



# PLAN AHEAD

Soroptimist International of Palm Desert newsletter for May 2019

-Doris Churry, Editor

## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF JOENSUU

Joensuu, Finland, Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland

**SI PALM DESERT AND SI JOENSUU establish a Friendship Link!**

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It's hard to believe that our 2018-2019 club year is drawing to a close. We have accomplished so much in these past eight months. Here's a list of all we've accomplished: 1-gave checks to TWO LYD winners this year and increased the awards; 2-held SOS service project of Socks for Seniors for Valencia Palms residents in Indio; 3-had great fall meeting attendance by our members (and what a fun time we had); 4-will be inducting four SIPD members into the Laurel Society at this year's GWR Spring Conference; 5-increased our



SHOH hands-on involvement with an Italian dinner for Thanksgiving, took the residents to The Living Desert, invited them to our LYD award dinner as our guests, held Healing Through the Arts activities and brought lunch for the residents, and will be having them come to our May 1 meeting for the SHOH shower; 6-held 5 wonderful FUNdraising events with Wine and Cheese Party, Purse Auction, Holiday Dinner Auction, Greg Smith Guitar Concert and Mardi Gras Party; 7-collected over \$110 in our Dream Jar; 8- inducted two new club members. WOW!!! Then we now have the SHOH "Day of Hope" on Saturday, May 4 at the Classic Club starting at 11:30; Margaret Henderson will be honored for her time providing free payroll service to SHOH. Hope you will attend. Tickets may be bought at the door.

And a GREAT BIG shout-out to Doris for her wonderful monthly PLAN AHEAD newsletters. These are the best in our Golden West Region. And speaking of news, did you all see the Desert Sun article in the Desert Scene section about our LYDA dinner? Great publicity, even with my new last name of Kruger.

Also, Christine and Rose Mary need a shout out for holding a fundraising ideas meeting last month. Eight members attended and came up with a plan for lots of money making events. That committee decided NOT to have a major fundraiser as no member has stepped forward to chair a big event.



SI Joensuu (pronounced Joe-Han'-Sue), Joensuu, Finland has been approved formally with our vote last month to become our: Friendship Link. It's not in the Soroptimist news much these days, but a friendship link has long been a means where clubs from around the world officially link to form a bond with other Soroptimists. Our friendship link contact is Ritva Mikkola [ritva.a.mikkola@luukku.com](mailto:ritva.a.mikkola@luukku.com), a long-time Soroptimist who helped plan the SI Conference in Helsinki, Finland in 1999. SI La Quinta was their friendship link for many years and in 1995 at San Francisco four members met her there; Ella met her in Helsinki in 1999. Thank you Mary



Kay for bringing this opportunity forward. We relish our becoming links with Joensuu and look forward to an interesting relationship with them over the years!

May is set to be very busy with our May 1 SHOH shower for the residents. Then our meeting on May 15 will have lots of BUSINESS to accomplish. The edited Standing Rules were voted on and approved at April's meeting but I'd like to continue the discussion of the changes. Christine's Rules Committee is going through our Bylaws that members will peruse for our next club year. Voting for the 2019-2020 slate of Club Officers and Directors will also take place. So please plan on attending.

As my term of president is coming to an end, I'd like to thank **all** you members for the great support you've given me and our club. We are the best because of YOU! -President Betsy



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE PRESIDENT BETSY!

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Bottle caps for dialysis

**REMINDER: BRING THOSE FINAL BAGS OF WHITE CAPS FOR ELLA!**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
It's our annual Soroptimist House of Hope "Shower!"  
Noon, Desert Falls Country Club

Saturday, May 4, 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual House of Hope Celebration: "A Day of Hope"  
TV personality Patrick Evans - Luncheon – Speakers – Entertainment – Live Auction and Raffle  
11:30am, Classic Club - \$50 per person - pay at the door



Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
SIPD Board of Directors Meeting  
4:30pm, Desert Falls Country Club Locker Room

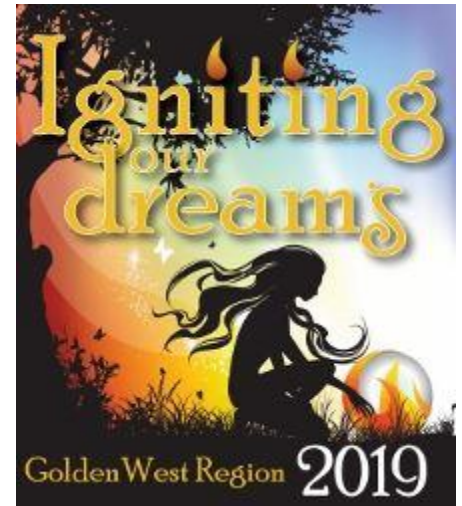
Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
SIPD Business Meeting  
Noon, Desert Falls Country Club



# GOLDEN WEST REGION

-Becky Goebel, District Two Director

Golden West Region Spring Conference 2019, **Igniting Our Dreams**, is right around the corner. Registration deadline is May 10th, make your plans with President Betsy today!



[https://www.goldenwestregion.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=928590&item\\_id=944070](https://www.goldenwestregion.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=928590&item_id=944070)

April was busy as I conducted my district director official club visit with **SI Moreno Valley**; they are early birds for sure, meeting at 7am at a local restaurant. They inducted 2 NEW MEMBERS



on my visit, plus conducted a full slate of business, all within 1 hour! It was fun to join the members of this very successful club. I look forward to seeing them at spring conference!

**SI Idyllwild** invited me to conduct a Paint Night event for the **Soroptimist House of Hope** annual overnight Shower Retreat in Idyllwild. We had a great deal of fun as the staff and residents joined in painting a spring scene. The staff picked me up on the way up the hill as we made our way to a very spacious lodge in the heart of Idyllwild. I was part of the retreat from start to finish, sharing meals, devotions, shopping, stories, and my first AA meeting. We had a special meet and greet with "Max the Mayor". The Idyllwild members had the house stocked with groceries and brought pizza for dinner as we listened to the stories of

the residents and the members. Each resident was presented a handmade quilt (I saw every single one being used on their beds that night) and a goodie bag to enjoy.

**"A Day in the Life of an SHOH resident"** was an eye opener for me. House of Hope staff are very kind as they guide the women on their path to recovery. Thank you SI Idyllwild for this wonderful experience!

THIS LETTER WAS SENT APRIL 3, 2019 TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER JACQUIE GUNNING



Dear Jacquie:

My heart instantly filled with so much joy upon hearing that you were joining our beloved Soroptimist organization. It was your mother, Joan, who talked me into joining Soroptimist 23 years ago...and she was such a great supporter, mentor and inspiration, I'd say right up until she passed. I still tell "Joan Bighead" stories to women that I now mentor.



Your Mom was the epitome of what a strong, intelligent and compassionate woman can do to help other women be so much more than they ever dreamed they could. I am so happy that you now get to share in this joyful and purposeful mission my friend. I wish you nothing but the best and please know that my love, support and "ears" are always open to you anytime, as you find your way.

Nothing would have stopped me from being there today [for her Induction into SIPD membership] but the birth of my 2<sup>nd</sup> granddaughter. I'm so proud of you and I hope we get to see each other at our upcoming region spring conference at Pala.

Yours in service, Laurie Moses  
Governor Elect, Golden West Region

Thank you for your presentation at our last meeting Darleen Wilkerson! Darleen is a friend of Rose Mary Jameson and it is she who recommended her presentation. We got exposure to many of the textiles created by women workers in the Middle East. Darleen is also an artist and also sells items which are made by these women. Please contact her if you wish to pursue the wide variety of items available. Here she is with me, Betsy and Becky, holding up the most gorgeous jacket! Wow.

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# THE TRAVELING SOROPTIMIST

-Susan Browne Rosenberg

I only recently started taking classes at our local Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University-San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus. This program began at the Cook Street campus in 2003. The OLLI program provides intellectually stimulating programming for the large and growing 50+ population in the Coachella Valley. If you are not on their email list, shame on you. Here is a link for more information. <https://pdc.csusb.edu/osher>

The spring sessions started in early April and continue into May. There are some free two-hour courses at the start of each session to entice you into enrolling and paying for a six-week course. I took a class on iPhone use and learned about features I did not know I had. There are classes on art, history, movies and religion.

They also have travel events for a bit more money. Jess and I traveled with 40 other intrepid learners on a bus to the far off city of Chino Hills to visit a Hindu temple. The name of the temple is BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. It is an architectural marvel that sits just off a freeway.



<https://www.baps.org/Global-Network/North-America/LosAngeles.aspx>



I would never have known that this place existed, if it were not for OLLI. They are also traveling to Washington, DC and Phoenix this year. In November, we will be joining nearly 50 other locals on a cruise of the Adriatic Sea visiting Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This area of the world was not even on my radar. But the deal was too affordable to pass up. There may even be one or two cabins left on the small ship with only 25 cabins.

And just yesterday, I learned that there is a second OLLI learning center here in Rancho Mirage that is associated with the University of California, Riverside. Although there is a small UCR campus building on the corner of Cook and Frank Sinatra in Palm Desert, the OLLI classes are mainly at the Annenberg Center on Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage.

<https://www.extension.ucr.edu/osher/events.php>

"I AM ALWAYS READY TO LEARN ALTHOUGH I DO NOT ALWAYS LIKE BEING TAUGHT."

— Winston Churchill



## *"Wee Bear"*

*Wee Bear are you there,  
are you waiting for me.  
Do you sit in the shade  
of the Hazelnut Tree?*

*Wee Bear we did share,  
oh such wonderful times.  
When we climbed to the top,  
of the old Japanese Pine.*

*Wee Bear when we walked,  
down the long winding lanes,  
Do you remember, how we played, all those wonderful games.*



*Wee Bear do you recall,  
that funny old book,  
We read by the hours,  
near the cold babbling  
brook.*

*Wee Bear how I wish, that  
the days could be long,  
As they were in those days, when we both sang our song.*

*Wee Bear as I've grown, you have been in my heart.  
Now I long for that place, where we each played a part.  
Wee Bear I close my eyes, and think of you still.  
As we walked down that path, that goes over the hill.*