

The Soroptimist Laurel Society Edition

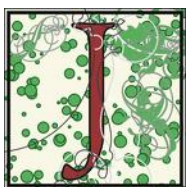
PLAN AHEAD

The Soroptimist International of Palm Desert newsletter for October 2018

-Doris Churry, Editor



At the Soroptimist International of the Americas level, Laurel Society funds are distributed to the Federation honorees of our identifying award program, "Live Your Dream" in which we participate at our annual spring dinner event. These four women are the ones in our valley awarded at our 2017 identifying program, flanked by Laura Yanez and Cathy Brown.



ust like pieces of a jig-saw puzzle, each of us is uniquely shaped. It takes work to fit these pieces together, but when all the pieces fit, there is a beautiful creation. I think this is a great metaphor for what we as a club can do when we work together with common goals in mind. I'd like you to take a few minutes and think about our club, what you want out of our club, and in what direction you want us to go as a service club.

This past month, we heard and saw what direction the city of Palm Desert is taking for their future. A BIG thank you to Sabby Jonathan, Mayor of Palm Desert, for being our speaker.



For this coming month, we hit the ground running. Wednesday's Program Meeting will be about the Dream It*Be It program. Karen Koch and I will present a mini workshop of some of the lesson units and discuss what club members' commitments will entail. Also planned is having our members take a "Healthy Club" survey. This will help figure out what is working and what areas need working on.

Now for the fun stuff! Got your saddle shoes polished and poodle skirts ready to put on? It's time to "ROCK AND ROLL" for EDUCATION at our GWR District 2 Fall Meeting on October 26 and 27 at Marriott Shadow Ridge Resort. Director Becky has lots of fun planned along with the important information that GWR Governor Lori Reed will impart. Remember, our club pays for any and all members that want to attend. So, plan to attend Friday

night Paint Party, then Rock 'n Roll Saturday along with the GWR Board. And there are tee shirts with the meeting's logo being sold by SI Palm Springs as their fundraiser. Also, for sale will be Spring Conference 2019 tee shirts which really should INSPIRE you to plan on attending our June 6-8, 2019 Golden West Region spring conference, again at Pala Resort and Casino in the Temecula area—great facility.

And remember, we have a personal project coming up November 1! It's Marie's PURSE PARTY. So, clean out your closets of gently used purses and bring them to our October meetings. This is a new and fun project, so let's support Marie.



Welcome back to all of our summer and seasonal vacationing members and welcome back also to both Renate Burns Knoblauch and Sherrie Yoshimura! Great fun times are ahead.

So, let's all fit together into a beautiful mosaic puzzle of service. -President Betsy



SIPD Calendar



October at SIPD is "Laurel Society" Month!

SIPD PROGRAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @noon

Desert Falls Country Club

"Dream It*Be It" presentation President Betsy and Karen Koch

Discussion and input into our club's Program of Service

Kindly remember our new practice of bringing our lunch check to our meetings

SIPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @4:30pm

CB Wealth Management Office, Monterey near Hwy 111

SIPD BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @noon

Desert Falls Country Club

Lunch check reminder! Thank you!

GWR DISTRICT 2 FALL MEETING

Friday evening and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2018

Marriott Shadow Ridge Resort

ALL members are asked to be on board – GO TEAM!

Becky Goebel, District 2 Director



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS LAUREL SOCIETY

SIPD Laurel Society Members

Mary Kay Berlier – Christine Duranceau – Margaret Henderson – Karen Koch
Ella Manor – Lori Oliver – Sherrie Yoshimura

PLAN AHEAD TO JOIN THE LAUREL SOCIETY!

- “I want to help women and girls to live their dreams through Soroptimist programs by becoming a member of the Laurel Society...or by increasing my contribution to the next level of Laurel Society membership!”
- What an honor it would be to be recognized with my club members at our next spring conference in June 2019
- Our club will set up a Restricted Laurel Society account so you can contribute monies throughout the year toward your spring goal.
- All SIPD members enrolling in June in the Laurel Society will have our club’s check drawn for all to join at once
- How many more of us are interested in stepping up to Laurel Society membership? You can start saving at our next meeting!
- Your \$1,000 contribution will place you in the Laurel Society as an “*Attache*” member, standing proudly among our seven current members of SIPD
- Pinning of your new Laurel Society *Attache* membership pin will be done by the SIA visitor to conference and our own GWR Governor Lori Reed at a recognition ceremony at the spring conference luncheon on Saturday.
- Your gift may be designated for either 1-Unrestricted support, 2-Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women, or 3-Dream It*Be It: Career Support for Girls. Your choice!
- No club has had a group of members, in recent time, join Laurel Society simultaneously and so it will be special recognition for us and a feather in the cap of SIPD for breaking new ground in Laurel Society support.

Consider this generosity your personal next step in Soroptimist and making a true difference in the lives of women and girls’ development and access to education.

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LOVE LETTER TO LORI OLIVER

You are some kinda girl. So nice of you to think of your Soroptimist club when you had the opportunity, and now to pay it forward in Becky's Facebook personal fundraiser birthday project. Such a nice outcome. You are very special in our book. Thank you for authorizing \$1,000 to SIPD through Becky in this special way.

Love you lots for the special contribution from you through your Kohn Family Foundation.



Ladies of SIPD – With extreme thanks to Lori Oliver for her Kohn Family Foundation grant to us via me and my Facebook personal fundraiser birthday project; I have now decided how to best utilize it to benefit our club:

I am designating a \$100 portion to each of ten SIPD club members to become a Laurel Society Member. This means that we can all join together at spring conference and your membership will only cost you \$900, instead of the full \$1,000, as the Kohn Family Foundation grant will cover the remaining \$100 for ten new SIPD Laurel Society members. We will establish a Restricted Laurel Society account in our SIPD budget and issue the check for all of us joining in the ceremony at Saturday's luncheon at spring conference in June.

Now that's IMPACT!

Who will be the first to sign up?



-Becky Goebel





THE LAUREL SOCIETY is Soroptimist International of the Americas prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more. Members that provide ongoing financial support beyond their membership dues ensure that the organization's global programs have the funding needed to serve the women and girls around the world that count on them. Since 1994, more than 6,000 Laurel Society members have contributed nearly \$10 million dollars to help women through the Live Your Dream Awards and other Soroptimist programs.

All Laurel Society donors are acknowledged with a special commemorative pin representing their recognition level. In addition, members receive exclusive invitations and recognition with other Laurel Society members at all Soroptimist International of the Americas functions.

Gifts of appreciated stock or property are also accepted and will be credited toward a donor's total recognition in the Laurel Society.



SHE'S STILL AT IT!



-Ella Manor

WHITE BOTTLE CAPS

Last year, everyone did a great job of saving white plastic bottle caps for Ella Manor to give to the Big Bear drive to provide one minute per bottle cap on a dialysis machine. Can you keep them coming?



She will be returning to her desert home in a couple weeks and she will be happy to know that you are continuing to save those white bottle caps for her.

Thank you everyone. You now have until the end of May to collect all that you can for this worthy project.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @5PM



PURSE PARTY!

-Marie Newton

- FUN! Beautiful purses at reasonable prices
- All purses are donated and 100% of proceeds go to our club
- Start collecting purses from family, friends and neighbors and feel free to drop them off with Marie or Janice. ASAP!
- Most purses will be priced but there may be some that will be presented as a silent auction item
- Bring a guest(s) and let them know that the price of admission is either \$5.00 or a donated purse(s).



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TRAVELLING SOROPTIMIST

-Marie Newton

This summer was spent, as usual, in Mill Valley, California. My son Steve lives with his wife and my three grandchildren in Berkeley, so we devote the summer to seeing as much of them as we can – June to September.

We traveled quite a bit this summer using San Francisco as our base. We took a three week trip on a Viking Riverboat cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. We traveled with three other couples and couldn't have asked for better weather, scenery and friendship – never mind the fabulous food!

In July I took my granddaughter, Erin Murphy age 10, on a Road Scholar Intergenerational Trip to The White Stallion Horse Ranch outside of Tucson, Arizona. We were there for five nights, rode horses every morning at 7am and again at 5pm, and the weather never deviated – it was 111 degrees every day. I still can't believe that! But we had a wonderful time.

Every year I take a trip with my three dear friends from San Diego. We are known as the "B of A Girls" because we all worked together at Bank of America for years. In the past we have traveled to Las Vegas, New Orleans, and even took a 10-day Viking Riverboat cruise to the Netherlands (two years ago). Well, this year we spent nine days on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. My sister owns a second home in Pocasset and we were lucky to have the house to ourselves. We spent days at Martha's Vineyard,


Province town, Falmouth, Hyannis and Boston. We swam in the ocean and ate seafood at every lunch and dinner time. Lobster, clams, shrimp – you name it and it was terrific. I have attached a picture of us in front of my sister's home. My son Chris said we look like a bunch of "Rock Stars" with our sunglasses.



Now we are back home in the desert that we truly love and have fond memories of another great summer.

**FALL MEETING IS HERE! WE ARE
EXPECTING ALL OF OUR SIPD MEMBERS TO
ATTEND. SIPD WILL PAY FOR YOUR
REGISTRATION. HELP OUT! SHOW UP!
LEARN A LITTLE. HAVE FUN A LOT!**

**OCTOBER 26 AND 27 @SHADOW RIDGE
MARRIOTT**



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR FINANCIALS

-Doris Churry, Treasurer

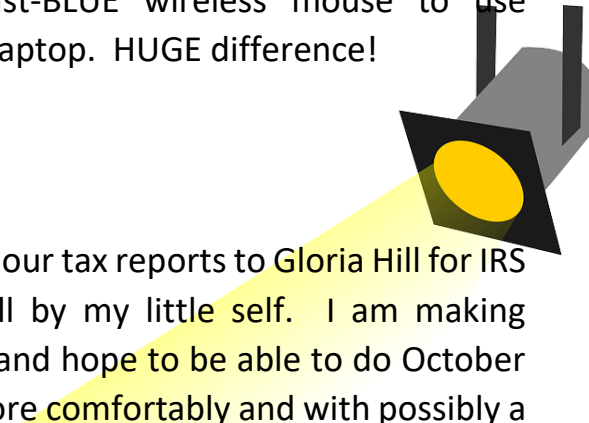
You know how it is when you get a new toy ... you play with it. You experiment with it and take chances in your efforts to work your way through the program and familiarize yourself with the tasks and keystrokes to accomplish something. I have been giving myself plenty of playtime to walk through QuickBooks and to use the new laptop, as opposed to my desktop PC. Quite different. I discover that all the time!

Naturally I want to put my stamp on things and in my zeal I got “too far” into redesigning the invoice template. Ahem. This was a test for Brenda... to her credit she showed herself to be very controlled and calm. I admire her for that. She took it as a challenge to retrieve the old template and figure how we could start again and was successful. It worked. Then over the phone we walked through reestablishing the form and applied it to producing the invoice I just sent you on Wednesday last. And, By Jove, they went out! Most of you have a zero balance. Oh yes – again, thank you very much. The new system is working!

Well since then, I have figured how to put my favorite Soroptimist “S” globe logo on the invoice, make the fonts uniform in size and

style and in general polish it up a bit. Hope you like it when you see it next time. Oh, I know, who cares. But this is what I do.

I/we are balancing out for the third straight month. Pause here to receive accolades! Brenda is the greatest. A BIG thank you to Susan too for giving me a copy of “QuickBooks 2014 for DUMMIES” (I tried to take that with some amount of grace) and special thanks to Brenda for the gift of a Soroptimist-BLUE wireless mouse to use with the laptop. HUGE difference!



I sent out our tax reports to Gloria Hill for IRS filing – all by my little self. I am making progress and hope to be able to do October a little more comfortably and with possibly a little less shepherding. I am taking it transaction by transaction.

Thanks for bringing your checks! Continued appreciation to you all for your support!



Something else you could do, **IF you would:** Make those raffles/brags in cash. You just have no idea what it takes to manipulate all those entries. I don't want to stifle your spontaneity, but cash for brags--FABULOUS!



A CHILL IN THE AIR

The Official SIPD BLOG!

-Lori Oliver

Wait, wait, what? This morning on the news the weatherman reported the temperatures will drop into the mid-thirties tonight. Ohhh-Kaaay. I still love Minnesota. The four seasons are a spectacle to me and still quite the novelty. But seriously, the thirties?

A friend and I spent a week in the lakeside town of Detroit Lakes last week. But before we headed to the lake, we hung out for a few nights in my new favorite city of Minneapolis. We stayed in an Airbnb in a lovely old neighborhood with streets lined with mature trees and stately mansions. Our room was filled with antiques, including a pair of ornately carved beds from Austria that had come over on a boat in 1890.

In stark contrast, our lakeside condo was straight out of 1990. Very colorful...brown is a color, right? Literally everything was brown, tan, beige, or yet another shade of brown. But it worked out great because our rainy day

craft project was “sweater pumpkins” in classic autumn colors. I had a harvest of sweaters ripe for cutting into tubes. Stitch one end and turn it inside out, stuff with poly-fill, stitch up the open end and finish by wrapping a cord around the longitudinal axis. *Et voila*, a pumpkin! A tree accommodated our need for stems by dropping a bunch of pumpkin-stem lookalikes on the ground at our feet. And a grapevine provided pumpkiny leaves—which were later replaced with the faux kind from the craft store because a) authentic is not the goal and b) real leaves get crispy in, like, one day.

Sitting by a lake, imagining it to be in its soon-to-be future state---frozen solid, surrounded by a snowy beach and bare trees—made me wish for winter. Apologies to the good folks of Minnesota. This early winter is obviously of my doing. To all my friends in the desert, don’t blink. Your autumn is coming: seven weeks from Thursday, from noon to 4 pm!





FOR EDUCATION

Golden West Region

DISTRICT 2 FALL MEETING

October 26 and 27, 2018

Becky Goebel, District 2 Director

District 2 Fall Meeting is right around the corner. SIPD and SI Palm Springs are co-hosting this year. Join in the fun, 50's style! Poodle skirts and saddle shoes are definitely part of the fun both days!

It's a time to learn the latest and greatest from our GWR Governor Lori Reed, make new friends and catch up with all your Soroptimist friends from other clubs. Our club has budgeted for YOUR attendance and so we expect a large SIPD group!

Go to www.goldenwestregion.org to view the Call to Fall Meeting for the full details of Friday evening and the day's activities and Agenda for Saturday. An interesting and informative day has been planned.

If anyone wants to purchase the Rock n' Roll tee shirt shown here, they are available online and then pick 'em up at fall meeting.
Sizes S-L \$20.00 / 2XL+ \$22.50.



<https://soroptimistofps.org/fall-meeting#427a5e47-cda-47a9-9b50-f0211f9e645f>
(Enormous address!)



TO REGISTER TO ATTEND FALL MEETING:

Sign up for the Fall Meeting activities with Treasurer Doris at our meeting on October 3.

Indicate your lunch choice:

SW CHICKEN TACO SALAD
CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
MIGEL'S PASTA AND VEGGIES

Carpools will be set up for both Friday and Saturday!

