



PLAN AHEAD

Soroptimist International of Palm Desert newsletter for October 2019

-Doris Churry, Editor

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED

SIP & SWIRL WINE TASTING SCHEDULED – CHEERS!

ROAD TRIP! MEMBERS TREK TO SOBOBA RESORT OCT 18 & 19

As is our SIPD usual Ladies, we are busy with our service activity and our fundraising activity and our conventeering activity. It's all here for you to embrace and join in our Soroptimist mission.

Thank you Cathy Brown for leading us through the Soroptimist Service opportunity of upgrading our tradition of children's book donation to include donating school supplies also, as we adopted a classroom at Saul Martinez Elementary School in Mecca this summer. Very nice my friends if you contributed to this heart-warming project in our lineup of 2019-2020 Service! Special thanks go to: Beth Irish, Ella Manor, Cathy Brown, Doris Churry, Betsy Kreger.



Acting on an "SOS" call from SI Idyllwild, due to fire and flood, our club has put together a super response of baskets for them to raffle, as requested, for a worthy Service project for October. SIPD has created: A Martini Basket; an Art & Wine Basket; and a collapsible cooler stuffed to the brim with breast cancer goodies and Big Bear treasures. Off they go with D2 Director Becky on October 1. Good job SIPD gals, especially hearty thanks go to: Betsy Kreger, Marie Newton, Ella Manor, Mary Kay Berlier, Becky Goebel. You are ROCK STARS!

The famed Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade is set to launch on Sunday, October 27 and our seven-member "Soroptimist Team" has volunteered to assist in the pre-parade decorations as a 2nd Service project for October! That's right, our gals have stepped up to be of assistance as needed in this first-ever aspect of parade production. Thanks again to you all: Margret Henderson, Karen Koch, Rose Mary Jameson, Janice Heronema, Becky Goebel, Marie Newton, Leanna Petitt!

PLAN AHEAD for a great SIPD October "Peeps"! I hope to see you prancing in to our new venue at Classic Club; take time on the 2nd to view our Vintage SIPD display honoring Founder's Day; go and have a blast at our District 2 Fall Meeting; get fired up to attend Jacquie's "SIP & SWIRL" and bring some member prospects! +will you help with setup/cleanup please! –support our newbie; participate in the raffles; BRAG-BRAG-BRAG; clear your Calendar so you can ATTEND; make new-member prospects Clara Levrault and Michele Gardner feel welcome. Think on this: Our club is depending on YOU for its success. Thanks for all you do! Happy Halloween! -Prez Doris



October 3 is Soroptimist Founder's Day! -Since 1921
ENJOY A DISPLAY OF SIPD "ARTIFACTS" DEPICTING OUR EARLIER YEARS

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @noon, Classic Club -\$25 at the door

SOROPTIMIST SPEAKER SERIES

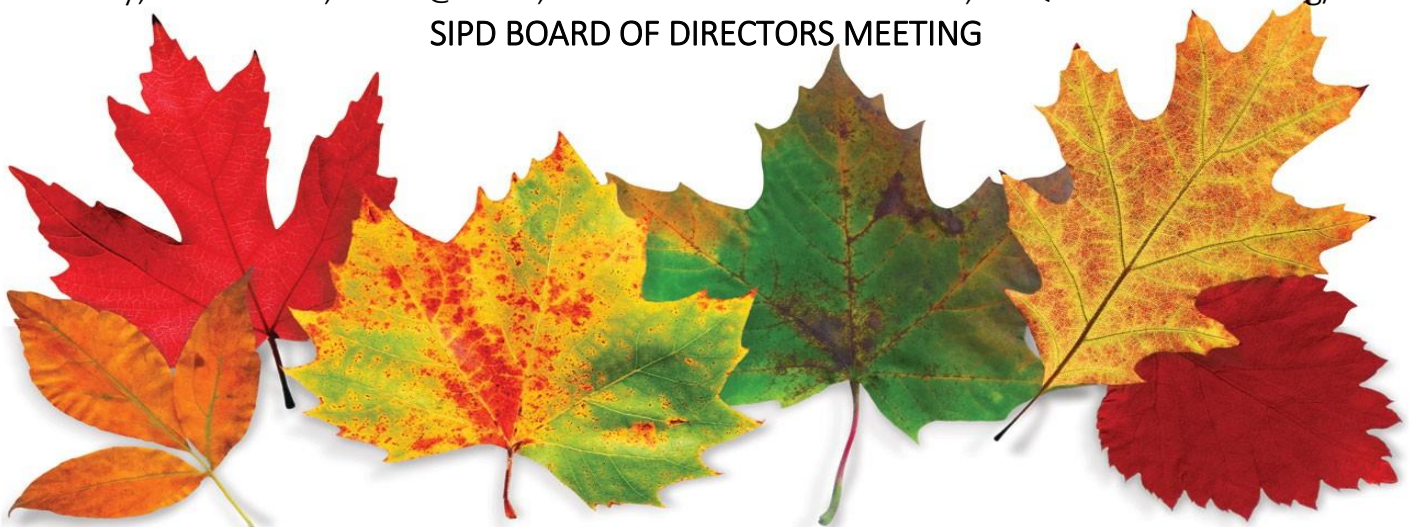
Elizabeth Ogren Erickson, Certified California Naturalist and Board Member
Friends of the Desert Mountains

"Our Amazing Desert – The Diversity of Life!"

You may be surprised to learn that the Coachella Valley is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world! And yet, what accounts for that biodiversity? Learn about the amazing plants and animals found ONLY in the Coachella Valley, the effects of climate change on the plants and animals, and learn about the mission of Friends of the Desert Mountains, the official support organization of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Friends has been quietly working in the Coachella Valley for over 30 years.



Monday, October 14, 2019 @noon, Bank of Southern California, La Quinta – Brown Bag/BYO
SIPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING





TRICK OR TREAT!

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @noon, Classic Club -\$25 at the door

SIPD BUSINESS MEETING

Special Guest Speaker: Nicole Weber, SPOTCOLOR Marketing



Happy Halloween

October 18 and 19, 2019

DISTRICT 2 FALL MEETING AT SOBOBA RESORT CASINO, HOSTED BY SI SAN JACINTO/HEMET

BECKY GOEBEL, DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR

Our Golden West Region Board is planning a day of information/news we all will want to hear on Saturday. Friday will be a night of luxury and relaxation, dinner *al fresco* and a fun Karaoke Night at this beautiful resort!

SIPD members attending: Betsy Kreger, Janice Heronema, Karen Koch, Doris Churry and Becky Goebel



Fall is definitely in the air, and it's time for "pumpkin everything!"
Deadline for additional members to register is **October 3rd**.

Contact Treasurer Janice.

The fun starts with our theme: "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"

Dawn Marie Lemonds, Immediate Past SIA President will be our Keynoter:
"Soroptimists are Dream Makers"

Our host club, Soroptimist International of San Jacinto/Hemet Valley has planned some
FUN activities, including the always popular Exhibit/Sales Room for that special
something that you just can't live without! See you there!



October 25, 2019: Popular "Wine tasting" returns! Cheers!

Your host, Jacquie Gunning: 4-7pm / \$30 / 47115 Via Orvieto, La Quinta
WINE AND APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED



JACQUIE WILL HAVE TICKETS FOR US AT MEETINGS!



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THE ART OF TABLE SCAPING



-Lorraine Morris, SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire

This month's table scape is all about color. Several years ago, I bought this table runner from World Market and I pulled the colors from it to complete the look. Colors included teal, purple, red, yellow, pinks and greens.

Even added a couple of colorful parrots to the centerpiece for that staycation feel. The flowers and birds came from the Dollar Store. Margarita glasses were on sale at Michael's for a whopping \$10. Flower napkin holders are actually made by adding clip-backed flowers (bought at the Dollar Store) to existing napkin rings. Plates were a long-ago purchase from Target and the napkins were from World Market.

I imagine sitting down to a meal that screams fiesta with some cool watermelon margaritas and great fish tacos.



THE TRAVELING SOROPTIMIST - OCTOBER IS HERE!

-Susan Browne Rosenberg

October is one of my favorite months and not just because the temperatures are cooler. My husband, Jess, celebrates his birthday all month long and we begin the month (actually the end of September) with a quick jaunt to Las Vegas (again) to see the most famous ukulele player in the world, Jake Shimabukuro. He can play anything from Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" to "Tiny Bubbles" on just four strings.

Of course Oktoberfest happens in Germany and around the world this time of year. I have been in the most famous beer hall in Munich (although it was in August) and experienced the singing and dancing in my grandfather's native language. But you don't have to fly to



Europe. Just get in the car and drive to LA. The Phoenix Club in Anaheim is a great place to pretend to be German. Or visit Old World in Huntington Beach.

<https://www.oldworld.ws/oktoberfest-orange-county.html>

Or if you don't want to drive that far, I have heard very good reviews about The Alps Restaurant in Palm Desert on Country Club near Washington. Chef Milka is from Yugoslavia, but moved to Germany during the war. One of her specials is an Oktoberfest pretzel served with Oktoberfest beer mustard and house-made Kajmak cheese spread. Sounds yummy.

Of course October also means it is time to buy and decorate pumpkins. Now you can buy pumpkins at any grocery store, or you can pick one out of the pumpkin

patch by driving only 30 to 40 minutes to Redlands. Live Oak Canyon Pumpkin Patch is right along the 10 Freeway. They do charge admission and have rules about visiting, so read the website before traveling and do not bring your dog. <https://liveoakcanyon.com>

Halloween also brings the Mexican holiday: *Día de los Muertos*. The Palm Springs Art Museum is hosting its popular annual Day of the Dead celebration on Sunday, October 28, from 10 am to 4 pm at Palm Springs Art Museum. A second celebration occurs on Friday, November 2 from 4 pm to 9 pm at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, at the Galen and Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden. Admission to both events is free. So get out there and have fun!

FOUNDER'S DAY: OCTOBER 3, 1921



A Sprinkling of "S.O.L.T."

(Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training)

-Joyce White, SIPD Past President

October is definitely "Founder's" month, when you learn all you wanted to know and then some about the founding of the Soroptimist organization.

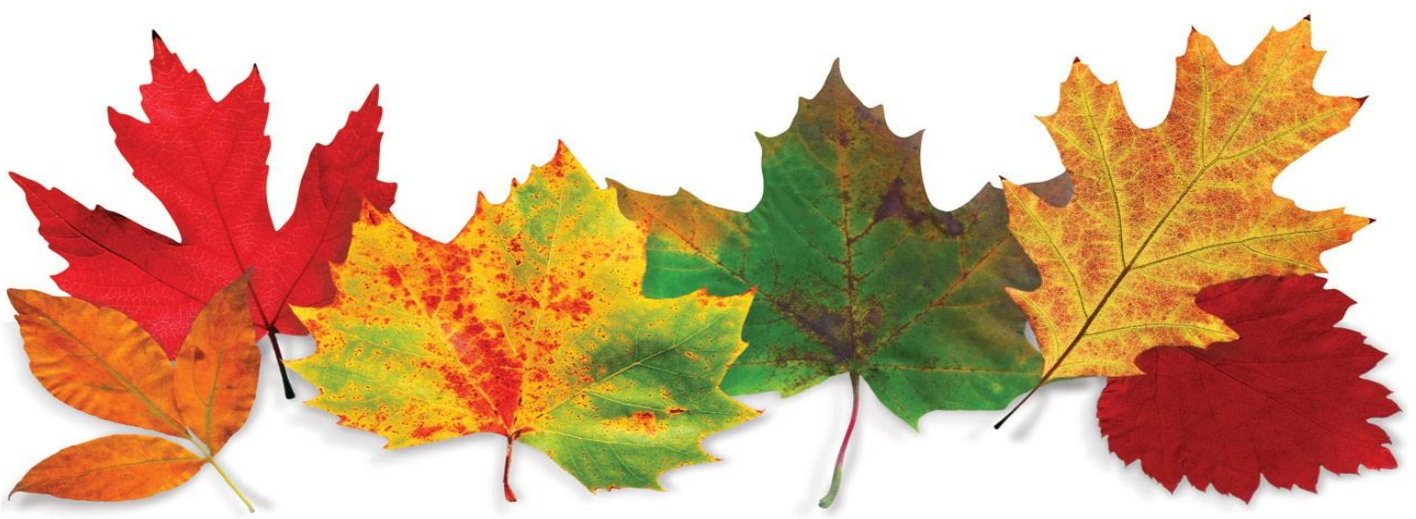
Soroptimist is a coined word from the Latin "*soror*" and "*optima*" = The Best for Women.

The Soroptimist organization began in 1921 in Oakland, California when 80 professional women were recommended for membership in a club being organized by Stuart Morrow, who had originally come to the area to organize a men's service club. The members chose as the club mission to: "Foster the ideal of Service" and on September 26, 1921 the Charter was closed with only one ember per classification (quite an accomplishment in that day – or this day, for that matter). The Charter was formally presented on October 3 and the day designated as Founder's Day.

An important aspect of the Founder's Day celebration today is the collection of Founder's Pennies. This began in 1943 during World War II. At that time, it was decided to collect VOLUNTARY contributions of pennies from each Soroptimist – one for each year of Soroptimist's existence, to re-establish Soroptimist clubs in Europe that had been disbanded as a result of the war. When the European clubs were back on solid ground, the interest from the fund was used for international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women.

The contribution per member now sits at four cents per year per member, and although "voluntary", this amount is paid by our treasurer at the time our Federation dues are paid.

However we recognize Founder's Day, it is important that we keep alive the rich history and tradition of Soroptimist service.



LORI'S WHIRLED! – The official SIPD BLOG

-Lori Oliver

As winter winds and snow threaten Montana, here in Minnesota we are experiencing the dawn of autumn. Every day more leaves wither and fall. They know winter is coming and this annual mass suicide event is part of mother nature's plan. Mother nature really knows how to party.

Cheddar is also falling out of the sky. By that I mean money is coming to me from the hoarder heavens. I finally, finally started listing and selling what I lovingly call the "crapola" that has accumulated around me for decades. And more recently I have upgraded my shopping addiction to include auctions. The auctions in these here parts defy you to not buy something. Not only do you get that dopamine brain bath by being the winning bidder ... that's the same drug that keeps gamblers gambling ... you also go home with a dusty old box of somebody else's crapola that is worth ten, or a hundred times more than you paid.



It's not easy to clean, sort, research, photograph, describe and eventually list an item. But when the message from eBay says, "Sold!" it's instantly worth it. Especially when it is an item that cost less than \$1. Whatever compelled me to make my first listing a set of 4 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle cereal bowls with an asking price of \$54 is way beyond my current level of sanity. I took a best offer of \$45 ... with glee. And today I am shipping out a vintage dry iron that sold for \$55. It burned my hand and stayed hot for an hour after I unplugged it, so I felt compelled to include CRAZY HOT in the eBay title. What did I pay for it? Less than \$1 because, like the turtle bowls, it was in a box with a whole mess of other stuff for which I paid maybe four bucks.

As CRAZY COLD descends on the land, I am happy to report my new hobby will keep me warm through the winter. Drunk on dopamine, buried in treasure, and happy to gather enough green to compensate for the lack thereof in the great outdoors.

