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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*

"An average person with average talents and ambition and average education, can outstrip the most brilliant genius in our society, if that person has clear, focused goals."

-Mary Kay Ash

As you know, Soroptimist International of Riverside is an important part of an international

organization. SI Riverside is a member of one of four international federations, Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2021. In recognition and celebration of this amazing anniversary, in 2012 SIA set forth the "Big Goal" for the federation: "Invest in the dreams of *half a million* women and girls through access to education."

Imagine that our efforts and the wonderful work we do here in Riverside will be a component in impacting the lives of half a million women and girls throughout our country! When I think about being part of such an enormous influence on the lives of women and girls, I am truly inspired and motivated to do whatever is needed to accomplish this goal.

Even more important to me is that the impact we make in providing access to education is permanent. No matter what happens in the lives of the women and girls we empower, no one can ever take away their education.

Through the efforts of local clubs such as SI Riverside, SIA is well along in accomplishing the "Big Goal:"

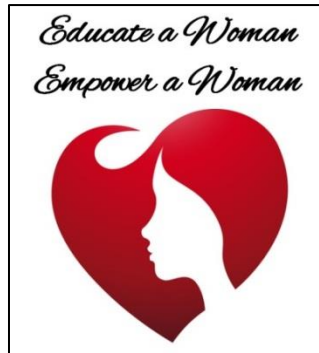
- ♦ The number of women empowered by Live Your Dream Awards has increased by 20%
- ♦ Funding given to women has increased by 29%
- ♦ Dream It, Be It programs have empowered 20,000 girls in just 2 years
- ♦ LiveYourDream.org has attracted 100,000 supporters

We have three more years to work on accomplishing the "Big Goal" and I am confident that SI Riverside will continue our

important work which ultimately will contribute to the "Big Goal."

Thank you all for the generosity, tenacity, hard work and talent you continuously contribute to reaching the goals of Soroptimist.

Vicki Hightower
2018-19 SIR President



OCTOBER 2018



- 2 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 3 **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB FRIENDSHIP DAY**
- 5-6 **DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING**
Hosted by SI Riverside
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Riverside
- 9 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 11 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD**
- 15 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN**
- 17 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY**

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

- 24 **UNITED NATIONS DAY**

NOVEMBER 2018



- 6 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 9 **WORLD FREEDOM DAY**
- 13 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 25 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
- 27 **PROGRAM MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

DATES TO REMEMBER



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
 2020
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
OF THE AMERICAS BIENNIAL
CONVENTION
 Bellevue, Washington

2021
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION - 100TH
ANNIVERSARY
 San Francisco, California

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.

OCTOBER 3, 2018
SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL CLUB
FRIENDSHIP DAY



Soroptimist International Friendship Day is celebrated on October 3rd each year and is a revered occasion for friends all over the world.

On Club Friendship Day Soroptimist International celebrates the day in 1921 that the very first Soroptimist club was established in Oakland, California.

Together, across continents and cultures, Soroptimists transform the lives of women and girls in need through local and international projects, friendship links with other clubs and partnerships with local organizations that support the same vision as Soroptimist International.

The best way to celebrate Friendship Day and get the members involved would be to spend the day in a way your friendship link enjoys the most.

Friendship is the underlying factor of all linking of clubs. Friendship links are not merely to exchange greetings and information but to celebrate in a meaningful way. Clubs may look beyond their sphere of program action and share things from their communities.

No celebration is complete without fun and food. Members could do research on the local cuisine of their link club and organize a cooking competition to mark the special day. Another innovative idea is to memorize the names of the members of their link club and play "Memory Game" or a quiz to learn more about the city of the link club.

A talk on the local craft, how and why a local festival is celebrated and a current social issue could also be the topics for discussion. This, too, is awareness about each other's cultures and about breaking cultural barriers.

Through these activities one can hope for a better understanding between the two linked clubs to strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Friendship links are encouraged to work in partnership and share

ideas by organizing joint projects. This Friendship Day nothing could be better than sowing the seeds for a better tomorrow. It could be an action packed day by organizing a major fund raising drive for a common goal or set the ball rolling for a new joint project.

Friendship Day is a reminder that women of linked clubs together can strengthen their service projects, together they can reach out to women and girls in their communities and together they can foster the culture of peace.

So go ahead and have a fabulous and over-the-top Friendship Day celebration!

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL**



WHERE WE STAND
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING

Soroptimist International recognizes that human trafficking and modern day slavery violates and impairs the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and continues to pose a serious challenge to humanity. Human trafficking is defined by the United Nations as "the recruitment, transport, transfer, harboring or receipt of a person by such means as threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud or deception for the purpose of exploitation." Women and girls are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and complex circumstances also mean that a

disproportionate number of perpetrators are women.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL URGES GOVERNMENTS TO:

- Take immediate action to ratify and effectively implement the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, as well as any regional agreements on trafficking or enslavement.
- Strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation by consolidating existing mechanisms and developing new initiatives.
- Ensure that trafficking in all its forms, including but not limited to any attempts, participation or acts involving the organization of such an entity, are criminalized in line with internationally agreed standards and model laws.
- Establish, enforce, strengthen and monitor effective measures for the successful prosecutions of human traffickers and slave owners.
- Identify and strengthen measures to alleviate the factors which render women and girls more vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation including poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunity.
- Adopt a human rights based approach to ensure that anti-trafficking measures do not adversely affect the rights of women and girls who have been trafficked, particularly their rights to freedom of movement and to uphold women's rights to live free from violence.

- Seek to implement proactive systematic victim identification strategies designed to fit a wide range of settings and circumstances.
- Provide formal anti-trafficking training for law enforcement, prosecutors, the judiciary, first responders and other government officials.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WILL CONTINUE TO:

- Endorse the three-fold approach taken by the international community: prevention of trafficking in persons, protection of victim/survivors of trafficking, and prosecution of trafficking offenders.
- Support the provision of physical, psychological, economic and social assistance to such victim/survivors.
- Assist the review and revision of domestic legislation concerning the assistance and protection of such victim/survivors.
- Advocate for the participation of victim/survivors of human trafficking in devising, enforcing or strengthening measures and specific policies or programs to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL:

- Educates women and girls about human trafficking to assist in prevention efforts.
- Empowers victim/survivors to rebuild their lives, and, where possible, to become advocates working to end all forms of modern day slavery.

- Enables increased victim identification in both visible and hidden settings through widespread community awareness campaigns.

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



GOLDEN WEST REGION DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING

"SOROPTIMISTS ARE THE KEY"

HOSTED BY SI RIVERSIDE

If you have not yet signed up for a job at Fall Meeting, please e-mail Janet Payton immediately at:

janshafermom@aol.com

Or call Janet at:

(951) 830-6431

There is still time to sign up.

Much preparation has been put into making this a great experience for all. Consider bringing a friend. They are sure to learn a lot about Soroptimist.

We will be hosting a Continental Breakfast for all attendees. First Time attendees will be asked to sit with Governor Lori Reed from 8:15 AM until 8:55 AM.

If you have not been assigned a job please jump in and help where you can:

Friday
Greeters at the Mission Inn
Janet Payton - Vicki Hightower

Friday
Greeters at the Tamale Factory
Ellen Clizbe - All members

Saturday
Room Set Up
Pam Bradford - Tillie Soliz
Annamarie Megrđichian
(Centerpieces)

Breakfast Bar Set Up
Jeanne Holmes

Registration
Edith Gingerich - Janet Payton

Lunch Line Helpers to
Release Tables and Direct
Attendees to the Food Line
Melody Hendrickson
Amy McKenzie

Sales Table
JoAnn Moore - Lynn Secina

Time Keeper
Judy Pekarek

Clean Up
Carolyn Kegarice - Janet Payton
All members who can stay
and help

Please see the "Call to Fall Meeting" for the complete schedule of events, addresses and directions to all of the activities:

www.goldenwestregion.org

Click on District 1
Call to Fall Meeting

Wear your new blue Soroptimist shirt so we can be identified as the host club. If you don't have a club shirt, please wear a navy

blue top. Also don't forget your name tag and Soroptimist pin.

This will be a fun and informative event.

**THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE TO ALL OF
MY HELPERS!**

Janet Payton
Fall Meeting Chair

**FEBRUARY 7, 2019
VALENTINE DESSERT
AUCTION**



Hold the Date!
February 7, 2019
Valentine Dessert
Auction and
Battle of the
Bakers
Victoria Country
Club

**MARCH 16, 2019
LIVE YOUR DREAM -
DREAM IT, BE IT
CONFERENCE**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Our Live Your Dream "Dream It, Be It" Conference will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Riverside Community College.

The conference will start at 8:30 AM and end at 3:00 PM.

All Soroptimist members should make every attempt to attend and everyone will have a job.

The LYD Planning Committee has held their first meeting and is making plans on another wonderful conference in 2019!

Jeanne Hatcher
LYD Chair

**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.

The young men and women in Inspire are provided with housing while they pursue an education and work part-time. Soroptimist International of Riverside has supported the Inspire house located on Luther in Riverside, by

providing the four residents and one resident assistant with hot meals, treats, gifts, groceries and supplies and anything else that comes to mind.

Inspire held its 13th annual "Make a Difference" dinner and fundraiser on September 8, 2018. SI Riverside donated a "Family Day Out" basket that was a huge success and went for around \$375.



SI Riverside's "Family Day Out" Basket

This was Inspire's best event ever. There were 330 attendees at the Riverside Convention Center, where they celebrated the growth of the Inspire students and the new programs that have been added.



Inspire Residents

Director Kristi Camplin spoke about how students are learning how to make positive choices, rather than staying stuck in the patterns from their past. She shared a specific story of one of the young female residents who came out of a domestic violence situation and completed a course through the United Way that helped her recognize and deal

with the deep emotional toll that these patterns have had on her self-worth and personal choices. She is now enrolled in a Pharmaceutical Tech program and is thriving.

For the next 6 months, Inspire's Life Skills classes will focus on trauma and personal growth. The team leading the classes are doing a great job of building trust with the students and are encouraging them as future leaders and so far the students are responding positively to the program.



Luther House Residents

If you would like to contribute directly to the residents at 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 Project Chair



SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



OCTOBER 2012



Members from Soroptimist International of Riverside attended the Golden West Region Spring Conference on May 31-June 2, 2012, at Bally's Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The theme of the conference was "Viva Soroptimist."

Conference Highlights: The new SI Presidents Appeal, Birthing in the Pacific, was announced. The President of Soroptimist International, Alice Wells, spoke about travelling with the SI delegation to the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The GWR budget will now be on a yearly basis instead of two years. GWR Treasurer Sandi Cvercko suggested that clubs should have at least one year's operating funds in reserve.

Two GWR Friendship Grant Recipients from Lithuania were introduced and gave a presentation on their country.

SI Riverside was presented with a \$5,000 Club Grant from Soroptimist International of the Americas for our Live Your Dream Conference.

SOLT
Soroptimist Orientation
and Leadership Training



Leadership Tip: Communication is the Key

Now more than ever, it is essential to have good communication skills. Not only are we interacting with our friends, family and club members in person and on the phone but we are also utilizing email, text and even video chat. Add in the number of social media options to connect and share information and we're getting into double digits. The number of avenues available to communicate seems to have grown exponentially in recent years. Therefore, it is important that we effectively communicate.

Everyone can benefit by honing their communication skills. Take time to improve your own by checking out the following tips. By putting them into practice, you may find yourself being a more effective, inspirational and motivational leader.

LISTEN

Take time to listen to each other. Remember that hearing and listening are different. Fight the urge to interrupt people and let them speak their opinions and thoughts. Be present in conversations, remove outside distractions and ask questions. Great club leaders talk with their members, not at them.

PAY ATTENTION TO BODY LANGUAGE

Sometimes, actions speak louder than words. If you cross your arms or have a scowl on your face, you could be sending the wrong message. Being in an international organization, we must be aware and sensitive to other cultures and customs.

GET TO THE POINT

Your audience will be most appreciative if you keep your message brief and simple. One study shows the attention span of humans is just eight seconds, shorter than that of a goldfish! Keep your messages specific and provide just the right amount of information.

TAKE NOTES

In today's hectic world, it can be helpful to simply put pen to paper. Taking notes can help you organize your thoughts and make certain you hit upon the high level points you want to make sure you get across. Additionally, you may want to jot down comments or questions from members so you can ensure you respond appropriately.

CHOOSE YOUR METHOD

We can communicate in a variety of ways such as calling, texting, emailing and face-to-face. Decide the best mode of communication depending on what you are delivering.

Sometimes an email may seem impersonal or a text can be read as being too terse. Use your best judgment depending on the situation.

HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE

Simply smiling and being positive goes a long way. Your behavior acts like a mirror and those in your presence will reflect that back to you. By having a positive attitude, people will want to be in your company and will pay more attention when you speak.

PRACTICE EMPATHY

Turn the tables and try to understand the point of view of others. Think about what you are saying from your audience's perspective. Dale Carnegie, the author of *How to Win Friends and Influence People* said, "The only way on earth to influence other people is to talk about what they want and show them how to get it."

By having strong communications, your message will be clear and misunderstandings will be greatly minimized. As an added bonus, you will be viewed with respect and seen as a more successful leader. Try out the above tips to have better conversations and get your ideas across within your club. You'll find that relationship with members are enhanced and accomplishing our mission will be that much easier.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



*Charlene Hildebrandt
October 26th*

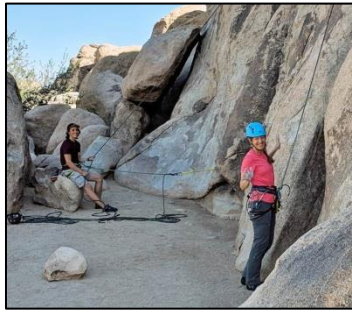
SEPTEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



*Carol Allain Speer
10-16-2015*

*Edith Gingerich
10-16-2015*

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



*Louise Borda is at Joshua Tree
National Park:
"Me and Pete's nephew."*



*Pam Bradford posted: "Went to
California Adventure for my
grandson Braden's 6th birthday.
Had a blast exploring the
Halloween themed park with my
son Jeremy, daughter-in-law
Jenn and Braden. Big brother
Wes couldn't join us because he
had to work that day. We
opened and closed the park and
had a magnificent time."*



*Jana Cook is with Karon De
Leon: "Hendricks Martini in Little
Italy in San Francisco."*



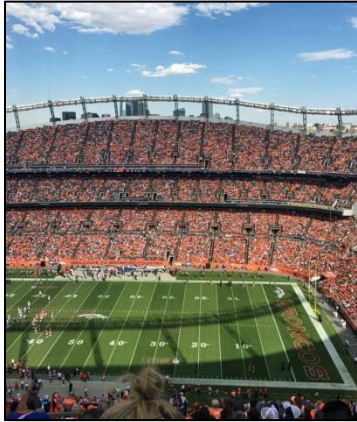
*Susan Exon was tagged in a
memory from one year ago by
Amy Baker.*



*Debbie Ferraro posted: "My
beautiful, smart, amazing, loving
daughters. I love you (and your
brother) so very much. I
have been incredibly blessed
to be your Mom!"
#NationalDaughtersDay*



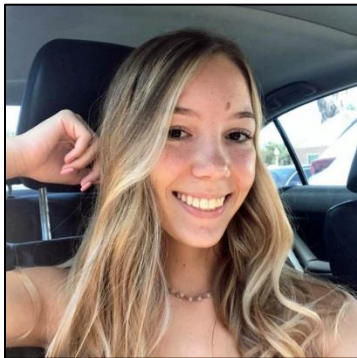
Edith Gingerich shared a post.



Vicki Hightower posted:
"Lots of orange. Do you think they're all felons?"



Charlene Hildebrandt shared a memory from one year ago:
"Lolita (aka Floppy). She is the biggest sweetheart and cuddle bug. She loves her family so much and will defend and protect us with all she has. Always there for you when you are sad or sick. We are not a family without her."



Amy McKenzie posted: "So, I missed National Daughter Day but that is OK because not a day passes me by that I am not

grateful for my beautiful, smart, strong and kind hearted daughter! I am not sure how we got so lucky to have such a fabulous young lady to call our daughter!"



Annamarie Megridichain was tagged in a post by Carmen DeCoursey: "When in Riverside we have to stop by our famous friend Annamarie Megridichian's Nothing Bundt Cakes shop to pick up some amazing goodies. Never disappoints!"



Kathy Michalak was tagged in a memory from two years ago by Sandy Austell:
"Great trip with Kathy!"



Michelle Paradise posted: "Girls day at Glen Ivy Hot Springs."



Kathleen Parra posted: "Paddle board fun, fed fish, wonderful days. Peace."



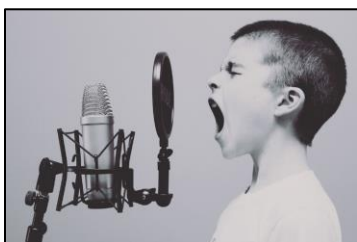
Janet Payton shared a post.



Judy Pekarek shared a post.



Linda Robertson posted:
"Another fun evening celebrating the wonderful Sandy Toro's birthday at California Pizza Kitchen. Thank you Julie for making the delicious birthday cake. Good times with good friends."



Lynn Scecia shared a link:
higherperspectives.com
"New research says that singing daily reduces stress, clears sinuses and helps you live longer."



Carol Allain Speer was tagged in a photo by Kathy Nguyen.



Debbie Sullivan shared a photo.



Lisa Williams posted: *"Happiest 97th Birthday to my Dad! Love You!"*



Susan Wolf posted: *"Happy hour. One down, two to go."*

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



Susan Wolf and Charlene Johnson volunteered at the 46th Annual Military Appreciation Picnic at March Air Reserve Base in Moreno Valley on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



I pledge allegiance to
Soroptimist and to
The ideals for which
it stands:

The Sincerity of Friendship,
The Joy of Achievement,
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 SEPTEMBER



*October 1, 1893
Faith Baldwin
Novelist*



*October 2, 1895
Ruth Cheney Streeter
Marine Corps Lt. Colonel*



*October 5, 1888
Lucy Tayiah Eads
Native American Tribal Chief*



*October 6, 1897
Florence B. Seibert
Biochemist*



*October 11, 1888
Harriet Boyd Hawes
Archaeologist*



*October 15, 1917
Marion Donovan
Inventor of the First
Waterproof Disposable Diaper*



*October 16, 1831
Lucy Stanton
Abolitionist*



*October 19, 1850
Annie Smith Peck
Mountaineer*



*October 21, 1929
Ursula LeGuin
Science Fiction Writer*



*October 23, 1905
Gertrude Ederle
Olympic Swimmer*



*October 25, 1903
Katharine Byron
Congresswoman*



*October 27, 1932
Dolores Moore
Baseball Player*



*October 31, 1860
Juliette Gordon Low
Founder of American Girl
Scouts*