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News



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Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley reaps the benefits of service

We appreciate the following agencies for assisting in the funding of our programs which ultimately helps more women and girls:

District Atty. Asset Forfeiture Grant-\$5000

Riv. Co. District 5 CID Grant-\$1500

United Way-\$675



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Club Members: Need ideas on how to "Make your Dollar



Grow" ? What's already been done???

Homemade Crafts for sale 10/27 Debby, Karin

Christmas Tree Decorating 12/6 Sandy

Makeup sales Dec/Jan. Nina T.

Sip N Paint 1/24 LaDonna

Bingo 2/12 Shirley, Nina N. and Cheri

Bunco Late April-date to be determined Ruth

Go solo or team up with another member

YTD: over \$1500 has been collected with these projects. There's still time. What will you come up with next???



President's Message By Sandy Ferguson

Happy New Year, Soroptimist Sisters!

Oh, my! We have so many opportunities coming up to serve our community and our Club!

Are you ready for our annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on March 9? That's only a few weeks away! If you haven't already signed up to contribute to a raffle basket, please call Jan Hartig (951-204-7623) to find out which baskets still need your help. Tickets for the event (\$35) are available so start contacting your friends. Deadline to turn in payment for all tickets sold is 2/27/19. We need to sell about 250 tickets so let's get crackin'!

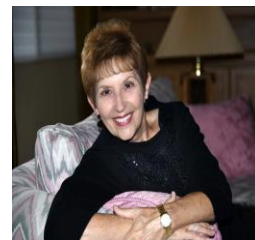
The Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce held their 2019 Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet on Friday, February 1, 2019 at March Field Air Museum. **SIMV was selected the Organization of the Year.** What an honor. It was a TEAM effort. Thank you for your contribution to the success of our Club.

Remember the Bell Ringing Fundraiser Competition for the Salvation Army? Who won? Optimist? Rotary? Soroptimist? Lt. Jen Liggett announced the winner at the Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at the Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center. Drum roll. It wasn't us. Rotary took 1st Place the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations to them. We get an A+ for effort. All of the proceeds support a great cause. No disappointment here.

It is such an honor to serve as the President of the most amazing group of women I've ever known! Thank you so much for your trust and support. Together we will continue to enhance the awesome legacy of Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley.

Love you all,

President Sandy



SIMV members watch the movie "On the Basis of Sex" after seeing our FREE PSA (Public Service Announcement) at the Harkins Theaters in Moreno Valley



Rosemary Clayton Memorial Scholarship Applications Due April 1st.

SIMV offers the Rosemary Clayton Scholarship Award 6 years running

The **Rosemary Clayton Scholarship** was established in memory of a dear friend. Rosemary Clayton was dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls at both the local and international levels. A resident of Moreno Valley and loyal member of SIMV and other service organizations, Rosemary was a model of selfless volunteerism, faithful friendship, and service to her community.

To qualify for the Rosemary Clayton Scholarship Program, applicants must meet all of the following criteria.

- High School Senior Girl.
- Be able to demonstrate some level of community involvement.
- Have a commitment to succeed by pursuing education at an accredited college or university, community college, or trade/technical school.
- Attend a High School located in Moreno Valley.

AND Submit an ESSAY of 1,000 words (maximum) which addresses the following:

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. Identify an issue in society that primarily impacts girls and describe what you believe service organizations such as Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley could be doing to have a positive effect on the issue or problem.

Do you know of a girl who fits this criteria? **SHARE** this information with her.....Application can be found on the website at www.simorenovalley.org



It is exciting to be in our third year of presenting the 6-session Dream It Be It curriculum with the girls in Debbie Marsh's 4th period ASB class at Bayside.

Opening season for the 2018-2019 school year began on 9/20 with Discovering Your Dreams. I enjoyed delivering this session, which laid the foundation for future sessions. Cheri Rhoades was my assistant, and she helped the girls with the workshop tasks. Nine participating students reflected about women they admire, and they identified quality traits and values that were important to them. Each completed a dream collage, and they took turns sharing the story behind their collage.

LaDonna was facilitator for Session 2 on 10/17. There were 13 students participating in Exploring Careers exercises to help identify the work values they felt were most important to them. Those values were indicators of possible career possibilities, and the students affirmed that their personal results matched the same careers they hoped to pursue. The session also featured a presentation and interview session with Lori Nickel, a retired registered nurse. The students learned insightful and practical details about pursuing a career path in nursing.

Session 3, Creating Achievable Goals, was led by Shirley Y. on 11/14. First, the students were introduced to the concept of identifying goals, and then Shirley led them through exercises to focus on SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound), characteristics which increase the likelihood that their goals will be met. This prepared them to write original short and long term goals for their desired career field.

On 12/19, Nina Thomas served as facilitator for Session 4, Rising Above Obstacles. This session was a perfect venue to incorporate new workshop materials about human trafficking and crimes of exploitation, and Nina's passion about this topic makes her the perfect match to cover this important information. She opted to do a dress-rehearsal with members attending the October SOLT meeting. At the start of Bayside's session, three board members from United Way of the Inland Valleys made a "big check" presentation of \$675 in support of SIMV's programs for girls. (Here's a big THANK YOU, LaDonna, for your grant-writing expertise resulting in more available funds to impact more girls.) Later, students participated in exercises to identify obstacles to career goals, practical solutions to overcome each obstacle, and individuals who could help them tackle future obstacles.

Sessions led by Ruth and President Sandy will be recapped in a future newsletter. Please make note that **March 20th** will be our CELEBRATION Session to close out the school year. SIMV members are welcome to participate in the presentation of certificates, gifts and lunch. Meanwhile, I am so very grateful to the all the facilitators, support team, and guest speakers who willingly share their time, expertise, and heart to this program for our girls. I hope more members will be inspired to take a turn in year #4.



Live Your Dream Award Program



Live Your Dream Awards were presented on February 13th filled with emotions and appreciation. It was our regular business meeting but nothing was regular about it. LaDonna Jempson, Vice President (stepping in for President Sandy Ferguson) gave the floor to Ruth Salley and Judy Vasquez, our former “Live Your Dream” (WOA) winner and now chairman of the “Live Your Dream” local Committee. **We had 11 applications this year. Two were shared with Beaumont/Banning.** We were able to give out cash awards to all 7 applicants who qualified, totaling \$6000. The top award of \$2000 went to Briana and her application was forwarded on to Soroptimist Golden West Region.

The ladies each told us a little about themselves and some of the hardships they had endured to get to the place they are now; head of household and going to school and providing for their families. Amazing stories and we were so happy to be a part of their lives as we assisted in helping to provide access to education.

We want to THANK our judges which included the LYDA Committee in addition to a Tammy Duncan from RUHS Foundation and Carina Tamayo, from Senator Richard Roth’s office.

Let us introduce you to these awesome women: 1st Place Briana S., (1st photo on the right), Erica R. (2nd photo on the right), Winter W. (1st photo on the left), Khalilah M. (2nd photo on the left, Karianne G. (last photo on the left) Tavia W. and Tiffany R, unable to attend.



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**Pat Box DIBI Career Support,
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Live Your Dream Awards**

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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.

Calendar of Events:

All meetings noted below are held at Brandon's Diner at 7 am.

B-Board Meeting-1st Wednesday

B-Business Meeting-2nd Wednesday

S-Guest Speakers-3rd Wednesday

2/20-Sharon Morris-Voice for Children (CASAS)

3/20-Kris Miller-Author of Healthy Money, Happy Life

4/17-Tamica Smith Jones-UCR Women's Athletic Director

Norma Sanchez-United Way

S-SOLT Training- 4th Wednesday

No meeting on months with a 5th Wednesday.

Our THANKS and APPRECIATION goes to our previous Speakers

Carina Tamayo-Field Representative from Senator Richard Roth's office

Lisa Roybal-Program Manager for Women Veterans

Lt. Jenn Liggett-Director of Salvation Army for Perris/Moreno Valley

Feb. 27 Deadline for Fashion Show ticket sales

March 9 31st Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

March 20 "Celebration Session" at Bayside Community Day School

April 10 "Meet and Greet" Membership Drive Meeting

June 6-8 Spring Conference at Pala Casino and Resort

August 25-Sept. 1 Alaskan Cruise –Navigate to Educate-final payment due on or before 6/10/19

October 5 Quartermania



Salvation Army gets facelift from SIMV members on activity room