



PLAN AHEAD

Soroptimist International of Palm Desert newsletter for **July** 2019

-Doris Churry, Editor

SIPD NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH A “SPLASH!”

LOOKING AHEAD TO CONCLAVE

(Okay, it's a President's Retreat with lipstick – lol)

No amount of times taking the president's chair has diminished my enthusiasm for the role. Now, the ideas which flow to bring to the table to vitalize our club's important role are with me to lay before you, as we move to maintain our club's momentum and import of Soroptimist service in our Valley. TOGETHER we will assess our plan for service focus, attention to membership issues and the fundraising necessary to accomplish our goals. I hope this sounds motivating to you and stimulates your thinking about what you want to bring this year to Soroptimist!

I look forward to the continuing evolution of our club and moving us forward with excellence and collaboration amongst our members. What's new? What's next? You tell me and we can come up with another great plan for 2019-2020. Eh?

-Prez Doris





YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY!

Our club will be “dark” for the month of July 2019. Please mark your calendar for our **SIPD SUMMER CONCLAVE**, Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 10:30am – 2pm at our bank, Bank of Southern California, just south of H111, 47000 Washington, La Quinta.

Our board of directors has lots of food for thought and all of us will be discussing the direction and specifics of our service agenda for the year! Our newbie, and thoughtful new member, Jacquie has much to discuss about our approach to recruitment, how we treat each other and plans to do innovative outreach. Be a part of that discussion. The fundraising committee has already met and sketched out a tentative plan; we need to tweak it to fit it in the overall club activity schedule for the year. Along with our service

activities and TLC for all members, we will be planning for a spirited group of SIPD members to attend both fall meeting October 18/19 in **San Jacinto** and the next spring conference in **Flagstaff, AZ**, on May 28-30, 2020, at Twin Arrows Resort. Our great club should always be well represented!



SIPD: A matter of substance and the priority of service.

So for those of us who are in town, plan to gather at the bank board room on August 7 to meet, eat and throw out some good ideas to formulate this year as one of our best! Let's make it ALL count and give ourselves the gift of everything Soroptimist has to offer. –D.



Our Friendship Link: SI Joensuu, Finland

“AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER”

Our link, Joensuu is – East. East of what you say? Spoiler alert: It's Russia. Read on.

“The long-lasting dream and hopes of Karelian peasants came true when the Russian Czar Nicholas I confirmed the founding of the town of Joensuu in 1848. Who could have guessed then this little settlement of a few hundred people would grow into a lively and international university town of over 50,000 inhabitants, and become the main centre of the province of North Karelia!

At the mouth of the River Pielisjoki and close to the vast inland waterways of eastern Finland, the town last year celebrated its 150th anniversary (now 171 years have passed). The river has always been of great importance. It has been a passage to adventure, to the unknown, to familiar fishing waters, and an excellent route to Karelian trading posts. Up until a decade or two ago (now some 30–40 years), bundles of logs were towed down the river in the summertime, but nowadays this sight is rare.”

-Excerpted from “Finland – A SUMMER’S DELIGHT, A WINTER’S DREAM”

SIPD COMMITTEE LIST 2019-2020

Yes, we have one!

Please review our new committee list and make your selections. In some cases, we have already spoken and the list reflects your interests; in other cases it's just plain arbitrary and what I thought you would enjoy. Let me know your preferences. How much you wish to immerse yourself in the business of our club is up to you. All is subject to revision and I look forward to seeing your choices! -D.



SIPD COMMITTEE LIST 2019-2020

Service Committee/Live Your Dream (LYD)

Cathy Brown, Chair
Margaret Henderson
Carmen Robinson
Renate Burns Knoblauch
Doris Ellis
Wahneta Bowers
Ella Manor
Beth Irish
Rose Mary Jameson

Soroptimist House of Hope

Janice Heronema, SHOH Advisory Council

Dream It, Be It (DIBI) Committee

Karen Koch, Chair
Betsy Kreger, Co Chair
Carmen Robinson
Beth Irish
Becky Goebel
Rose Mary Jameson
Cathy Brown

Membership Committee

Jacquie Gunning, Chair
Becky Goebel

Fundraising Committee

Rose Mary Jameson, Chair
Marie Newton Leanna Pettit
Mary Kay Berlier Jacquie Gunning
Karen Koch Georgia Cross
Brenda Langford Christine Duranceau

Public Awareness Committee

Susan Browne Rosenberg, Chair
Becky Goebel

Finance Committee

Janice Heronema, Chair
Marie Newton, Assistant Treasurer
Brenda Langford, Mentor

Inspiration Committee

Beth Irish, Chair

Tech Committee

Becky Goebel, Chair
Jacquie Gunning – Carmen Robinson

History and Traditions Committee (SOLT)

Margaret Henderson, Chair
Sherrie Yoshimura
Doris Ellis

Nominating Committee (March)

Laws Committee

Sherrie Yoshimura, Chair
Margaret Henderson
Ella Manor
Christine Duranceau

Spring Conference/Fall Meeting Committee

Karen Koch, Chair
Becky Goebel

Soroptimist Speaker's Meeting Committee

Karen Koch, Chair
Cathy Brown
Jacquie Gunning

SIPD Publications Committee

Sherrie Yoshimura, Chair

Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce

Betsy Kreger – Jacquie Gunning

Soroptimist Inter-Club Relations

SI Joensuu, Finland: Friendship Link

Mary Kay Berlier, Chair
Ritva Mikkola, Joensuu, Finland

SI Carson City, Nevada, USA

Joan Andreas

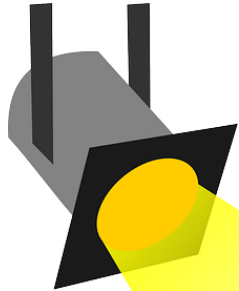
SI Vancouver, Canada

Diana Palmer

SI Palm Desert, California, USA

Becky Goebel, District 2 Director
Margaret Henderson, Past Governor

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Cathy Brown, Director of Service

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GWR Live Your Dream "Dream Jars"



Janice Heronema, Coordinator

Challenging SIPD members to fill a personal Dream Jar to donate spring conference May 2020

dreamstime.com

Soroptimist Collector's Pins!

\$100.00 DONORS receive a GWR DREAM MAKER pin
3 other top donors receive a 2018 pin from SIPD

SI President's Appeal

-Women, Water & Leadership



a global voice
for women

Women, Water & Leadership
SI President's Appeal 2017-2019

Soroptimists Educate, Empower and Enable through Water

December 10, 2019 SIPD Donation

Bottlecaps* for Dialysis



*white caps only!



Ella Manor, Coordinator

Turn in your caps to Ella by May 20, 2020 meeting

Dream It, Be It project – Trilogy Grant



Karen Koch, Chair
Betsy Kreger, Co-Chair



Planning for a 2-day
Workshop April 3-4, 2020

Soroptimist House of Hope

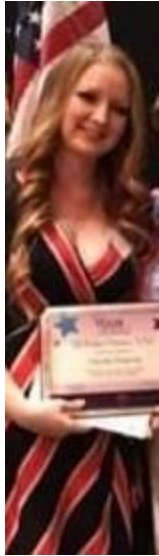
Janice Heronema, HOH Advisory Council
Trish Klimkiewicz, President, Board of Directors



SIA 10% Giving for Dream Programs



THIS IS WHAT SOROPTIMIST IS ALL ABOUT!



"Good evening Betsy,



I wanted to give you an update on my progress with my education. I made it on the Dean's List for the spring semester that I just completed, passing all classes with As and receiving a 4.0. I am currently enrolled in two courses for the Summer and I am registered for 13 units, which is full time for the fall semester. I finished my math requirement so I will start my science course with chemistry in the fall. I also want to again thank you and the Soroptimist organization for the scholarship that I was awarded. I am holding some funds back in order to purchase my fall semester books and I want to emphasize that this scholarship has been a true blessing.

Respectfully, Nicola Warren"

nwarren760@gmail.com

Note: I thought you would like an update from our first place Live Your Dream winner; so very proud of her!

-Betsy



IT'S DARK OUT THERE!



Please note that SIPD will be "DARK" for the month of July. **No meetings in July Ladies.** Enjoy your summer free time and please calendar our "SIPD SUMMER CONCLAVE," August 7th!

"WET & WILD"

Installation of Officers 2019-2020



"Let's get in the swim of things!"

Our innovative and freewheeling installation of officers this year was deftly handled by our creative diva with all of the spunk we could ask for! D2D Becky reached deep into her bag of tricks and had us doing beach ball shots into the swan to gain entrance to the pool, hoop toss and blowing up the beach balls! Ha-which was beyond me. Then we were awarded "noodles" and Olympic "winner" medals. Finally she issued the oath of office to us all and we were duly installed as your 2019-2020 board of directors! Thanks Beck.

Thanks to Marie, we toasted with Prosecco donated by her for the occasion and enjoyed the fabulous potluck provided by members. We were pleased to have Trish Klimkiewicz attend on behalf of House of Hope. Mary Kay was a generous and gracious hostess! Lastly thanks Janice for custom banana splits! Beth's dessert dish had some leftovers and yes, rank has its privileges, she gave it to me to take home. Yum.

Last and never ever least, thanks to Billy for schlepping, cooking, carrying, helping, supporting, driving, picking up dishes, being friendly and making nice as a Soroptimister for this year and all years. We thank John Jameson, RM's Soroptimister who was also there to support our club! -D.





DELIVERING GREAT TABLESCAPES: HAPPY 4TH!

-Lorraine Morris, SI Chino Valley

I was so excited when Doris asked if I would be a guest blogger for your SIPD newsletter and talk about how to create great tablescapes. I absolutely love creating colorful table décor that adds to the dining experience. With some smart shopping, mixing and matching items you already have around the house, and stacking depths and textures you too can create that wow factor.

First, let's talk about the shopping. I never pay full price for anything. I buy things over time when they are a bargain. I put all my holiday decorations in labeled bins in my garage for easy identification and access. My go to stores for tablescape items are TJMaxx/Homegoods, Hobby Lobby, Marshalls, Kirklands, and Michaels. I always use coupons when available and look for those sale items. I fill in with the Dollar Store and the Target Dollar Bin.



I also find items in my travels from boutique stops.

For my 4th of July tablescape, I built it with items I have acquired over the years. This tablescape is quite a hodgepodge of items acquired from multiple places: 4th of July plates, cups, tea pot, cream and sugar containers and placemats were purchased at Cracker Barrel several years ago coming home from a Soroptimist spring conference. The blown glass chargers were a steal from Homegoods. The napkins and napkin rings were sale items at *Sur La Table*. The red silverware was in the bargain shelf at Marshalls.

Flower vase and candlesticks are from Kirklands (these are a staple of most of my tablescapes, I just re-dress them depending on the look I am designing). Artificial flowers and table runner are from Hobby Lobby, metal stars are from Big Lots. Red and Blue Star Candles and white stars and stripes containers are from the dollar bin at Target. The chair bows are from the Dollar Store.



Now before you pass out from thinking that I ran all over town over a weekend to produce this table, I will say that these items were purchased over many years and brought together to get this result. The important things to remember in building your table decorating plan is to have height, different textures and interesting fillers. Let your creativity run and have fun!

Grandpa Bert's Potato Salad

OMG - WE ALL ENJOYED THIS RECIPE AT OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS!

-Rose Mary Jameson



Five large potatoes, either russet peeled or unpeeled reds

Four hardboiled eggs

One large red onion finely chopped

Three stalks celery finely chopped

Five heaping tbsp sweet pickle relish

¼ tsp tarragon, we use fresh chopped

1 ½ cup mayonnaise

3 tbsp yellow mustard

½ tsp salt

1 tsp ground pepper

Boil and cool the potatoes and eggs, chop boiled potatoes into bite sized chunks. Chop hard-boiled eggs into small pieces; place all into large bowl.

In separate bowl mix together onion, celery, tarragon, mayonnaise, mustard, pickle relish, salt and pepper. Add mixture to the large bowl with potatoes and eggs. Refrigerate for at least six hours for flavors to meld; can be made day before. Day of serving, scoop into a serving dish.

Suggest adding two additional sliced hard boiled eggs on top and sprinkle with paprika. Serves approximately six.

Our son-in-law loves dill and we add fresh chopped dill to his order when preparing. Double all ingredients if serving larger group.





OBSERVATIONS FROM 6 MONTHS ON THE ROAD



-Lori Oliver



PEOPLE. The United States is mostly empty. Overcrowding is an urban thing. Anytime you see the word metropolitan, or metro, or even met – keep an eye out for gobs and gobs of mobs. One exception is the Los Angeles Metro. What do you call an Angelino riding a subway? A tourist visiting New York City. The metro world is a tiny speck in the wide-wide-world of open spaces that define the United States, North America, the western Hemisphere, the eastern hemisphere, the poles, and well, you get it – Earth. Earth is for the most part a mob-free zone. Overcrowding is related to distribution, not quantity.

WATER. Some places don't have hardly and water and other parts have way too much. The earth as a whole has all the water it needs and every drop that existed at creation is by all calculations still here. The problem is, again, distribution, not quantity.



WEATHER. Weather, aka climate, is not under human control. Living in climate-controlled spaces reinforces the fallacy that mankind and the weather have a relationship when in fact weather doesn't even know we exist. On the other hand, the great water bodes and the poles, and their lovechild, the winds, are one big, sometimes dysfunctional, family. Occasionally the volcanoes will blurt out something at the dinner table, but weather just rolls its eyeballs and asks, who cut the cheese? It is hubris to think mankind and weatherkind are even so much as 'on speaking terms' let alone the former having any significant influence on the other. Yeah, no.



DRIVERS. Truckers, and others are mistaken; they are just like regular best drivers are the ones who can spot a bad can put you behind the pack ahead; your clumps merge into mobs. Then everyone ruin it for everyone. The other jerks are pedestrians who don't wait for the walk signal. If I am elected president, in my first 100 days I will make it legal to run them over.



who drive for a living, may think they are the best drivers but they drivers – some bad, some good, some a danger to others. The driver and literally steer clear. Drivers tend to clump. Your brakes accelerator keeps you ahead of the pack behind. In metros the has to go slow. It's the major jerks who refuse to go slow that



HYDRATION. Road hypnosis – it's a real thing. Sadly you can't use it to lose weight or quit smoking. As it happens, eye drops really, really help. Seems everything on your body works better when it's hydrated. Think of hydration as your body's internal climate. If staying hydrated means you have to pee more often, don't worry about it. The US is mostly empty, any would-be lookie-loo will speed right past. So guzzle that big gulp and whiz where you will, knowing that eons ago your whiz was part of a glacier that became sea water that evaporated into the sky and formed a cloud that was blown over a mountain where it froze and snowed down, then melted, and fed a spring that was harvested by Arrowhead who sold it to a guy named Olaf who makes ice for a living, who sold it to Major Mini Metro Mart, who sells icy cold beverages in oversized plastic cups with straws long enough to penetrate even the deepest of sea turtle noses. Your whiz is the circle of life, man. Drink big. Pee proud.



DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR

Spring Conference is now history. We sure had fun this year at Pala. Catching up with old friends, participating in great workshops and learning about new Soroptimist programs AND getting Betsy, Mary Kay and Doris pinned into Laurel Society by Past SI President Alice Wells! Planning is underway for Fall Meeting October 18-19 at Hemet's Diamond Lake Visitors Center: Dinner and a scavenger hunt at the museum Friday evening and a full day of fun and learning on Saturday. Save the date now! I was honored to install SI Moreno Valley "Sheros" and SI Palm Desert "Let's get in the swim of things" club officers. Launching our new club year is always fun!

-Becky Goebel, GWR District 2 Director

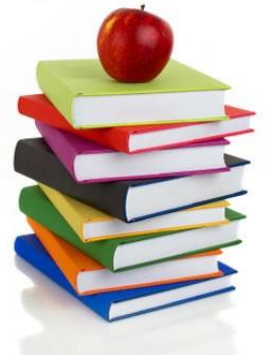
SIPD Summer Service Project!

-Cathy Brown



An easy one to slip into your summer activity
“SAUL MARTINEZ SCHOOL”

While we already have a two year plus supply of books donated both by SIPD budget funding and mostly donated by Beth Irish, we are proposing to enhance this service to Saul Martinez School by generating needed school supplies through a program supported by **STAPLES!** Staples will match our purchases with an equal amount of school supplies. The school indicates the supply items they want and need. After August first we will contact Saul Martinez School and “adopt” a particular teacher and classroom to gift with our book supply and the proceeds of our receipts collection from summer shopping! Just keep your **Staples** receipts and then bring them to Cathy at our business meeting on September 18th. Cathy will process them and set a date for us to attend the classroom, ideally before the end of September / TBA.



Sooooooooooooo. What do we need to do?

- 1-Sign up for a **STAPLES** rewards card which will give you 5% off in future credit!
- 2-Shop at **STAPLES** between now and September 18th
- 2-Keep the receipts (which will show a bar code) and bring them to Cathy on September 18th
- 3-Cathy will connect with **STAPLES** to convert our receipts into gifts for our teacher/classroom
- 4-A teacher and classroom will be assigned to us by Saul Martinez School
- 5-A date will be set for final week in September for members to deliver our books and supplies!

