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SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

SOROPTIMIST TAG LINE

Investing in Dreams

SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- **GENDER EQUALITY**: Women and girls live free from discrimination.
- **EMPOWERMENT**: Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION**: Women and girls feserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP**: Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Vicki Hightower
2018-20 SIR President

"What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." ... Jane Goodall

Happy Holidays everyone! I can't believe we are nearing the end of 2019. It feels like we just celebrated the New Year!

As we reflect back on the past year, we can all take pride in knowing that we are making a difference in the lives of women and girls, not only locally, but throughout the world.

Things that we may take for granted, such as having a washer and dryer in our home, make an incredible difference to the working mom who struggles to make ends meet.

The scholarships and monetary awards we give to women and girls make a difference. These scholarships and awards are more than just money, they communicate to the award winners that they are special, they are supported, they are loved.

As we gear up for our "big" projects, the Valentine Dessert Auction and, my favorite, the Live Your Dream: Dream It Be It conference, we are motivated by the certainty that we are making a difference and we are empowering women and girls to achieve their dreams.

I am so proud to be part of the amazing group of women who are Soroptimist International of Riverside. Thank you for all you do to make a difference.

Vicki Hightower
2018-20 President



DECEMBER 2019



3 ***BOARD MEETING***
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

5 ***INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT***

10 ***BUSINESS MEETING***
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Koinonia Meeting Room, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

10 ***INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY***

13 ***HOLIDAY PARTY***
6:00 PM at Paula McCroskey's Home

JANUARY 2020



7 ***BOARD MEETING***
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

11 ***NATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS***

14 ***BUSINESS MEETING***
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Koinonia Meeting Room, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

24 ***INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION***

28 ***PROGRAM MEETING***
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Koinonia Meeting Room, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

DATES TO REMEMBER



February 7, 2020
VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION
Victoria Club

March 14, 2020
LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT BE IT CONFERENCE
Riverside Community College

May 29-31, 2020
GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE
Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, Arizona

July 22-25, 2020
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Bellevue Hyatt Regency
Bellevue, Washington

October 1-3, 2021
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
100TH ANNIVERSARY
San Francisco, California

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, from noon until approximately 1:15 PM.

Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting. Lunches are approximately $16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis. For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

DECEMBER 10, 2019 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70! Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10th, the day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

Drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets

out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person. Thanks to the Declaration, and States' commitments to its principles, the dignity of millions has been uplifted and the foundation for a more just world has been laid. While its promise is yet to be fully realized, the very fact that it has stood the test of time is testament to the enduring universality of its perennial values of equality, justice and human dignity.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all. The principles enshrined in the Declaration are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We need to stand up for our own rights and those of others. We can take action in our own daily lives, to uphold the rights that protect us all and thereby promote the kinship of all human beings.

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all.
- Human rights are relevant to all of us, every day.
- Our shared humanity is rooted in these universal values.
- Equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.
- Whenever and wherever humanity's values are abandoned, we all are at greater risk.
- We need to stand up for our rights and those of others.



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



SI ROAD TO EQUALITY #ENDFGM & THE SOROPTIMIST SIX

Soroptimist International is delighted to announce its first collaboration on The "Road to Equality," the 2019-2021 SI President's Appeal. Working with the highly influential Global Media Campaign (GMC) to "End FGM," SI Road to Equality is to support the Soroptimist Six, inspired and determined women activists making a difference in their own countries, to bring Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) to an end.

In Africa, Global Media Campaign will work with local activists who know best how to mobilize to transform norms and mindsets within their communities, helping them to access funds to support their work, particularly within the media, to end FGM and violence against women and girls.

Through its renowned media academies, GMC trains and empowers FGM advocates, educating them in the use of the latest technologies so they may be more effective in getting their message out and increasing awareness of how FGM destroys lives. Through national events, GMC brings together survivors, activists, leaders and journalists to witness first-hand how FGM impacts the lives of women and girls. Graduates of the media program go on to create their own powerful messages – specific and relevant to their regions and networks – giving them the capacity to open up space for real conversation and real change.

With your help, The SI Road to Equality is to provide Direct Action Grants to fund six graduates in their fight against FGM. Your donations will empower the Soroptimist Six with the valuable tools and opportunities needed to gain airtime on radio and television, to accelerate and maximize their message, so that they may become a voice for the voiceless and drive the campaign against FGM forward.

Maggie O'Kane, Executive Director of the Global Media Campaign to End FGM, and former award-winning foreign correspondent for the Guardian newspaper says: "We are genuinely excited about the Soroptimist Six being backed by Soroptimist International and the membership around the world. This is the epitome of female solidarity tackling one of the greatest feminist issues of our time…the mutilation of women. It is the Soroptimist sisters standing up for their mutilated sisters and their daughters. What a call to action."

SI and GMC will be introducing each of the Soroptimist Six over the course of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence which runs from November 25th to December 10th.

MEET THE SOROPTIMIST SIX - WOMEN LEADING THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO #ENDFGM IN THEIR COUNTRY - SUPPORTED BY YOU!



Ayo, Bello, Nigeria



Gift Abu, Nigeria



Ifrah Ahmed, Somalia



Lisa Camara, The Gambia



Rugiatu Turay, Sierra Leone



Sadia Hussein, Kenya

Article from the SI webpage:
www.soroptimistinternational.org

NOVEMBER 21, 2019 CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN & NOTHING BUNDT CAKES FUNDRAISER

On a beautiful November day, Soroptimist members and friends entered the California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) to enjoy a meal.

Many thanks to you for supporting the California Pizza Kitchen and Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraisers on Thursday, November 21st.

While there I saw a lot of SI Riverside members and their friends/business associates.

Thanks to you, SI Riverside raised $237—about $70 more than last year!

In addition to this, Annamarie Megrdichian's fundraising amount from Nothing Bundt Cakes will be added to CPK's total.

The total will go to help the Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference.

Again, thank you. It was a fun time.

Ellen Clizbe















DECEMBER 13, 2019 HOLIDAY PARTY



HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday
December 13, 2019
6:00 PM
Home of Paula McCroskey

Cost: $25/person
Event will be catered.

Ice Tea and Water will be available. Bring your own wine.



Bring a wrapped ornament for our annual Ornament Exchange

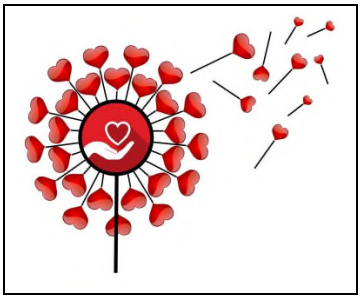


Bring non-perishable food for the Food Drive for Arlington Temporary Assistance

Please note that we will be taking a group photo at the party to use in our updated brochure, on our website and also on our club Facebook page so the more members in attendance, the better the photo will be.

RSVP to:
Vicki Hightower
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FEBRUARY 7, 2020 VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION & BATTLE OF THE BAKERS



"Save the Date"

Love is in the Air
At a Very Delightful
Affair

Valentine Dessert Auction and Battle of the Bakers

Friday,
February 7, 2020
Victoria Club
2521 Arroyo Drive
Riverside, California

Early Bird Special for Sponsors: If you get your sponsor registration in before December 15, 2019, your name and/or logo will appear on a red carpet banner as you enter the Victoria Club.

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Inspire Life Skills Training provides supportive housing for former foster and homeless youth. The residents have a safe place to live as long as they are seeking an education whether at a technical school or at a college.

SI Riverside adopted the Luther House in Riverside in 2016 and has continued over the years to provide little extras to help the young ladies in their educational journey such as household supplies, hot meals, groceries, gift cards, holiday baskets and letters of encouragement.

Recent holiday activities included Melanie McKee taking Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Luther house a few days before the holiday.

We will also be putting up Christmas lights on Luther house and my friends will be providing Christmas items that we will take to the residents in a few weeks.

It's our goal to help the residents of Luther house have a wonderful and memorable holiday season and I thank everyone (members and friends) who have helped to make this happen.

Jill Borth
Inspire Chair



SI RIVERSIDE T-SHIRTS



SI RIVERSIDE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Linda Robertson has SI Riverside club T-shirts available to purchase for $20 each (checks payable to SI Riverside). Linda has the following sizes:

Small -1
Large - 11
X-Large - 3
XX-Large - 1

If you want to purchase a club T-shirt, please text or call Linda so she can set one aside for you. Linda will be bringing the shirts to our business meeting on December 10th.

SI Riverside members wear these shirts at Fall Meetings, Spring Conferences and any other events that we want to identify ourselves as members of SI Riverside. It would be great for all members to own one of these shirts.

COMMUNICATION FROM SI ERLANGEN, GERMANY



Hello everyone! Yesterday we received your always very interesting newsletter and read about Theresia's visit. *(We knew her as Resi.)*

Theresia gave a very inspiring talk/recap of her visit to Riverside at our meeting and everyone was so impressed about all the great things you made possible.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you so very much for all you did! Please give our best regards to everyone in your club.

We're looking forward to hosting a young woman from Riverside here in Erlangen next year.

All the best,

Gertrud Dingermann
SI Erlangen
Germany

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



Recruitment Tip: Volunteering – It's Good For You!

When you recruit new members in your community, you probably talk a lot about how much you love your Soroptimist club! You have likely discussed our Dream Programs and how good it feels to help empower other women.

Did you know that science backs this up and more? Research reflects the feel-good social

benefits of volunteering as well as physical health benefits!

Volunteers like Soroptimists who are committed to a cause and spend significant time each year on volunteer activities may experience:

- Lower mortality rates
- Lower blood pressure
- Higher functional ability
- Sense of purpose and life satisfaction

Who wouldn't want these benefits? In particular, studies show that these benefits are demonstrated most clearly in individuals who spend at least 100 hours per year volunteering. That's just a couple of hours each week. As dedicated Soroptimist members we spend lots of time attending club meetings, planning events and carrying out our programs.

Next time you're recruiting new members, remember that science is on your side! By joining your club, a new member will enjoy all of the benefits of Soroptimist membership - our mission, connections to like minded women and support from Headquarters.

They also should experience a boost in mental and physical health as well as they enjoy the friendships they build with other members and the satisfaction of helping others! Bring up the holistic benefits of membership and talk about the ways your own life has improved since joining. This will show your prospect that membership will be good FOR her!



Article from the SIA webpage: www.soroptimist.org

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Chris Deviny
December 2nd

JoAnn Moore
December 12th

Ellen Clizbe
December 17th

DECEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Linda Robertson
12-08-2009

Paula McCroskey
12-11-2018

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK





Jill Borth posted: "Christmas came early on a cold Black Friday! Thank you Timmy for my new Chevy Blazer RS. I love it!"



Pam Bradford posted: " My son Jeremy raced in the Elsinore Grand Prix yesterday. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to finish the race because of a flat tire. However, he was running in the front three when the flat happened so he was having an awesome race. #oneproudmama



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post by Kari Clizbe Haloviak: "Full heart, full belly, full of thankfulness. Not thankful for weather that kepty @rob_clizbe snowed in!"



Jana Cook posted: "Riverside Knitting Guild contributed almost 100 knitted clothing accessories to the DPSS program supporting young adults who have been in foster care so that each of these young people can receive a Christmas gift, handmade with care and good wishes for the success of the young person who has already overcome so much difficulty."



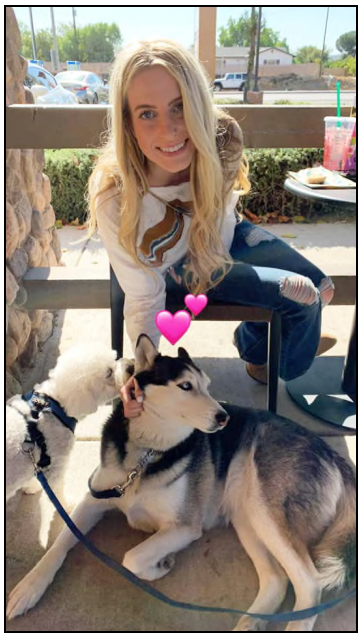
Debbie Ferraro was tagged in a post by Chelsea Lea Storm-Larsen: "Thankful"



Edith Gingerich posted: "Camping at Dos Picos with Lemon Drop Friends."



Melody Hendrickson shared a memory from seven years ago: "Shooting a short video for CAL FIRE in Idyllwild. Love my job!"



Jeanne Hatcher posted: "Had breakfast at Starbucks with my beautiful granddaughter, Brianna, who turned 23 today."



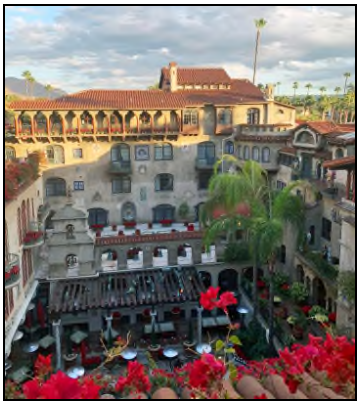
Vicki Hightower posted: "On our way to the Aquarium of the Pacific."



Charlene Hildebrandt shared a memory from six years ago: "Sharing a memory with a dear friend."



Paula McCroskey posted: "DAWGS WIN! GO DAWGS!"



Melanie McKee checked into the Mission Inn and Spa.



Amy McKenzie posted: "Happy Thanksgiving"



Annamarie Megrdichian shared a photo posted by "What a Great Idea."



Kathy Michalak was tagged in a post by Julio Figueroa: "Proud to represent AT&T and partner with Habitat for Humanity Riverside with a $5,000 contribution for their Veterans Initiative in Riverside County that will be used to construct 26 new affordable energy efficient homes dedicated to Veterans, Active Duty and Families of the Fallen."



Michelle Paradise posted: "First stop on college road trip at UC Santa Barbara."



Kathleen Parra posted: "I love getting packages! This one cool from a friend in North Carolina. An artist and author of I think 9 books Cynn Chadwick. Check her out on the web. Her latest, Things That Women Do, a novel."



Janet Payton posted: "Got a popcorn delivery today from my favorite scouts."



Judy Pekarek shared a sentiment that was posted by "I Calls It Like I Sees It."



Linda Robertson posted: "What an amazing exhibition I went to yesterday with my friend Julie Ford. The exhibition was a reproduction of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel paintings done at the Christ Cathedral (formerly the Crystal Cathedral) in Garden Grove. At the start there is a short video giving you

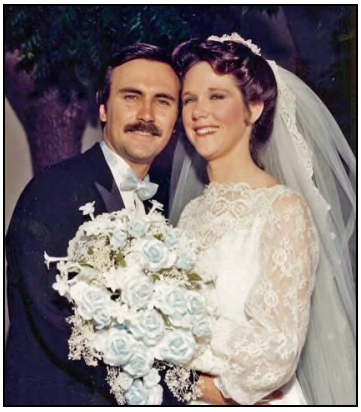
background info about the artist and the project. I've never had the privilege to see the Sistine Chapel but did study about it taking 2 semesters of History of Art classes in college. It's open every day until January 11, 2020.



Carol Allain Speer shared a beautiful photo posted by "Slice of Life."



Kacey Sutton posted: "Vegas Zip Liners!"



Susan Wolf posted: "Celebrating 33 years today. Then I turn double nickels tomorrow. You got it, I turned 22 the day after our wedding. Happy Anniversary, Victor."

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



What a lovely day several of us recently spent with Glenda Richards, a forty-plus year past member of SI Riverside. Ellen Clizbe, Carolyn Kegarice, Jeanne Hatcher and I drove to Hemet on November 11th to reminisce about our good old days together as well as share with Glenda what we are currently doing in SI Riverside. For those of you who weren't fortunate enough to know Glenda, she is an amazing woman and an exemplary Soroptimist. She was SI Riverside President in 1981-1983 and 1998-1999 and held most other club board positions including that of Treasurer for an extended length of time in addition to being our Valentine Dessert Auction Chair for many years. Glenda also served on the Golden West Region Board as Region Treasurer and she was a Laurel Society member.

If any of you would like to send Glenda a card or letter, you can address it to:

Ms. Glenda Richards
Yorkshire Village
26933 Cornell Street
Hemet, CA 92544

Or, better yet, pay her a visit. She would love that!

Chris Deviny



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I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to The ideals for which it stands: The Sincerity of Friendship, The Joy of Achievement, The Dignity of Service, The Integrity of Profession, The Love of Country. I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold, and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.

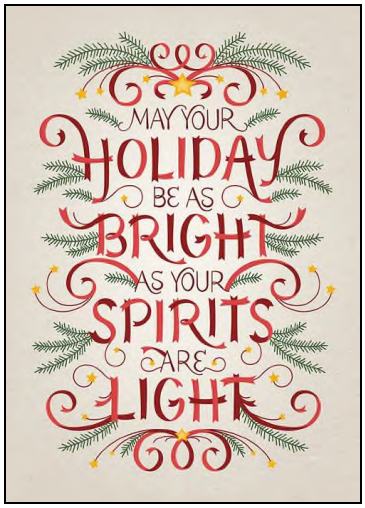
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HOLIDAY THOUGHTS










Christmas isn't a Season it's a Feeling
~ Edna Ferber ~


Wishing you peace, love, and joy this Christmas
theviennablog.com


IT'S THE MOST wonderful TIME OF THE year


"At Christmas, all roads lead home."
- by Marjorie Holmes
pixelsquote.net


all is calm all is bright

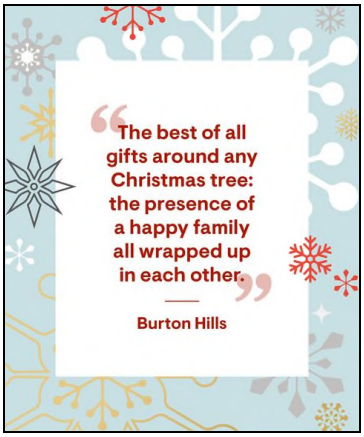

Merry Christmas


Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.
- Winston Churchill
WishAFriend.com


Christmas IS DOING A little SOMETHING Extra FOR Someone
- Charles M. Schulz -
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"I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month."
—HARLAN MILLER


I WILL HONOR CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART, AND TRY TO KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR.
CHARLES DICKENS


"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."
Burton Hills


"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."
JOY
-W.T. Ellis