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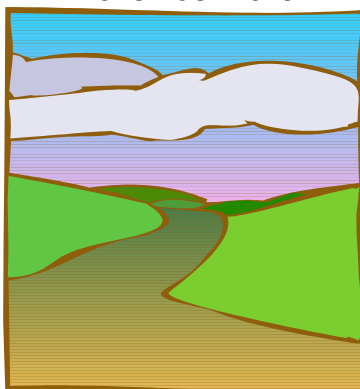
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## *The* **VALLEY VIEWPOINT**

November 2019



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November 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November!

When I think of November, my mind is automatically drawn to Thanksgiving. Beyond the amazing food and gathering of Family and friends, it is a reminder to have and to show gratitude.

I looked deeper at this word, and it centers on two ideas: (1) appreciation of something that has an intrinsic value to one and (2) affirmation of the good things in this world, and that we have received.

I for one, am so thankful that Dr. Bonnie Mooney invited me to share her celebration and attend the Prism Award Luncheon six years ago, and introduced me to this amazing group of women so dedicated to bettering the lives of women and girls. To Virginia Riley and Leslie Sorensen, who encouraged me in my Soroptimist journey, to take on committees and Board positions over those early years. To Diane Wells, who was so encouraging as I held the role of Treasurer. To all of my SI M/IV club members, who were there when my husband passed away and who lifted and encouraged me through that dark time. Again to Virginia, who was so kind to take on the role of President a second year, when my heart was just not ready to take it on, and for her forbearance as I stumble through these first few months as President. To every long standing member, and to the blessing of the new members we have received this year! I could go on and on. You ladies mean so much to me, and there are not enough words to express the depth of my affection for you all. There is so much to be thankful for.

As we come into this very busy holiday season, I hope that each and every one of us takes pause to treasure every person who adds value to our life, and to think on those that your life has touched; to affirm that we can make a difference, individually, as a club, a region, a federation. There are people who look for the good and want good things for others. Keep lifting each other up. Keep that attitude of gratitude daily.



*President Milissa*

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## MEETINGS...

> - **(1<sup>st</sup>)** Wed., Nov. 6 - 12:00 N: Business Mtg. OPARC--  
(Briggs Room), 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair  
(west of Benson /just North of Moreno/SE corner Olive & Vernon)

> - **(4<sup>th</sup>)** Tues., Nov. 26 - 12:30 PM: Board Mtg. Page One Cafe,  
Ovitt Family Library, 215 East "C" St., Ontario

## ..... & EVENTS

> Nov. 1-2-3: Ontario Yard Sale Week-end

> Nov. 1-2-3: Montclair Yard Sale Week-end

> Sun., Nov. 3: Daylight Saving Time Ends - "Fall Back!"

> Tues., Nov. 5: Election Day

> Sat., Nov. 9 - 12:30-3:30 PM:: OPARC Annual Turkey Bowl. Chaparral Lanes, 400 W. Bonita Ave., San Dimas

> Mon., Nov. 11: Veterans Day

> Mon., Nov. 11 - 7:30 PM: Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band Performance--Duty, Honor, Country--A Salute to Our Veterans. Chaffey HS Gardiner Spring Auditorium. All performances free to the public.

> Sat., Nov. 16 - 4:30-7:30 PM: American Assn. of University Women (AAUW) Wine Tasting. Chaffey Community Museum of Art, 217 S. Lemon, Ontario \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Chaffey College graduates. Contact--Dr. Kathy Kinley - [dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net](mailto:dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net) to RSVP

> Nov. 18: Happy Birthday - Mickey Mouse !

> Thur., Nov. 28: Thanksgiving

> Sat., Nov. 30: Small Business Saturday  
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## In Memory

Sept. 21, 2019



City of Montclair Council Member

**Trisha Martinez**

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The family has asked that in-lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Montclair Community Foundation, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA 91763, to support youth services, including the Montclair to College Program. Donations can be made online at <http://www.montclaircf.org/donate> (please select Trisha Martinez Memorial).

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## Golden West Region District 1 Fall Meeting

### "Never Stop Dreaming"

Presented by Debra Murphy, District 1 Director  
Hosted by SI Corona

SI M/IV President Milissa, Vice-President Natividad, Secretary Virginia, Treasurer Cindy, and Director Linda attended Fall Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Silver Lakes Sports Park, Norco.

The day's agenda included:

8:30 AM - Opening Session--Call to Order and Welcome - Debra Murphy, District 1 Director

- >- Pledge - Carol Roddy, SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
- >- Inspiration - Nancy Dakurai, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
- >-GWR Leadership Presentations - Governor Lori Reed, Governor-Elect Laurie Moses, Treasurer Margie Burke
- >- Fun Time - Cyndi Monroe & Edwina Cardenas, SI Corona
- >- Club Awards - Governor Lori and Director Debra

- Break

10:15 - Pillar Presentations

- >- Dream It--Be It
- >- Live Your Dream
- >- Membership
- >- Public Awareness - Linda Poindexter, SI Yucca Valley
- >- Fund Raising - Barbara Grode, SI Palm Springs
- >- Stepping into Leadership: Who is Next? - Beth Groves, SI Corona
- >- District 1 Nominating Committee - Marie Corlin, SI Corona
- Break

>- Lunch & Keynote Speaker--Michael Hestrin, District Attorney, County of Riverside

1:00 - "Be-YOU-tiful" Panel Presentation - Kristin Barbarossa, Facilitator; Adrianna Showalter, Support Sisterz; Liz Cahn-Castruita, WestCoast Media; Michelle Broad, Well Women Network

2:00 - Closing Session

- >- Bid to Host 2020 Fall Meeting - SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
- >- Raffle Prizes, Recognition & Announcements
- >- Soroptimist Pledge & Meeting Adjourned

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>- SI M/IV Members Cindy & Linda were recognized as 1st-Time Attendees

>-SI M/IV was recognized and received certificates for participation in Live Your Dream Awards, Club Giving, and SIA Collective Impact

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### SECRETARY SAYS

**Oct. 2 Business Meeting.** Present: 13 Members--Vice-President Natividad, Denise, Cindy, Joey, Andrea, Amber, Jessica, Virginia K., Sue, Virginia R., Marcie, Leslie, Diane. Guest--Courtney Saldana, Asst. Library Director, City of Ontario. Introductions. President's "Ice Breaker." Fines & Brags--Tabled. Call to Order--12:09 PM. Pledge to Flag--led by Joey. Inspiration--None. Correspondence--circulated folder. Minutes--Sept. 4 Business Mtg. accepted as presented. Treasurer--Month-end report for period ending Sept. 30. Committee Reports--Meals on Wheels goody bags-- Sept. (Joey/Jessica/Virginia K.), Oct. (Amy), Nov. (Diane), Dec. (Linda); Public Awareness--Oct. Newsletter;

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Membership; Sunshine. Unfinished Business--GWR District 2 SI Idyllwild request for assistance follow-up; Sept. 28 Fall "Fun-Raiser" Casino Night Re-Cap & preliminary Financial report; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., Oct. 16 Program Mtg.; Live Your Dream--Education & Training Awards for Women application workshops; (5<sup>th</sup>) Wed., Oct. 30 Club "Mini" Fund Raiser at Rodrigo's, Montclair; Club Project--OMSD Family & Collaborative Service holiday gifts, allocation of funds, member donations due by Nov. 6. New Business--Montclair Holiday Food Basket Program, approved Board Recommended allocation of funds; Donation to Montclair Community Foundation, Board Consensus to donate in memory of Council Member Trisha Martinez; Dec. 4 Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange; 12/14 Ontario Reindeer Run, car opportunity drawing tickets--distributed next mtg.; GWR--Oct. 4-5 District 1 Fall Mtg.; 2019-20 Officers Checklist--Oct.; "60-Second" S.O.L.T.-Soroptimist Founders Day history. Announcements--Oct. b'days & anniversaries; 10/16 Program Mtg.; 10/22 Board Mtg., 10/30 Fund Raiser at Rodrigo's. Adjourn--1:05 PM

**Oct. 16 Program Meeting.** Present: 10 Members--President Milissa, Kris, Cindy, Andrea, Amber, Sue, Virginia R., Zoe, Natividad, Diane. Guests--Megan Nehamen & Deanna Alsdorf. Introductions. Fines & Brags. Call to Order--12:07 PM. Pledge to Flag--led by Cindy. Inspiration--None. Correspondence--circulated folder. Committee Reports--Meals on Wheels goody bags--Oct. (Amy), Nov. (Diane), Dec. (Linda); Public Awareness--Nov. Newsletter; Membership; Sunshine. Unfinished Business--Club Project--OMSD Family & Collaborative Service holiday gifts, reminder--member donations due by Nov. 6; Live Your Dream--Education & Training Awards for Women Oct. 9 & Oct. 23 application workshops; Reminder--(5<sup>th</sup>) Wed., Oct. 30 Club "Mini" Fund Raiser at Rodrigo's, Montclair; Save the Date--Dec. 4 Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange; Dec. 14 Ontario Reindeer Run--car opportunity drawing tickets distributed. New Business/Program--Foothill Family Shelter. Announcements. Adjourn--1:10 PM.

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### SUNSHINE CORNER

In the original Roman calendar, November was the ninth month of the year. It got its name from the Latin word "novem" which means nine. However, it became the eleventh month when the Romans added in January and February to the start of the year.

Throughout much of history, November has often been thought of as a somber month because it signaled the start of winter. People would spend the month storing up their harvest and preparing their food and homes in order to survive the winter.

- Zodiac signs--Scorpio (Nov. 1-21)/Sagittarius (Nov. 22-30)
- Birthstones - Topaz and Citrine
- Traditional flower - Chrysanthemum

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### Happy Birthday

Nov. 7 - Rich Riley

Nov. 17 - Leslie Sorensen

### Happy Anniversary

Nov. 20 - Arlette ♥ Jesse

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Please remember to notify our Sunshine Chair if a Club member, or someone you know, may need a special card to cheer them up, if they are suffering from an illness, or experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, or just thinking of you. Receiving a card or making a phone call may just offer a much needed ray of sunshine.

**Natividad Vasquez-Silva, Sunshine Chair**  
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### GOODY BAGS

Meals on Wheels goody bags for October were coordinated by Amy Chang.

Amy prepared 15 Goody Bags for October and decided to go with a Halloween theme. She notes--"As I was looking for that special bag, I thought, why not get a tumbler cup as a bag. This way, it will be useful and dub as another goody. So I stuffed the cup with Kit-Kat chocolates, Halloween-shaped pretzels, battery operated pumpkin candles, and pumpkin themed napkins. Hope they will be lit-up with the Halloween spirit." Bags were delivered to Senior Center on Oct. 9.

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#### Format for delivery of monthly goody bags:

>- Contact - Lynn Sloan - (her cell phone # is listed in your Member Roster Booklet, or get it from Virginia)

>- Call (or text) Lynn to get specific # of goody bags needed

>- goody bags can be dropped off at the Montclair Senior Center on any **Thurs.** of the month - to be delivered along with meals, next day--Friday

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#### **Monthly goody bag assignments for 2019-2020:**

July – Virginia R.  
August – Cindy  
September – Joey / Jessica / Virginia K.  
October – Amy  
November – Diane  
December – Linda  
January – Leslie  
February – Natividad  
March – Denise / Kris  
April – Amber  
May – Roberta  
June – Helen

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Reminder--if you find that you need assistance with assembling goody bags and/or getting them to the Senior Center, please contact Virginia or another club member. We are always glad to lend a helping hand.

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**There is always, always  
something to be thankful for.**



### **FALL "FUN-RAISER" CASINO NIGHT**

Saturday, September 28, 2019  
City of Montclair Senior Center

High Stakes Casino Entertainment  
Latin Spice Catering  
Master of Ceremonies Bill Ruh



**Thank You ! Thank You ! Thank You !**

♥ Event Sponsors & Donors ♠

City of Montclair ♦ Montclair Senior Citizens Program

Mark Christopher Auto Center, Ontario

Cory Briggs Law Corp., Upland/San Diego

Judy & Dale Briggs

Paul Kalmkarian--Wine of the Month Club

Sycamore Inn, Rancho Cucamonga

Salon Panache, Upland

Vivian Shiffman--Creative Gift Basket Services

Los Portales Restaurant, Montclair

PetSmart, Chino ♣ Sizzler, Ontario

Warmel Corp. (McDonald's), Orange

Bill Ruh ♥ Denise Carrington ♠ Barbara Schwartz

Margie Manning ♦ Jennifer Moore ♣ Diane Beltran

Carl Schafer ♥ Laurie Milhiser ♠ Ron Wolff



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>-**Table Sponsors**--City of Montclair, Montclair Senior Citizens Program; Kris Brake/Leslie Sorensen; Judy/Dale Briggs; Amy Chang/Helen McAlary; Joey Collisson/Virginia Kelsen/Jessica Kachanchai; Roberta/Gunnar Eisel; Amber/Larry Hartsell; Salon Panache (Monica/Frank); Sue/Gary Ovitt; Virginia/Rich Riley

>-**Planning Committee**--Kris, Denise, Milissa, Amber, Sue, Virginia, Marcie--pre-planning, organizing, hard work and donations

>-Kris, Amber, Jennifer Moore, Sue, "Soropti-Misters" Rich & Gary--"schlepped" door prizes, decorations, beverages, baskets, etc. from the Riley's to Montclair Sr. Center. 5 vehicles--1 trip!!

>-Milissa--coordinated "casino theme" centerpieces/decorations. They made the tables and the room look so festive!

>-Set-up crew--Kris, Amy, Milissa & "Soropti-Kid" Jason, Cindy, Joey, Amber, Sue, Virginia, Marcie, Diane; "Soropti-Misters" Rich, Gary, Dean; "Soropti-Friends" Jennifer Moore, Hunter Haines

>-**Members** who sold tickets, donated/solicited donations of over **250** "Wheel of Fortune" spin items, 10 grand prizes, bar beverages, decorations, etc.

>-**City of Montclair**--City Council and Staff--who always offer tremendous support to our Club, our events and service projects. We appreciate their generosity, friendship, and long-time partnership

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>-Council Member Bill Ruh--once again did such a great job as "Guest Emcee." He kept the event on an even pace, made announcements, conducted prize drawings, and called special attention to event sponsors

>-Montclair Human Services Dept.--Director Marcia Richter, Antoinette Carrillo, Emily Gomez-Medina--for their assistance, cooperation, and patience with our e-mails, questions, paperwork, facilities use arrangements, room set-up & table sponsorship arrangements

>-Building Supervisors--Emily & Crew who were there to open the room for early set-up, supervise the event, and secure the building at the end of the evening

>-Elected Officials--took time from their busy schedules to attend--Montclair Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft, Council Member Bill Ruh, Council Member Tenice Johnson, Chaffey JUHSD Board Member Sue Ovitt, OMSD Board Clerk Kris Brake, former Montclair Mayor Ginger Eaton

>-High Stakes Casino Entertainment--made us all feel like "high rollers" even if just for fun. Dealers were patient with novice players

>-Latin Spice Catering (Yolanda Takacs, owner)--for "spicing" up the buffet table with delicious BBQ meatballs, skewered fruit, pulled pork sliders, ham & asparagus rolls, chicken salad wonton cups, veggie tray & dip, mini chicken taquitos, mini-desserts. Lots of comments on the great food

>-Thanks to Event Sponsors & Donors, we had **10 Grand Prizes!** Lucky Winners--Mark Lowery, Ed Giles, Jana Dupree, Amy Chang, Madison Haines, Susan Gonzales, Dustin Fritz, Dawn Hottinger, Vicki Stimmel, Tracy Redmond

If we have forgotten to mention individual "Thank You" to anyone, we apologize..... So just one last big **"THANK YOU"!!** Everyone!! We'll see you next time for more "FUN-Raising."

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**Andrea**--Casino Night was a lot of fun and I hope a big money maker. I always get a kick out of Virginia's Mickey baskets and only wish that I had won one. Spin the Wheel was so popular, we could have done that all night!

**Sue**--Thank you to two outstanding Soroptimist leaders--Immediate Past President and Chair Virginia Riley and Amber Hartsell. For Casino Night, in all aspects of the event, you kept us focused! You organized the event, sold tickets, gathered the gift items, kept meticulous records, coordinated the food and room set-up, and the list goes on and on. You name it, your handy work was on it. Thank you to the Planning Committee members--Kris, Denise, Milissa, Amber, Marcie, Virginia, (& Sue) for overseeing all the event details. Thank you to the City of Montclair for allowing us to host Casino Night in your lovely Senior Center facility. It's perfect. And, thank you to Mark Christopher Auto Center, Briggs Law Corp, Dale & Judy Briggs, Bill Ruh, Denise Carrington, Sycamore Inn, PetSmart, and the trio of Joey Collisson, Jessica Kachaenchai, Virginia Kelsen for supporting the event with Grand Prizes donations. Thank you all! Congratulations on a very enjoyable evening!

**Amber**--Thanks to all who attended, sold tickets and donated items. It was such a fun, well organized, upbeat evening. My guests commented on the good food and the friendly aura of the Casino themed entertainment.

**Milissa**--2019 Casino Night was truly a night to remember! It was lovely seeing so many new attendees as well as returning "Soropty-Friends"! The buffet was delicious, the Gaming was plentiful, and the Wheel of Fortune was again the place to be! Thank you to the Montclair Senior Center, for graciously hosting the event! Thanks to Bill Ruh, our emcee extraordinaire, who kept us on track, and livened things up at just the right time! A special thanks to Virginia Riley, Amber Hartsell, and the entire Planning Committee, who worked very hard to make this year's event a success. Thank you to all our Soroptimists who assisted with the

event, as well as those visiting who came out to enjoy the festivities! We hope to see you again next year!

**Amy**--Once again, it was the best Casino Night ever! I was impressed with the large amount of attendees and enjoyed seeing everyone having fun. The food was the best compared to past years. I think we should keep that menu. I really enjoyed volunteering at the Wheel of Fortune. I think that will be "my thing" from now on. This year, I invited a friend of mine who just moved back from Colorado, so I wanted to spend some time with her. We decided to play bingo. Never played bingo at Casino Night. Ended up winning \$200 in chips, and I forgot \$100 of it in my pocket. Didn't notice it until I was on my way to UCLA to see Chad. I guess that will be my memento. Oh, and the best part is winning the \$100 Nordstrom gift card. That will come in handy as I need more work clothes. Thank you to all who put in time and effort to this event so I can have a fun night out with my friend and a break from life's chaos.

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Event Proceeds will benefit: Soroptimist Live Your Dream--Education & Training Awards for Women, Violet Richardson & Paul Eaton Community Service Awards, Montclair Senior Citizens Program, Library Read-In Books, Holiday Gifts for OMSD Family & Collaborative Services, funding of selected local non-profit agencies, and other Soroptimist and community services, programs, and projects.

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### **OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING**

October Program Meeting Guest Speakers were Foothill Family Shelter Executive Director Megan Nehamen and Parenting Program Coordinator Deanna Alsdorf. Foothill Family Shelter is a nonprofit organization founded in 1984 which houses homeless adults and children for a period of up to 120 days, free of rent and utility charges. They also provide one-year transitional housing as well as permanent housing. Megan and Deanna highlighted many of the agency's programs; i.e.--case management, counseling, mandatory savings program, food/hygiene products from food pantry, parenting classes, basic life skills workshops, resume preparation. legal advocacy, children/family activities.

Thank you Megan and Deanna for taking time from your busy schedules to visit SI M/IV. You presented a very interesting and informative program.

***Natividad Vasquez-Silva, Vice President***

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### **SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM:**

#### **Education and Training Awards for Women**

Soroptimist *Live Your Dream (LYD): Education and Training Awards for Women* assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. LYD Award recipients may use the cash award to offset *any* costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation. This unique program is helping women find their voice and purpose while offering the resources they need to succeed.

SI Montclair/Inland Valley is seeking applicants for our LYD Awards. Please contact LYD Chair Amy Chang at [ac2274@hotmail.com](mailto:ac2274@hotmail.com) for application information or questions. Completed applications must be submitted to SI M/IV c/o Amy no later than November 15. All Applications received will be reviewed and scored by a panel of 3 non-Soroptimist judges.

Following application judging, Chair Amy and the LYD Committee will review the recommendations and present the top choices to the club for consideration and funding. LYD awards will be presented at the 2020 Prism Award Luncheon.

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### **OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A NEW CAR**

An Opportunity Drawing for a chance to win a 2019 Kia Soul, donated by David Choi, **Allstar Kia**, San Bernardino, will be part of the December 14 Ontario 5K Reindeer Run event. All proceeds will benefit the early college and career access program--Promise Scholars. Tickets are available for purchase--\$10 each--from SI M/IV Members or at the OMSD Credit Union.

All ticket sales money and/or any unsold tickets must be turned in to Leslie by the December 4 Business Meeting/Holiday Luncheon. And--don't forget to turn in those ticket stubs!!

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### **HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT**

Again, this year SI M/IV, in partnership with OMSD Family & Collaborative Services, has allocated \$500 service funds for an Amazon gift card to be used by staff to purchase gift items as needed for children of OMSD families. This annual holiday project will again make the holidays more cheerful for our OMSD children& families.

Member voluntary donations can be--cash to add to the amount of the Club's gift card; individual gift cards, i.e.--Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc.; or gift items for girls, ages toddler to 13, i.e.--plush dolls, games, craft sets, make-up sets, toys, puzzles, clothing. **Please Note**--The Collaborative has suggested *"Target gift cards would be best. We can use \$10 ones for our teen population and \$25 or \$50 for the Case Managers to purchase the needed items for the children."*

Member donations need to be turned by the November 6 Business Meeting to Treasurer Cindy. President Milissa & Board thank Members for approving the allocation of service funds and for their additional generous donations.

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### **MONTCLAIR HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM**

Food baskets will be available to families that live in Montclair and meet specific income guidelines. To be considered, applicants must complete an application. Applications will be accepted November 4 & 5 from 3:30--6:00 PM, at the Montclair Community Center. Families wishing to apply who have a child that attends a Montclair elementary or middle school should contact the school office for additional program information.

Donations for the food baskets will be accepted at the Human Services Department (Recreation Center), 5111 Benito St., from Tues., Nov. 12--Thur., Dec. 12 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (Please no outdated, dented, bulging, perishable or open cans or packages.)

**Adopt A Family:** A donation of \$75 will feed a parent & child; a donation of \$100 will feed a family of 4. Donations can be made any time prior to December 13. For more information on making a donation, contact Michelle Castillo at 909-625-9451 or [mcastillo@cityofmontclair.org](mailto:mcastillo@cityofmontclair.org)

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SI M/IV has participated in this program for about 10 years. At the September Board meeting, the Board approved an allocation of club funds to continue our support of the program.

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### **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & GIFT EXCHANGE**

*Wed., December 4 - 12:00 N - at OPARC*

SI M/IV's Annual Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in December, in conjunction with our scheduled Business Meeting, at our regular meeting location--OPARC (Briggs Room).

After a short Meeting, we will adjourn to a light lunch (sandwiches, salad, iced tea, dessert). The cost of lunch will be \$10 for Members. There will be no cost for our Guests. Members are encouraged to invite Guests and Prospective Members. Participation in the gift exchange will be optional for all who attend. To participate, you are asked to bring a wrapped holiday gift (value up to \$20).

More information and an invitation/information flyer are coming. In the meantime, if you have any Guests and/or Prospective Members, please submit name & mailing address to Secretary Virginia, so we can send a personal invitation.

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### **CINDERELLA DREAM**

SI M/IV is partnering with Chaffey Joint Union High School District's (CJUHSD) "Cinderella Dream" Program to collect new or gently used evening gowns/dresses, shoes, evening bags, accessories, etc. The "Cinderella Dream" Program provides formal wear and accessories, free of charge to girls who could not otherwise afford prom dresses. CJUHSD has hosted this event for 8 years.

We will be glad to accept items from Members & "Soropty-Friends" at any time. Please contact any Club Member if you have donations. We will be glad to pick up from you or have you drop off to a Club Member. We will deliver items to the District.

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### **CHAFFEY COLLEGE CLOTHES CLOSET**

For 2019-20 SI M/IV will continue our ongoing project of collecting women's & men's clothing for the Chaffey College "Dress for Success" Clothes Closet. We are glad to accept items from Members & "Soropty-Friends" at any time. Sue & Virginia are available to deliver items to the College.

In addition to women's items, there is a need for men's clothing, (jackets, shirts, ties, etc.) so help is GREATLY appreciated. Men's business casual clothing items are especially needed; i.e.--casual slacks, khakis, polo shirts, short-sleeve shirts, sweaters.

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## Dates for your 2019-20 SI M/IV Calendar:

>- Sat., Dec. 14: Ontario 5K **Reindeer Run**. New Location! Euclid Avenue--Downtown Ontario. Proceeds benefit Promise Scholars. Registration is now open - [www.ontario5krun.com](http://www.ontario5krun.com)

>- **Note--Note--Note:** Due to the holidays, SI M/IV's regular 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Business Meeting in January has been changed **from** Wed., Jan. 1 **to** **Wednesday, January 8**; same time = 12:00 N, same place = OPARC. Please be sure to make this change on your 2020 meeting calendar !

>- Sat., March 7 - Ontario **Library Read-In**. Ovitt Community Library, Ontario

>- Sat., March 7 - Golden West Region **Saturday Of Service**

>- Wed., April 15 - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Prism Award Luncheon**

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### NOTABLE NOTES

✓ *"Women who invest in themselves go further."*

--Unknown

✓ **Veterans Day** originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American Veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

✓ **Amy shares:** "This past Sunday, I completed my first half marathon at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Long Beach Marathon/Half Marathon event. It was also Chad's birthday so I dedicated my finisher medal to him. I had wanted to run a full marathon, but didn't have time to train so ended up walking the 13.1 mile half marathon. No matter what I have done in the past, each event is still very hard. I don't do well in the heat so hit the wall at mile 10 and saw white spots after crossing the finish line. After a day's rest, I am good as new, except for a strange chaffing on my butt. I think it was from the seams from my skort. Did not think about that when I put that skort on. Endurance events and seams don't mix."

✓ **Virginia notes** that while she's "mourning" the Dodgers play-off loss and yet another year of the team not advancing to the World Series, she can **Brag** that during the course of the 2019 season, she "won" \$50 from her "friendly wager" with "Soropty-Mister" Rich on the Team's win-loss record. Rich has graciously donated \$50 to SI M/IV's Paul Eaton Community Service Award fund.

✓ Christmas at **Disneyland** runs from November 8, 2019 through January 6, 2020.

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✓ **Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band Performances--7:30 PM** at Chaffey HS Gardiner Spring Auditorium--unless otherwise noted. Free to the public. *info* - [www.showband.net](http://www.showband.net) or [gabe@showband.net](mailto:gabe@showband.net)

- Mon., Dec. 16 - "'Tis the Season" - Ontario Convention Center
- Mon., Jan. 20 - "Grand Ole Opry"
- Mon., Feb. 17 - "Love Story"
- Mon., Mar. 16 - "Rhapsody In Blue"
- Mon., Apr. 13 - "Music from the '50's"
- Mon., May 11 - "The Wonderful World of Disney"
- Mon., May 25 - 10:00 AM - Memorial Day Program - at Bellevue Memorial Park
- Mon., June 15 - "Motown's 60th"
- Sat., July 4 - 10:30 AM - 4th of July Concert - Ont. Town Square

✓ **SI 100th Anniversary Celebration !** October 2021 marks Soroptimist's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary? We will gather at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel, October 1-3 to celebrate this auspicious event. More details to follow and be sure to save the date now!

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### DATES TO NOTE

> Thur., Dec. 5 - 6:00 PM: Montclair **Christmas Tr4ee Lighting & Santa Claus Visit**. Montclair Youth Center

> Thur., Dec. 5: SI Chino Valley **Holiday Auction**

> Fri., Dec. 6 - 6:00 PM: Ontario **Christmas Tree Lighting**. Ontario Town Square

> Sat., Dec. 7 - all afternoon throughout Montclair (weather permitting). **Dashing through Montclair--to help fill Santa's Sleigh.**

> Sat., Dec. 14 - 7:00 AM check-in: City of Ontario **5K Reindeer Run!** New Location--Euclid Ave., Downtown Ontario.

> Sat., Dec. 14 - 7:00 - 11:00 AM: Kiwanis **Pancake Breakfast**. Euclid Ave. & "C" St.

> Sat., Dec. 14 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Ontario **Annual Craft Fair & Carnival**. Ontario Town Square

> Sat. Dec. 14 - 11:00 AM: Ontario **Inaugural Soapbox Derby**. Between "G" & "E" Streets

> Sat., Dec. 14: SI Victor Valley **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Fantasy**

> Mon., Dec. 16 - 7:30 PM: Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band **Performance--"'Tis the Season."** Chaffey HS Gardiner Spring Auditorium

> Sun., Dec. 22: **Hanukkah** begins at sundown

> Dec. 23-Jan.3: **Winter Recess** for Ontario-Montclair SD

> Dec. 23-Jan. 3: **Winter Recess** for Chaffey Jt. Union High School District

> Wed., Dec. 25: **Christmas**

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> Thur., Jan. 23 & Sat., Jan. 25: West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund **Annual English Tea**

> Feb. 7: SI Riverside **Valentine Dessert Auction**. Victoria Club

> Tues., Feb. 25: Chaffey College **Report to the Community**

> Fri., March 13 - 5:30-9:30 PM: Uplanders Club Charitable Organization (UCCO) **Annual Spring Fling Fund Raiser**. Imagine That, Upland

> Fri., March 13: West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund **Champions for Children Gala**. Ontario Doubletree

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- > Apr. 5: SI Chino Valley **Chew & Brew**
- > Thur., April 9: Chaffey College **Annual Alumni of the Year/Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner**
- > Wed., May 13: **Ontario Showcase & Heritage Celebration.** Ontario Town Square, 224 N. Euclid Ave.
- > May 29-30-31 - Golden West Region **Spring Conf.** Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, AZ
- > May 30-31: Charles Phoenix **Big Retro Slide Show.** The Curtis Theater, Brea, CA
- > Sat., June 6: Montclair **Annual country Fair Jamboree**
- > Mon., June 22: Chaffey College Foundation **Annual Golf Tournament.** Red Hill Country Club, Rancho Cucamonga
- > July 22-25: SIA's **46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention.** Bellevue, Washington
- > Sept. 18-19: Route 66 Cruisin' Reunion **Car Show.** Euclid Ave., Ontario

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- > Oct. 1-3: Soroptimist International (SI) Convention, San Francisco, CA. Fairmont Hotel. 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist.

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#### **SI MONTCLAIR/INLAND VALLEY**

##### **2019-20 MEETING SCHEDULE \***

**Meeting** location (unless otherwise noted): **OPARC**--(Briggs Room), 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair (west of Benson /just North of Moreno/on SE corner Olive & Vernon)

#### **December, 2019**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., Dec. 4 – 12:00 N – Business Mtg/Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange

#### **January, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., Jan. 1 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting - **postpone**  
- to Jan. 8 due to holiday
- >- (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wed., Jan. 8 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (5<sup>th</sup>) Wed., Jan. 29 – time/location TBD – Program Mtg or Social Activity

#### **February, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., Feb. 5 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., Feb. 19 – 12:00 N – Program Mtg - **postpone**  
- to March 18

#### **March, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., Mar. 4 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., Mar. 18 – 12:00 N – Program Meeting

#### **April, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., April 1 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., April 15 – 11:30-1:30 – Prism Award Luncheon
- >- (5<sup>th</sup>) Wed., April 29 – time/location TBD – Social Activity

#### **May, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., May 6 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., May 20 – 12:00 N – Program Meeting

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#### **June, 2020**

- >- (1<sup>st</sup>) Wed., June 3 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wed., June 17 – 12:00 N – Program Meeting or evening Installation

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**Board Meetings**--scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, 12:30 PM, Page One Cafe, Ontario Library. Board Mtgs are open to all Club Members.

*\* meeting schedule subject to change*

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#### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

The "Valley Viewpoint" is published once a month and distributed to members prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Business Meeting. It is also mailed to individuals/agencies on the Club's mail list. Club members, community representatives, and neighboring Soroptimist Clubs are welcome to submit articles, items of interest, or information on upcoming events regarding their organization. Items will be edited and used as space permits.

**December Newsletter** items can be submitted at any time –

- > by mail to: Virginia Riley  
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Deadline for the **December Newsletter** is **Fri., Nov. 15**

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**Give Thanks....and Take nothing for granted.**

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