

# Happy Talk



S.I. San Bernardino  
Golden West Region

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## Award Banquet Scheduled

### Always Forward!

These two words have really stuck with me this past month as SISB has been busy finalizing events for this year and looking ahead to 2019/2020 as we work to improve the lives of women and girls.

At the April 4 business meeting we voted for our new club officers for 2019/2020. Thank you to our Nominating Committee Chair, Cathie Weber, and committee members Pat Balthazar and Roberta Bamert who met, planned and talked to members as they worked to put together the proposed slate.

On May 9, 2019, we will hold our Awards Banquet. I am excited that we will be awarding our Live Your Dream recipient, a scholarship to a high school senior, and a music student with a musical instrument of her

choice. We look forward to recognizing these special young women in our community.

Golden West Region's 2019 Spring Conference is just around the corner and I encourage all members to attend if possible. Spring Conference is always a wonderful time with guest speakers, workshops, hearing fresh ideas and making new Soroptimist friends. The Region's winners of the Live Your Dream awards will be announced and hearing their stories is always a highlight.

SISB will host a Paint Nite on June 29, 2019, from 4:00 / 7:00 p.m. at the Native Son's parlor. A fun and fabulous evening includes wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres, painting supplies, and artist guides to take every-



And the award goes  
to ....

one step by step to a completed masterpiece to take with you all for the cost of \$35 per participant.

We are moving Always Forward!

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

...Henry Ford

*President Michelle*

## Imagine, Spark, Activate

### Club Calendar

- 5-2 Business Meeting
- 5-9 Awards Dinner
- 5-28 Board Meeting



### Websites

- (SI) [soroptimistinternational.org](http://soroptimistinternational.org)
- (SIA) [soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org)
- (GWR) [goldenwestregion.org](http://goldenwestregion.org)
- (SISB) [sisanbernardino.org](http://sisanbernardino.org)

## Save the date!

May 9, 2019 —  
Awards Banquet

June 6 / June 8, 2019 —  
GWR Spring Conference  
(Please note that the June

business meeting will be  
changed to June 13, 2019.)

June 29, 2019 —  
Paint Nite

July 18, 2019 —  
Installation of Officers

August 10, 2019 —  
Club Summer Retreat

**HAPPY  
Birthday**

No Birthdays this  
month

# GWR Spring Conference

SIA has established Regions for better organization of clubs and typically the Regions yearly schedule conferences for all members within the Region. In the past, Regions have held two conferences a year—one in the Spring and one in the Fall. When GWR was formed, the members elected to have only a Spring Conference and chose to schedule District workshops in the Fall for the clubs in each District.

GWR had 6 Areas (in lieu of Districts) at that time and the workshops were combined by scheduling 2 Areas to meet together, making only 3 separate dates in the Fall. Areas 1 and 2 met together at that time. Several years later, the Region was redesigned to have 4 Districts and each District had a workshop for educating new officers in the clubs. They have since morphed into different formats to include updates on Region and Federation activities with speakers addressing club issues such as recruitment, fund raising, awards, programs, etc. A yearly Leadership Training was scheduled in the Region once a year at the beginning of the club year for the purpose of training officers and members on club assignments and other issues,

Spring conferences are scheduled to discuss and vote on

1. bylaw changes
2. election of officers and their installation
3. for presenting Region awards
4. recognition of club's participation in Region and Federation programs
5. workshops related to club issues, etc.

Each club is allowed by Region bylaws to register 3 voting delegates from the club. They are the President, plus 2 additional members selected from the club membership. They vote on behalf of the club's members and actively participate in floor discussions, i.e., bylaw proposed changes as well as the proposed budget for the new fiscal club year. Delegates are re-

quired to be educated on proper protocols as well as making themselves familiar with the issues to be discussed at conferences. They're also responsible to make a report back to the club members, particularly for those unable to attend a conference. It is to be a concise report of the results of voting as well as significant information presented at the conference. Reports on the food service or the amenities of the venue or the "fun stuff" that happened should be saved to share with the members outside of a business meeting session.

The 2019 GWR Spring Conference Call to Conference has been received by each club in the Region and it contains the following information from the Region Conference Committee:

Location: Pala Casino Spa Resort

Host clubs: SI Baldy View, SI Palm Springs, SI Rim of the World

Theme: Igniting Dreams

Proposed slate for the 2019/2021 Nominating Committee

Those attending are advised to

1. bring a carry all for the items you will need at the business sessions as well as for snacks or purchases in the sales room.
2. Delegates need to obtain their voting credentials card at Registration and keep it handy at all times when voting will take place.
3. Your Soroptimist pin and name tag should be worn at official functions.

A brief overview of the agenda includes:

1. Chartering SI Temecula, Thursday p.m.
2. Friday—Delegates briefing, 8:00 a.m.  
Opening Call to Order, 9:00 a.m.  
Workshop locations  
Business Session

3. Fundraiser Dinner and entertainment  
Saturday—voting,, 8:40 a.m.  
Opening Session, 9:00 a.m.  
Business Session with guest speaker  
Live Your Dream Awards Dinner

Workshops are listed in the Call and delegates will select those to attend that are most relevant to the club's interests.

SIA Director, Margo Hartman, will also speak on SIA matters.

Conference Standing Rules and hours for registration as well as the exhibit room are all published in the Call. Also in the Call are guides for the dress code for the various events. (Some are dressier than others.)

Anyone who has attended Spring Conference will tell you it is an experience like no other. The opportunity to meet and share with others from different clubs is invaluable. The opportunity for making new friends is special. The education gained from the speakers and workshops is very helpful. But most of all, the feeling of interacting with other Soroptimists and at a level above club experiences is unique and fulfilling.

If not this year, members should look ahead to plan for next year and/or the year after, etc. It will

**“Ignite Your Dreams.”**



# The price of membership

Membership in an organization necessarily requires its members to pay dues to defray the cost of administering the club's business. Some costs can be defrayed by Ways & Means projects, but the yearly dues are an important necessity. SISB's dues are \$170.00 as provided for in the club bylaws and they are due April 1 of each year. Dues are delinquent if not paid by June 1, and a fee of \$10 is assessed for the late payment.

A check made payable to SI of San Bernardino will cover the clubs portion as

well as the Region dues, SIA dues and SI dues. The club Treasurer collects the dues and prepares the forms needed to forward what is to be paid to the Region, to the Federation and to Soroptimist International. They must be received in SIA headquarters no later than June 30, 2019. This allows for the Treasurer to have sufficient time to sort out the breakdown for the dues and to deposit the monies in the bank to be able to cover the checks to be written and signed by her and the President and placed in the mail sufficiently ahead of June 30, to insure they are **received** no

later than June 30, at SIA headquarters.

The Treasurer also has other fiscal responsibilities at the end of the club year which she must have time to take care of along with sorting out dues payments.

If a member needs to make special arrangements for paying dues in installments she should contact the Board of Directors to make these arrangements. Again time needs to be allowed for this process.

## Officers and Committees

The following were elected to serve as officers for the 2019/2020 club year:

President: Michelle Gomez

Vice President: Gladys Weems

Secretary: Judy Holbeck

Treasurer: Lupe Castenada

Director: Barb Cooper

Region Delegates: Pat Balthazar, Judy Holbeck with Roberta Bamert as an alternate

dat a later date as Michelle is working on this with the help of the Board Members. If any member would like to be considered for a particular assignment, please do not hesitate to volunteer. In addition to the committee chairs, the members of a committee must be named. It is safe to assume that each member will be asked to serve on more than one assignment.

load for everyone. It goes without saying that even though a member is not assigned to a specific committee, all members support the club projects and participate as needed to keep them successful.

Committee assignments will be announce-

By all sharing the work, it eases the work

## Updates

An updated club roster is being distributed to the members. Primarily it reflects corrections to the e-mail addresses for Judy Holbeck and Barb Cooper. Please replace the old roster with the new one.

Attention is also drawn to a recent occurrence with e-mails to members. It appears an unknown party has hacked into President Michelle's e-mail account and is sending periodic e-mails to the members of the club without her knowledge. There is no message other than the one line that says, "To all."

There is also a link for you to click on. You are advised these e-mails have not been sent by Michelle and you should avoid opening the link as you run the risk of your e-mail service being improperly accessed.

The rule is if it looks strange, question it first before opening any links.

The woes of social media can reach everyone.



We need to be aware and cautious with e-mails!



### **Making a Difference for Women**

*Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment*

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1-Year Director .. Judy Holbeck

### Meetings

1st Thursday  
6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption School  
796 West 48th Street  
San Bernardino, California 92407

## Ideas to Ponder

The kindness lavished on dogs,  
if evenly distributed, would  
establish peace on Earth.

—William Feather  
Publisher and author, 1889-1981