



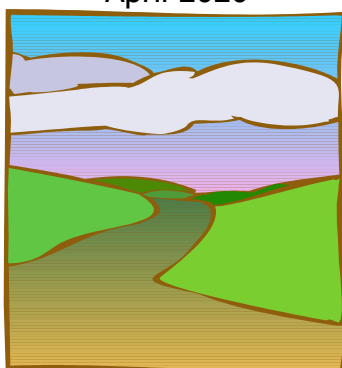
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The **VALLEY VIEWPOINT**

April 2020



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Soroptimists and "Soro-opti-Friends"! Happy April!

Normally this is the time when our club is bustling with activity, gearing up for our fabulous Annual Prism Award Luncheon, planning for the next year's slate of officers and determining who we will collaborate with on our annual service awards. Well, we are still moving forward on all projects, just in varying degrees and scopes due to the looming presence of the COVID-19. While the virus may be preventing our club from having face to face interactions, and may have delayed the date of the Prism Award Luncheon, it has not dampened the spirits of our club members! They are the model of generosity and kindness!

I want to thank the Guest Readers--Brenda Mason, Zoe Siegel, Daisy Flores and Members who served the children listening to lively tales at the March 7 Read-in. This was our day of service, where we read to community youth at the library, provided snacks, a craft, and a free book to keep.

I also want to thank SI M/IV Members Virginia R, Sue, Natividad, Juliet, Amber and others who were ready to give their time to the young Chaffey High School ladies to transform in the belles of the ball with Cinderella Dreams distribution day. This event was postponed, however, I am sure that our members will be lining up to assist!

Most of all, I am so thankful that our club stands behind community service and assistance! I know that every one of you is doing your part to help our community in this trying time. Please stay well, follow the mandates of the President, the Governor and our SIA leadership, and know that we will be going gangbusters as soon as this crisis is lifted. We will keep you informed as things progress. You are all with me in spirit, and in my prayers!



President Milissa

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MEETINGS...

> ~~(1st)~~ Wed., April 1 - 12:00 N: ~~Business Meeting~~, OPARC (Briggs Room), 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair (west of Benson /just North of Moreno/SE corner Olive & Vernon)
Cancelled

> ~~(4th)~~ Tues., April 28 - 12:30 PM: **Board Mtg.** Page One Cafe, Ovitt Family Library

Meeting status TBD later in April

..... & EVENTS

> Sun., April 5: **Palm Sunday**

> Wed., April 8: **Passover** begins at sundown

> ~~Thur., April 9 - no host reception 5:30 PM/dinner 6:30 PM: Chaffey College Annual Alumni of the Year/Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, Ontario Doubletree.~~
Cancelled--to be rescheduled in Fall

> Fri., April 10: **Good Friday**

> ~~Fri., April 10: Ontario Montclair Promise Scholars Annual Golf Tournament, Los Serranos Country Club.~~
Cancelled for 2020. Will be held April 2, 2021

> Sun., April 12: **Easter**

> ~~Wed., April 15 - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: SI M/IV 29th Annual Prism Award Luncheon. The Canyon at Montclair Place~~
Cancelled--to be rescheduled later in 2020

> April 19-25: **National Library Week**

> April 19-25: **National Volunteer Week**

> Wed., April 22: **Earth Day**

> Wed., April 22: **Administrative Professionals Day**

> ~~Sat., April 25: OPARC's "Gala Goes Gatsby"~~
Cancelled--to be rescheduled at a later date
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MONTCLAIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Montclair Chamber Networking breakfast for April and May has been canceled. In an effort to protect people, particularly those over 60 we are following meeting guidelines as recommended by the Governor and by the City of Montclair.

We are canceling events that have more than 10 people and we are making sure we meet the separation criteria that there be 6 feet between people.

All public meetings hosted by the City of Montclair have been canceled or postponed until after June.

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GWR Special News Blast

COVID-19 Virus and Club Events

On March 12, SIA had communicated: **"In view of the seriousness and risks associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection—if you are in North America, Japan and Korea, you must postpone or cancel all club events through at least April 15.** You should reassess this timing based on your local health and governmental authorities' recommendations."

As you may now know, on March 15, our country's CDC recommended organizers postpone or cancel events of 50 or more people for the next eight weeks (estimated through May 11). This action supersedes my March 13 communication. April 15 is now May 11 until further notice. And the new CDC recommendations issued today have changed the number of people to 10.

Governor Lori Reed

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GWR Special News Blast--March 19

Notice of Spring Conference Cancellation

The GWR BOD has been in constant communication about the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic and have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Spring Conference. I am sure this comes as no surprise to you as we are all being directed to stay home to flatten the curve in this outbreak. It is vitally important that we all follow the CDC recommendations to stay safe! We have cancelled all club activities – including Dreams Programs, Fund Raisers, Club meetings and now Spring Conference. The hotel/casino has waived any cancellation penalties – so there is no financial impact to the region for cancelling. These are extraordinary times, that require extraordinary actions. If you made hotel reservations, please call the hotel to cancel. You should not be assessed any penalties. If you have registered already, Carol Roddy will be in contact with you to arrange the refund.

So, what does this mean to our region? We have to get 3 things done before the end of June, everything else will be pushed to the Leadership Training Retreat, or Fall Meetings. The 3 things we need to get done are:

- Elect a 2020-2022 GWR Board
- Approve the 2020-2021 Budget
- Distribute the GWR Live Your Dream Awards

Fortunately, we can accomplish all three of these items electronically. In the next two weeks, you will be sent instructions on how to vote for the new Board, and the Budget. By the end of May, we will announce and distribute checks for the Live Your Dream Award winners. Since we had finalists from all 4 districts, we intend to have the formal recognitions at the Fall Meetings, so we can meet our winners and give them certificates. We are in the process of determining if we are allowed to feature each finalist's bio on our social media pages--so stayed tuned to the GWR Facebook and Instagram accounts.

What about the art auction fund raiser? We are exploring an online auction platform for the items that your clubs intended to bring to Spring Conference for this event. Remember, it is the proceeds from this fund raiser that funds our 2021 LYDA finalists. If your club has been collecting coins in the Dream Jars and Dream Maker donations, please continue to do so, and mail a check to Treasurer Margie by the end of May.

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What are the next steps?

- Stay calm and follow the CDC recommendations and STAY SAFE!
- I will be setting up a weekly touch base ZOOM meeting for any GWR members that have questions.
- Complete your delegate credentialing form, and submit to Mandy Mann by March 31 (this is a new deadline)
- Complete your "Celebration of Life" form, and submit to Liz Glowka by May 1
- Stay tuned for more information on e-voting

We will get through this together! Stay positive and supportive of each other.

Governor Lori

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SECRETARY SAYS

Mar. 4 Business Mtg. Present: 13 Members-- President Milissa, V-P Natividad, Sec. Virginia R., Treas. Cindy, Dir. Diane, Dir. Linda; Denise, Amber, Virginia K., Kathy, Juliet, Sue, Zoe. President's "Ice Breaker." Fines & Brags. Call to Order--12:30 PM. Pledge to Flag--led by Kathy. Inspiration--none. Correspondence--circulated folder. Minutes--Feb. 5 Mtg. accepted as presented. Treasurer--accepted report for period ending Feb. 29. Committee Reports--Meals on Wheels goody bags--March (Kris/Denise); Public Awareness--March Newsletter; Membership; Sunshine; Nominating; Social Media; Cinderella Dreams. Unfinished Business--Re-Cap Feb. 19 Touchstone Crystal/Swarovski Mini-Fund Raiser/Potluck; Mar. 7 Ontario Library Read-In; Apr. 15 Prism Award Luncheon Planning Update; Mar. 18 Program Mtg. Speaker; May 20 Upland Library Read-In; 2019-20 Service Agency Funding; Sept. 27 Fall "Fun" Raiser. New Business--May 6 Business Mtg. guest speaker; GWR--Spring Conf., Oct. 16-17 District 1 Fall Mtg., 2019-20 Officers Checklist March. "60-Second" S.O.L.T.--SI M/IV "Birthday"--1974 chartering and club history highlights. Announcements--March B'days./Anniv.; International Women's Day; Mar. 24 Board Mtg.; Apr. 1 Bus. Mtg. Adjourn--1:05 PM.

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SUNSHINE CORNER

April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. The name for the month of April originally came for *Aprilis* which means to open.

- Birthstone: Diamond
 - Flower: Sweet Pea & Daisy
 - Zodiac: Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) / Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)
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Happy Birthday

Apr. 5 - *Linda Miranda*
Apr. 17 - *Dean Collisson*
Apr. 19 - *Arlette Garibay*
Apr. 30 - *Courtney Saldana*

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Happy Anniversary

Apr. 1 - Amber ♥ Larry Hartsell
Apr. 2 - Virginia ♥ Casey Kelsen
Apr. 12 - Helen ♥ Ryan McAlary
Apr. 15 - Roberta ♥ Gunnar Eisel

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All cards are being sent and I have the updated b'day/anniversary list. If anyone has a special card request just email info and I will send out ASAP. Thank you.

Natividad Vasquez-Silva, Sunshine Chair
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee--Chair Linda, Kris, Juliet--will present a Committee Recommendation on the proposed 2020-21 Slate of Officers via email, due to our April 1 Meeting cancellation.

Voting in May on the Slate of Officers may also need to be done via email. Members--please be on the lookout for information to be sent to all Members.

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GOODY BAGS

Meals on Wheels goody bags for March were coordinated by Kris Brake & Denise Carrington with assistance from a Rancho Cucamonga Pre-School class.

Kris and Denise assembled 15 St. Patrick's Day theme goody bags, which were delivered to the Senior Center on March 12. The pre-school class children decorated the bags with colorful stickers and foam cut-outs. The goodies in the bags included an assortment of "green" sweet treats; i.e.--wrapped candy, mints and suckers. Each bag included a decorated note card also done by the children.

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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 / Juliet
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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OVITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY READ-IN

"Read Across America"

Members attending: President Milissa, Kris, Cindy, Kathy, Sue, Virginia R., Zoe, Natividad, Diane. "Soropty-Mister" Gary, "Soropty-Kids" Jason & Emily Checchi; Sophie Silva.



On Sat., March 7, we had a smaller than usual turnout at our Ontario Read-In, with about 15 or so children in attendance (accompanied by parents). The children enjoyed stories read by Guest Readers Brenda Mason, Zoe Siegel, and Librarian Daisy Flores. They then went outdoors to tables set up for the craft, which was Horton the Who head band/hat. Everyone enjoyed a snack of cookies and fruit juice before going to the book table to select a book to take home!

Thank you to the Ovitt Community Library for hosting the event and Librarian Daisy for coordinating the craft project. Cookie donations--Judy, Cindy, Kathy; Juice--Joey; Napkins/cups--Virginia R. A big Thank You to parents and children who attended. We hope to see everyone again next year!

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SERVICE AGENCY RECOGNITION & FUNDING

Information letters and applications for funding have been sent out to several local service agencies. All applications returned by the deadline will be reviewed and scored by a panel consisting of SI M/IV Members and community representatives. Representatives from the agencies selected to receive club service funds will be invited to attend SI M/IV's Program Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 5:00-7:00 PM at OPARC, to accept their check and give us some background on their agency and how the funds will be used.

Save the date--May 24! An information flyer will be distributed at a later date.

Andrea Erickson, Chair
Service Agency Funding

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**PLEASE NOTE--PRISM AWARD LUNCHEON
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

29th ANNUAL PRISM AWARD LUNCHEON
"Prism: A Kaleidoscope of Achievements"

~~Wed., April 15, 2020 11:30 AM 1:30 PM~~
The Canyon at Montclair Place (upper level near Macy's)

\$65 per person / \$480 for a Table of 8
Table of 8 includes "Reserved" Table
and Recognition in Program
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Prism Award
Dr. Lynne Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rancho Cucamonga;
Former Supt., Banning USD

Woman of Distinction
Liliana Andriani
Owner, Angel Jewelers, Rancho Cucamonga;
Rancho Cucamonga Chamber President-Elect

Women Helping Women
Mindy Chavez
Family Case Manager, OMSD Family & Collaborative Services

Serving the Community
Miles for Montclair
Montclair High School Annual 5K Walk Fund Raiser
supporting homeless & foster students

President's Award
Madeline Stewart
CEO/President, Ontario-Montclair School
Employees Federal Credit Union

Violet Richardson Award
Kristy Garcia
Senior, Ontario High School
DeAnza Teen Center

Paul Eaton Community Service Award
Melanie Estrada
Senior, Montclair High School - JROTC
Montclair Youth Center

Live Your Dream Award
Tara Coston, Rancho Cucamonga - Chaffey College
Diana Cervantes, Victorville - Chaffey College
Arnissa Burns, San Bernardino - Chaffey College

Soroptimist Promise Scholars Award
Destiny Tolentino, Senior - Montclair High School
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Proceeds benefit the Soroptimist Vision for women and girls to have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

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Invitations (w/RSVP card) have been mailed (via U.S. mail) to Club Members, Honorees & their Guest list, and names on the Club mailing list.

Information: 909-983-5938 or rvriley81@roadrunner.com
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CELEBRATE SERVICE

National Volunteer Week--April 19-25--is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities. National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet -- doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

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SI M/IV MEMBERS.....

SAVE THESE DATES.....

> ~~Wed., May 13:~~ **Ontario Showcase & Heritage Celebration.** ~~Ontario Town Square, 224 N. Euclid Ave.~~

> Wed., May 20 - 3:00-5:00 PM: **Upland Library Read-In**
Upland Library - Children's Reading Room
450 N. Euclid Ave., Upland
• Please plan to attend as your schedule allows and help out however you can. More info will be shared at April and May meetings. And--we'll have a sign-up for volunteers and donations.

Zoe Siegel, Chair

> May 28-29-30: **GWR Spring Conf.** Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, AZ

> Aug. 7-8: **GWR Leadership Training Retreat.** Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, CA

> Sat., Sept. 26: **SI M/IV Annual Fall "Fun-Raiser."** Montclair Senior Center

> Oct. 16-17: **GWR District 1 Fall Meeting.** Host Club--SI Chino Valley

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CINDERELLA DREAM

SI M/IV partners with Chaffey Joint Union High School District's (CJUHS) "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. CJUHS has hosted this event for 8 years.

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

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Unfortunately--on Thur., March 12--we received the following e-mail regarding the postponement of "Cinderella Dream" Distribution Day due to the coronavirus health concern:

Hello, everyone. Per the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, the Cinderella Dreams event planned for this Saturday, March 14th, has been cancelled due to the health concerns worldwide. Hopefully, we will be able to re-schedule the event to April. We will keep everyone posted.

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Thank You to SI M/IV Members who had signed up as volunteers for the event. We're sorry this had to happen. We are as disappointed as the young ladies who were looking forward to shopping for that special prom dress. But, let's all plan on volunteering when the event is rescheduled.

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CHAFFEY COLLEGE CLOTHES CLOSET

In partnership with Chaffey College, 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 & "Soropti-Friends" at any time. We will 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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NOTABLE NOTES

✓ Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".
~Author Unknown

✓ **Thank You** to Denise's "Soropti-Friend" Gayle Barnes, who attended our Feb. Jewelry but was unable to stay and shop, so she made a donation to help our fund raising.

✓ From **Diane Wells** (Member Montclair Community Activities Committee)--"the City of Montclair has cancelled everything through May 31--no Volunteer of the Year, Eggstravaganza, Memorial Day Program, etc."

✓ **Passover** is a **celebration** of spring, of birth and rebirth, of a journey from slavery to freedom, and of taking responsibility for yourself, the community, and the world. The Torah states that Jews are to observe **Passover** for seven days, beginning on the 15th of the Jewish month Nisan (usually in April).

✓ 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 or gabe@showband.net

- Mon., May 11 - "The Wonderful World of Disney"
- Mon., May 25 - 10:00 AM - Memorial Day Program - Bellevue Memorial Park
- Mon., June 15 - "Motown's 60th"
- Sat., July 4 - 10:30 AM - Concert - Ont. Town Square

✓ Crafts Unlimited Boutique will be open at Montclair Place (5001 S. Montclair Plaza Ln.) - June 4-7, Sept. 17-21, Nov. 18-22. www.vickiscraftsunlimited.com

GOLDEN WEST REGION - FALL MEETINGS

- District 1 - Oct. 16 & 17
- District 2 - Oct. 23 & 24
- District 3 - Oct. 2 & 3
- District 4 - Oct. 9 & 10

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DATES TO NOTE**

- > May 1-2-3: Montclair **Yard Sale Week-end**
- > May 1-2-3: Ontario **Yard Sale Week-end**
- > Sat., May 9 - 7:00 AM-2:00 PM: Ontario-Montclair Rotary Club **26th Car Show & Community Event.** Featuring pancake breakfast sponsored by Ontario Kiwanis Club. Historic Euclid Ave. & Town Square, Ontario
- > Wed., May 13: **Ontario Showcase & Heritage Celebration.** Ontario Town Square, 224 N. Euclid Ave.
- > Thur., May 21: Chaffey College **Commencement**
- > Mon., May 25 6:00 PM: ~~Montclair Memorial Day Ceremony.~~ Memorial Garden (adjacent to City Hall)
- > May 30-31: Charles Phoenix **Big Retro Slide Show.** The Curtis Theater, Brea, CA
- > Sat., June 6 - 12:00 N-6:00 PM: Montclair **Annual Country Fair Jamboree.** Alma Hofman Park
- > Wed., June 10 - time tbd: Montclair **Police Recognition Luncheon.** Montclair Community Center
- > Sat., June 20 - 6:00-9:00 PM: Inland Valley Recovery Services **15th Annual Chili Cook Off.** Upland City Hall Courtyard
- > Mon., June 22: Chaffey College Foundation **Annual Golf Tournament.** Red Hill Country Club, Rancho Cucamonga
- > July 22-25: SIA **46th Biennial Convention.** Bellevue, WA
- > Sept. 4-27: **LA County Fair--**"We Light the Night: Experience the Glow." lacountyfair.com
- > Sun., Sept. 13: **CHOC** (Children's Hospital of Orange County) **Walk In The Park.** Disneyland Resort, Anaheim
- > Sept. 18-19: Route 66 **Cruisin' Reunion Car Show.** Euclid Ave., Ontario

****all dates/events listed subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling**

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- > April 2: Promise Scholars Golf Tournament
- > 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)

May, 2020

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

June, 2020

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

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Board Meetings--scheduled for the 4th 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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SOROPTIMIST OF MONTCLAIR/INLAND VALLEY

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The "Valley Viewpoint" is published once a month and distributed to members prior to the 1st 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.

May Newsletter items can be submitted at any time –

- > by mail to: Virginia Riley
619 East "I" Street, Ontario, CA 91764
- > by e-mail to: rvriley81@roadrunner.com

Deadline for the May Newsletter is Fri., April 17.
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