erlangen, Germany. Thank you for your newsletter. Very interesting read as always.

Today is Brianna's last day here with us in Erlangen. It was very nice to have her here with us. She's a really nice, open, friendly young woman. I hope we showed her a little bit that she might remember fondly.

Best, Gertrud Dingeramn
SI Club Erlangen, Germany

Photos attached to email:



JULY 10, 2018 LIVE YOUR DREAM SCHOLARSHIPS



*SI Riverside President Vicki Hightower,
Awardee Sandra Cheng, Awardee
Gillian Burns and Live Your Dream
Scholarship Chair Chris Deviny*

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, Soroptimist International of Riverside presented two Live Your Dream Scholarships of \$500 each to high school seniors Sandra Cheng and Gillian Burns.

The Live Your Dream Scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school seniors who attended SI Riverside's "Live Your Dream - Dream It Be It" Conference in their AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) middle school years.

The "Live Your Dream - Dream It Be It" Conference is an all day event designed to introduce 7th and 8th grade girls to various career opportunities and the way to achieve career goals with workshops provided by successful women in many different professions.

Sandra Cheng has a grade point average of 3.97 at Martin Luther King High School and her activities include Professional Arts Conservatory, PAWWS, Senior Committee, Christian Club, King High School Remembers, Pay It Forward and AVID in addition to volunteering for the children's ministry program at her church and taking part as a missionary on trips to San Francisco and Spain.

Gillian Burns has a grade point average over 4.0 (ranked 11th in her class of 456 students) at Ramona High School and her activities include Student Class President, Cheer Squad Captain, Mock Trial, Link Crew and AVID. Gillian is a devoted daughter and understands the need to sacrifice for others adding caretaker for her cancer stricken mother to her already full schedule.

SI Riverside was truly honored to recognize both of these amazing young women with our Live Your Dream Award.

**JULY 10, 2018
PRESENTATION TO
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



*SI Riverside President Vicki Hightower
and Lauren Hahn from Habitat
for Humanity*

At the Soroptimist International of Riverside business meeting on July 10, 2018, the club presented a check for \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity Riverside.

SI Riverside's \$1,000 donation will be used to purchase a washer and dryer for a single mother who will be purchasing a Habitat for Humanity home.

**JULY 24, 2018
FILLING BACKPACKS FOR
ARLINGTON TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE**

After our program meeting on July 24th, members of SI Riverside filled 60 backpacks that will be distributed to the underprivileged children at Arlington Temporary Assistance (ATA).

ATA provides emergency assistance to families and to the homeless including food (limited to 6 times a year), clothing and referrals to appropriate social service agencies. ATA also provides bus tickets for medical appointments and emergencies.



**JULY 31, 2018
ARLINGTON TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE BACKPACK
PROGRAM**



Thank you to SI Riverside members who once again worked together to purchase, fill and distribute 60 backpacks stuffed with school supplies for Arlington Temporary Assistance (ATA).

With temperatures predicted in the 100's, SI Riverside distribution volunteers were grateful to ATA Executive Director Ofelia Ortega for securing the Arlanza Community Center for our July 31, 2018 event.

As in past years, the ATA Backpack project was truly a team effort with many SI Riverside members staying after the July 24th program meeting to fill the backpacks with school supplies: Crayons, markers, pencils and sharpeners, pens, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, pocket folders, dividers, staplers, composition books, toothbrushes, and either wide ruled or college ruled notebook paper.

Thank you to all the members who donated money, purchased supplies, stuffed packs or volunteered on the distribution day.

Jeanne Hatcher and Louise Borda stored the backpacks at their homes until the July 31st event.

Jeanne, Louise, Ellen Clizbe and Linda Robertson arrived at the Community Center at 11:15 AM the day of the event. Ofelia Ortega, Director of ATA and her daughter, Vanessa, Assistant Director, were already on hand ready to begin distribution to the assembled families.

60 packs were distributed to children from kindergarten through high school. Some of the children brought handmade cards to share with Soroptimist and many children and parents personally thanked us for supporting them and their children.

Following the event, Ofelia expressed her gratitude on behalf of the families: *"Arlington Temporary Assistance would like to thank each and every one of you who put their hard work, money and time into making this wonderful event possible. Many thanks from all the families and the children who were blessed with these wonderful backpacks filled with school supplies. I received much appreciation and text messages from mothers who were grateful to receive this assistance. Thank you!"* ...Ofelia Ortega, Arlington Temporary Assistance Director

Louise Borda
Backpack Program Chair





OCTOBER 5-6, 2018 GOLDEN WEST REGION DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING

GOLDEN WEST REGION DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING HOSTED BY SI RIVERSIDE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

CULTURAL EVENT:



Tour of the Historic Mission Inn,
3649 Mission Inn Avenue,
Riverside CA 92501.

Two tours are available
(maximum of 15 people per tour)
at 4:30 PM and 4:45 PM.

The Mission Inn Foundation
offers a 75-minute walking tour
led by trained docents on the art,
architecture and history of the
Mission Inn. This is your
opportunity to see parts of the
National Historic Landmark that
are inaccessible to the general
public.

Cost: \$11.00/each

DINNER SOCIAL:



6:00-8:00 PM - Avila Terrace
(Tamale Factory upstairs banquet
room), 3663 Main Street,
Riverside CA 92501 (across from
the walking mall at the Mission
Inn).

Enjoy delicious fajitas, enchiladas
and more while socializing with
your fellow Soroptimists.
Spouses and significant others
are welcome to attend.

Cost: \$40.00/each - No Host
Wine and Beer Bar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

FALL MEETING:



Calvary Presbyterian Church,
Fellowship Hall, 4495 Magnolia
Avenue, Riverside CA 92501.

8:00 AM - Check in and exhibit
set up. Continental Breakfast
sponsored by SI Riverside

9:00 AM-4:00 PM - Fall Meeting

Lunch Cost: \$13.00/each

Club Sales Tables will be
available for \$15.00/each.
Please bring your own tablecloth.

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING



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.

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

However, Inspire has 5 other houses in Riverside and San Bernardino County. The following is an update from Inspire regarding new residents at the other houses:

For most kids, graduating from high school is a very exciting time with their whole future ahead of them. Sadly, for most foster youth it is a time of apprehension as they do not know where they will live and if they will get the opportunity to attend college like most of their peers. Inspire is excited to welcome 4 new high school grads into our homes!

New students tend to need more time and attention, so June has been a very full month for our staff and some amazing volunteers. The new students are feeling welcomed and are thankful to be part of a caring community.

We would like to thank the volunteers that have come in to work with them on resumes and interviewing practice, donors

who have created welcome baskets to help them have bedroom and personal items and, of course, our monthly Youth Heroes that make it possible for us to take in new students.

We also welcome new mentors into the Inspire family as they begin their journey with the new students.

Let's meet the new students!



Shanika is eighteen and unfortunately found herself homeless with no support. She is enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College and after working hard to find employment we are excited to announce that she just landed a job at Fed Ex. Shanika is living in our girls' Loma Linda home.



Sward is eighteen and came all

the way from Sierra Leone in West Africa. Sadly, she is an orphan and was brought over and adopted by a distant aunt but then was asked to leave upon turning 18. She graduated from a high school in Fontana that she attended since the middle of her Junior year. Sward has a lot to learn and requires some extra help but she has been hustling and already landed a job at a McDonalds. She is residing in the Corona home making friends with the other girls and is excited to start at Norco College this fall.



Destiny is also eighteen and just graduated from Santiago High School in Corona. She already has a job at a local Subway and is excited to live with her big sister, Anna, who has been in Inspire for the past two years. She is already attending a summer class at Norco College and dreams of owning a Psychology practice someday.



Kimora graduated from

Santiago High School in Corona and also just moved into the Corona home. She is excited to enroll at Norco College and plans on investigating different medical occupations such as nursing or ultrasound tech. Kimora already has a steady job and is active at Crossroads Young Adults ministry. She keeps busy and is enjoying getting to know her housemates.



Luis is new to our boys' home in Eastvale. He is also joining a sibling and they are very happy to be reunited! He just graduated from Roosevelt High School in Eastvale and is thrilled to start school at Norco College this fall as a Physics Major. Luis has been hired at the new Creamistry and is looking forward to earning his first paycheck.

Inspire's annual fundraising gala is September 8th, 2018, 5:30 PM at the Riverside Convention Center. If you are interested in attending and supporting this wonderful organization that does so much for foster and homeless youth, visit Inspire's website at www.inspirelikeskills.org to purchase tickets.

Vicki Hightower
Inspire Project Chair

BASKET FOR INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING FUNDRAISER



Thank you all for your generosity in donating items for the Inspire fundraiser basket. It is valued at over \$600 with a list of the contents below.

FAMILY DAY OUT BASKET

- Hangar 18—Introductory class for 4 people & one month trial membership
- Mulligan Family Fun Center 10 passes for miniature golf
- Movie Tickets (2)
- Subway Gift Cards
- Little Caesars Gift Card
- Chili's Gift Card
- Cheesecake Factory Gift Card
- Rolling Cooler
- Beach Towels (4)
- Sand Toys
- Stainless Steel Water Bottles (4)
- Sunscreen (2)
- Water Guns (2)
- Bubble Wands (2)

TOTAL VALUE: \$641

BEING A SOROPTIMIST - PRICELESS!

Thank you again for your continued support of this worthy organization.

Vicki Hightower,
Inspire Project Chair

SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



DECEMBER 1976



*DECEMBER 1976: HistoryWalk
Dedication at Raincross Square*

CONCEPTION OF THE BICENTENNIAL HISTORY WALK

In February 1975, Soroptimist International of Riverside president, Virginia Moore, appointed a Bicentennial Committee to create a Bicentennial project for the club. The committee consulted the city's Bicentennial chairman, Roy Staylor, who presented a number of ideas including a History Walk.

The committee decided on a History Walk to be placed in the Forest of Lights Plaza in Raincross Square where the Ben H. Lewis Hall was under construction. On March 3, 1975, the club officially accepted the committee's recommendation.

The committee consulted with Mayor Ben H. Lewis and the Riverside Bicentennial Commission who enthusiastically endorsed the project. Preliminary inquiries were made of Tom Patterson, author of "Landmarks of Riverside" and "A Colony for California," Robert E. Brown, of Brown and Rawdon, architects for the Ben H. Lewis Hall, and Don Hagen owner of the Riverside Monumental Company.

Mr. Patterson agreed to donate his services to the community project for the research and text for a descriptive booklet, Bob Brown to prepare the design of the walk and to work with the city's Raincross Square Coordinator, Herb Barnett, and the contractor, Del Webb Corporation, in preparing the eighteen inch round spaces before the cement was poured in the plaza and Don Hagen for his expertise on the selection of the best material for the stones and to provide the finished stones at a nominal cost.

On November 17, 1975, the club's new president, Rocky Pollitz, appeared before the Municipal Arts Commission for approval of this project. It was unanimous that space be made available in the Forest of Lights Plaza and that the final drawings be submitted for the Commission's approval. On February 3, 1976, Mayor Ben H. Lewis submitted a report of this project to the City Council.

Everything was progressing beautifully except the project did not have an artist. It was asking a great deal of someone to donate services for such an extensive project. However, on April 2, 1976, Bette Fauth, Assistant Professor of the Art Department of Riverside City College, was approached and agreed to undertake the art work. She was excited about the idea and the challenge.

On June 21, 1976, President Rocky Pollitz again made a presentation to the Municipal Arts Commission. The first drawing and the rough idea for the other twenty-nine drawings were approved.

The next hurdle was to print a booklet describing the history of each stone. In helping Bette Fauth with the research on Stone Number 23, Mr. Frank Lewis of A. M. Lewis, Inc., became interested in the project. He offered his services as photographer and A. M. Lewis, Inc. agreed to print the first five hundred copies of the History Walk booklet.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1976, the completed History Walk was dedicated and presented to the City of Riverside. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was performed by three Soroptimist International of Riverside presidents: Virginia Moore 1973-75, Rocky Pollitz 1975-76 and Elissa Fruciano 1976-77.

On April 10, 1998, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the chartering of Soroptimist International of Riverside, the History Walk was re-dedicated and once again presented to the City of Riverside.

STONES COMMEMORATING EVENTS IN RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY

**1776-1976
Riverside Bicentennial**

1838 Rancho Jurupa Grant

1845 La Placita Village

**1870 Founding of
Riverside
John W. North**

1871 First Public School

**1872 First Church
Congregational**

**1873 Navel Orange
Planting**

**1876 Magnolia Avenue
Parkway**

1883 Incorporation

1885 Chinatown

**1887 Refrigerated Fruit
Shipment**

1890 Loring Opera House

1890 First Black Church

**1893 Establishment of
County**

**1893 Cooperative Citrus
Marketing**

**1899 Citrus Machinery
Manufacturing**

**1903 Glenwood Hotel
Becomes Mission Inn**

**1906 University of
California Citrus
Experiment Station**

**1907 Mayor-Council
Government**

**1909 Easter Sunrise Service
Mount Rubidoux**

1916 Riverside City College

**1918 March Field-March
Air Force Base**

**1922 Loma Linda
University
La Sierra College**

**1925 Riverside Community
Players**

**1928 Co-op Wholesale
Grocery Distribution**

**1931 Riverside Art
Association**

1932 Riverside Opera Association

1950 Air Quality Ordinance

1950 Continuous Casting of Aluminum

1953 Council-Manager Government

1953 California School for the Deaf

**SOLT
Soroptimist Orientation
and Leadership Training**



Leadership Tip: Conflict Resolution

It's just a fact of life – conflicts will happen. We have them at home, at work and we even have them in our very own Soroptimist clubs. Because we are global organization, we have a diverse membership with unique ways of working, thinking and speaking.

Differences are bound to occur and conflicts will arise. If they aren't met head on, they can keep us from being successful. How so? Conflicts impact teamwork and divert focus away from our mission – two of the top qualities members value most about being a Soroptimist.

Conflict rarely resolves itself. While most people do not enjoy conflict, if left unchecked (or handled poorly), destructive actions can escalate into an even bigger problem, the least being hurt feelings and spiteful behavior.

That being said, conflict isn't all negative. It can bring about new ideas, serve as a learning experience and help hone our communication and interpersonal skills. Differing opinions can bring about innovations that like-minds can't visualize, look at the opportunities and leverage conflict as a way to build your team, develop leaders, promote transparency, boost retention and demonstrate value – just to name a few!

The next time you have to referee a dispute between members (and unfortunately, at some point you will) first take a deep breath! Then use the following tips to help you work your way through the challenging situation so a positive resolution and closure can be obtained.

Handle confrontation ASAP. We can't prevent it, but we can minimize it by catching it in its early stages. Take the time to immediately identify and understand the brewing tension to avoid a massive flare up in the future. Minimize the severity by dealing with the conflict quickly so it doesn't fester and grow.

Be prepared. Go on a fact finding mission and discover the real source of the conflict. This enables you to address the true cause of the situation (sifting out any hearsay and gossip). Ask questions and request clarification when necessary. Most importantly, take the time to evaluate and digest what you find.

Calmly communicate. Talk privately with the people involved and hold group meetings about the problem out of the public

eye. Have a peaceful, constructive discussion while sticking to the issue at hand. Get to the point quickly and keep to the facts in order to maintain focus and avoid emotional outbursts.

Listen. Remember that hearing and listening are different. Listening requires focus. Fight the urge to interrupt people and let them speak their opinions and thoughts. Be present in conversations, remove outside distractions, pay attention to body language and seek clarification by asking questions.

Be objective. Put yourself in each of the conflicting party's shoes to understand their motivations and perspectives. Practice being free from prejudices and showing favoritism. A thoughtful and balanced attitude goes a long way and can make all the difference in the world.

Find a solution. Brainstorm options and identify solutions. Be flexible, listen and consider the alternatives. Clearly communicate the next steps and/or the final outcome so there are no questions or room for misinterpretations. Whenever possible, negotiate the outcome. Everyone wants a win-win and compromise gives everyone a sense of satisfaction.

Despite its bad reputation, conflict is inevitable and is necessary for us to grow and progress. Even leaving a minor disagreement unchecked can trickle over into the entire membership and adversely affect a club's or region's atmosphere. By being proactive, you can diminish any growing "explosions."

The next time the temperature rises among members, put the above tips into practice. Every conflict is different and the results will vary depending on each situation. But, the better able you are at resolving conflicts, the better able you will be at leading

a productive group of members who can work together to accomplish our mission.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



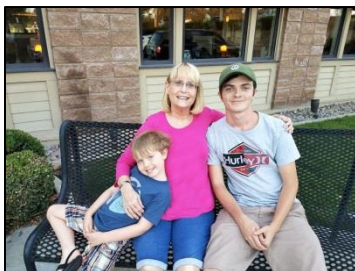
Lynn Scecina - 21st
Glenda Richards - 28th
Vicki Hightower - 30th

AUGUST CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



No Anniversaries

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Pam Bradford posted: "Had a wonderful dinner with my son"

*Jeremy, daughter-in-law Jenn
and grandsons Braden and Wes.
Best birthday ever!"*



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post
by Rob Clizbe: "Sorting boxes
from storage and found this from
February of 1986."



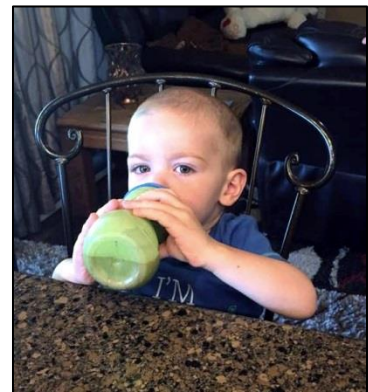
Jana Cook posted: "The
beautiful town of Cobh, Ireland,
White Star Lager and Mr. Bill."



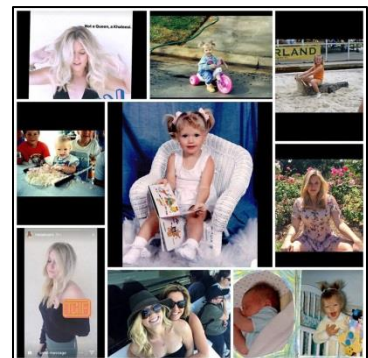
Debbie Ferraro posted:
"Happiest of birthdays to my best
friend, my adventurous, athletic,
loving, giving, handsome, hard-
working, successful, fun & all
around amazing husband (& dad
to our kiddos). You are my rock.
God blessed me 38 years ago. I
love you sooooo much."



Jeanne Hatcher posted: "With
my granddaughter Brianna in
Paris, France at the Eiffel Tower."



Vicki Hightower posted: "Look
who gets chocolate milk with
breakfast. Rocks to be at
grandma's house.""



Charlene Hildebrandt posted:
"25 years ago today God
gave me the greatest gift...
Emalee Christina came into the
world and our little family
became complete. I knew
from the first moment I held you
that you would be just as you

are...brilliant, self-confident, witty, charming and a stunning beauty! Emmy you impress me every day. You are destined for greatness! Happy Birthday Sugar Pie!"



Caroline Leach posted: "Birthday date night at the Angel Game."

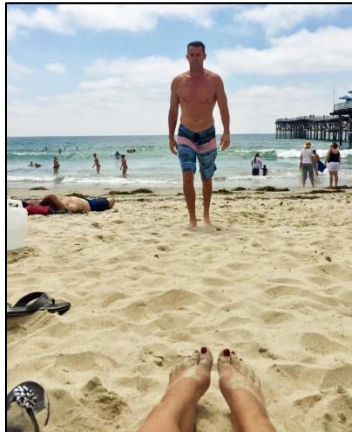


Annamarie Megrđichian is at Tupperware World Headquarters in Kissimmee, Florida.
"Checked off my bucket List. Only spent \$400!"



Kathy Michalak was tagged in a post by JoAnn Sifuentes at

the beach on Longboat Key:
"This 4th of July was great. Dino, Katie, Carmella and my sister were in town. We had so much fun."



Michelle Paradise shared a memory from one year ago: "I would marry this man again all day, every day! Happy Birthday, Greg!"



Kathleen Parra posted: "So delicious and fun! Must like meat! People eating tasty animals! Oh yeah!"



Janet Payton posted:

"Got to play cars with these two cute guys today."



Judy Pekarek posted: "The house we just bought in Toluca Lake. Look familiar?"



Linda Robertson posted: "What better way to spend a hot Saturday than drinking a cold one at Antone's while listening to cool music of The Sedans and just chillin' with the coolest friends Debbie Kelley, Terri Jones, Charlie Parliament, Melissa Schmidt Milanovich and others."



Lynn Scecina was eating lunch at Restaurant at Ponte in Temecula.



Tillie Soliz posted: "At the Getty Museum with close friends Mario & Sheila."



Lisa Williams posted: "A perfect baby boy was born last night! So wonderful to meet our first grandson, Max. Max, Torin and David are all doing great. We are so happy!"



Susan Wolf posted: "Just back from Montana. Taste of our

week. Here for Tim and Amada Johnston wedding. Then onto Glamping thanks to Christina Forst, a lot of fun and saw the beauty of Yellowstone. Great trip!"

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



Karin Roberts emailed: "Happy 4th of July from Paris. Karin and David Roberts with Jeanne Hatcher and her granddaughter Brianna."

CAROL ALLAIN'S WEDDING



Carol Allain and Doug Speer were married on Saturday, July 28th, at their new home in Riverside. Carol looked beautiful and the wedding was lovely. Carol's sister made a quilt for the couple that included 67 names of family members from her side and his. SI

Riverside members in attendance were Chris Deviny, Lynn Scecina, Susan Exon, Jeanne Hatcher and Ellen Clizbe.



SI Riverside members in attendance included Chris Deviny, Lynn Scecina, Susan Exon, Jeanne Hatcher and Ellen Clizbe who posed with the bride.



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

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**REMARKABLE WOMEN
BORN IN AUGUST**



*August 3, 1905
Maggie Kuhn
Founder of the Grey
Panthers*



*August 4, 1920
Helen Thomas
Journalist*



*August 5, 1880
Gertrude Rush
Lawyer who helped found
the National Bar
Association in 1925*



*August 6, 1881
Louella Parsons
Columnist and Screenwriter*



*August 7, 1890
Elizabeth Flynn
Labor Leader, Activist
and Feminist*



*August 8, 1863
Florence Bailey
Ornithologist and
Nature Writer*



*August 11, 1897
Louise Bogan
Poet and Editor*



*August 13, 1860
Annie Oakley
Sharpshooter*



*August 15, 1896
Gerty Cori
Biochemist and
Nobel Prize Winner*



*August 18, 1902
Margaret Murie
Conservationist*



*August 20, 1918
Jacqueline Susann
Author*



*August 21, 1935
Judy Grable
Professional Wrestler*



*August 22, 1893
Dorothy Parker
Writer, Critic and Satirist*



*August 23, 1847
Sarah Frances Whiting
Physicist and Astronomer*



*August 24, 1885
Elizabeth Lee Hazen
Microbiologist*



*August 25, 1927
Althea Gibson
Tennis Player and Golfer*



*August 26, 1892
Elizebeth Friedman
America's First Female
Cryptanalyst*



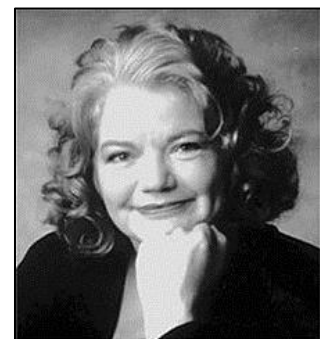
*August 27, 1924
Rosalie Wahl
First Woman Named to the
Minnesota Supreme Court*



*August 28, 1859
Lida Scott Howell
Archery Champion who won
Three Gold Medals at the
1904 Summer Olympics*



*August 29, 1924
Dinah Washington
Singer and Pianist*



*August 30, 1944
Molly Ivins
Columnist and Humorist*