



APRIL 2020



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 deserve 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

Although we cannot control the struggles we unexpectedly face, we do possess a quality – resilience – that helps us overcome the pain and maintain hope. Resilience brings us back to our dreams when the storm is over.

Sharon Cook & Graciela Sholander
"Dream It Do It"

The Covid-19 virus, commonly referred to as the coronavirus, has had a profound and unexpected impact on the entire world and Soroptimist International of Riverside is no exception.

Due to concerns expressed by several club members concerning the virus, just a couple days before our beloved "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" conference, I convened an emergency Board meeting to discuss whether or not we should go forward with the conference. The meeting was scheduled before we received explicit directions from the Golden West Region and SIA to cancel all public meetings, so, at the time, this decision was exclusively a club decision.

For me, and I think for other members, this was a very emotional decision to make. I think I have shared before that I look forward to this conference every year. It's what makes all the fundraising we have to do worthwhile. For me, the conference, where we inspire over a hundred 7th and 8th grade girls to reach for their dreams, is the epitome of what it means to be a Soroptimist.

The Board vote with regard to the conference was tied, so we had to reach out via email, text and voicemail messages for a club vote. Ultimately, the club voted to cancel the conference. In hindsight, cancelling the conference was a good call, since the next day we received instructions from GWR and SIA to cancel and thus at least we were able to minimize our financial losses in cancelling the event.

Undaunted by this disappointing decision, Chair Jeanne Hatcher and her committee quickly adjusted to inspire the young women who were scheduled to attend the event. The committee delivered conference backpacks which included the wonderfully prepared conference program, to the schools for delivery to the registered girls to let them know that SI Riverside continued to support them, even in these difficult times.

There was some discussion at the emergency Board meeting that this may be the end of our conference but I sincerely hope that isn't true.

I believe that SI Riverside will rise like the Phoenix, that we will overcome these unexpected troubles, that we continue to empower women and girls and inspire them to dream. It's what

we do, we are resilient women, we are Soroptimists!

President Vicki Hightower

APRIL 2020



- 7 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Mary's Kitchen, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM
- 7 **WORLD HEALTH DAY**
- 10 **SI RIVERSIDE CLUB CHARTER DATE**
April 10, 1948
Happy 72nd Birthday!
- 14 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:05 PM to 12:50 PM
First United Methodist Church, Koinonia Meeting Room, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM
- 22 **INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**
- 28 **SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON**
CANCELLED

MAY 2020



- 5 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, Mary's
Kitchen, 4845 Brockton Ave,
Riverside
***VIRTUAL MEETING ON
ZOOM***
- 12 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:05 PM to 12:50 PM
First United Methodist
Church, Koinonia Meeting
Room, 4845 Brockton Ave,
Riverside
***VIRTUAL MEETING ON
ZOOM***
- 15 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
FAMILIES**
- 26 **PROGRAM MEETING**
12:05 PM to 12:50 PM
First United Methodist
Church, Koinonia Meeting
Room, 4845 Brockton Ave,
Riverside
***VIRTUAL MEETING ON
ZOOM***
- 28- **GOLDEN WEST REGION**
30 **SPRING CONFERENCE**
Twin Arrows Casino Resort
Flagstaff, Arizona
CANCELLED

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, please note that Soroptimist International of the Americas has instructed that all Soroptimist events and meetings be cancelled through June 1st.

SI Riverside will hold all meetings during this cancellation period on ZOOM. Virtual meetings will start at 12:05 PM and end at 12:50 PM.

Prior to each virtual meeting, Vice-President Edith Gingerich will send out a meeting invitation via email that will include the meeting ID number.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact Secretary Melanie McKee via text message for help.

DATES TO REMEMBER



July 22-25, 2020
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
OF THE AMERICAS BIENNIAL
CONVENTION**

Bellevue Hyatt Regency
Bellevue, Washington

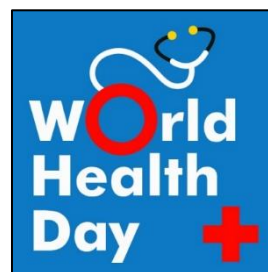
October 1-3, 2021
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
100TH ANNIVERSARY**
San Francisco, California

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 in the Koinonia Room 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.

**APRIL 7, 2020
WORLD HEALTH DAY**



In this International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, World Health Day 2020 will shine a light on the vital role played by nurses and midwives in providing health care around the world and call for a strengthening of the nursing and midwifery workforce.

On April 7th, "Dawn to Dusk" advocacy events will be held around the world to mark World Health Day. One of the main

events will be the launch of the first ever State of the World's Nursing Report 2020. The report will provide a global picture of the nursing workforce and support evidence based planning to optimize the contributions of this workforce to improve health and wellbeing for all. The report will set the agenda for data collection, policy dialogue, research and advocacy and investment in the health workforce for generations to come. A similar report on the Midwifery workforce will be launched in 2021.

GOALS

- Trigger a wave of public appreciation for the work of nurses and midwives and the part they play in delivering health care.
- Raise the profile of nurses and midwives within the health workforce.
- Catalyze support and investment in nurses and midwives.

CALL TO ACTION

General Public:

1. Show nurses and midwives your appreciation for their work and thank them for what they do to keep us healthy.
2. Call on local leaders to do more to support nurses and midwives and make investments that enable them to work to their full potential.

Policy Makers:

1. Invest in nursing and midwifery education and employment so universal health coverage becomes a reality everywhere.

2. Strengthen and pay more attention to nursing and midwifery influence and leadership. Health services will improve as a result.
3. Take steps to improve gathering of workforce data in order to better target resources and make changes where they are needed most.

Health Workers:

1. Show your respect for nurses, midwives and other fellow health workers
2. Listen to their views and explore their ideas.
3. Engage nurses and midwives in decision making.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Thank a nurse and midwife:

Just imagine how powerful it would be if all the health workers in your area were thanked with a flower, card or a tweet. Share your photos on social media using the hashtag #SupportNursesAndMidwives. Make sure to personalize your messages.

Send a letter:

Sending a letter can be the first step to getting the attention of leaders and other politicians. If you are a nurse or midwife, share your concerns with the people who make policies that can make a difference.

Develop a petition:

Petitions are a great way to demonstrate wider support for change. Gather signatures, submit your request to the authorities and publicize it as widely as you can.

A day in the life of a nurse or midwife:

Want to know what it's like to be a nurse or a midwife? See if you can spend time alongside a nurse or midwife in your community. Learn more about them, their life saving work and become an advocate for them. Nurses and midwives are vital to our future. We need millions more.

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF THE
AMERICAS**



March 19, 2020

Philadelphia, PA

Dear SIA Members in the United States and Canada:

Thank you for your continued outreach for guidance during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Last Thursday, March 12th, I wrote you: *"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 15th. You should reassess this timing based on your local health and governmental authorities' recommendations."*

In the United States, Sunday night, March 15th, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reassessed this timing for us. The CDC recommends organizers postpone or cancel events of 50 or more people for the next eight weeks (estimated through May 11th). The CDC defines gatherings as conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings and other types of assemblies.

President Trump is calling for all gatherings of 10 or more to cease. Some areas of the U.S. are moving to sheltering in place. In fact, any organization involved in delivering its services through public gatherings are suspending operations.

Because of these health and government recommendations, this communication supersedes my March 12th communication. April 15th is now May 11th until further notice. However, given today's latest information from our U.S. public health officials, I would plan an additional three weeks for good measure ... so June 1st.

Here are some important points to be aware of:

- If you are with a club located in the US or Canada, our club and region liability coverage does not cover communicable diseases. Holding an event of any size given the current circumstances will be considered negligent, placing great risk upon the club, its members, the region and SIA headquarters (SIAHQ). You must postpone or cancel all club events at least through May 11th; June 1st for good measure.
- Your region leadership has received guidance from our General Legal Counsel regarding written

agreements for region events and the use of "force majeure." If your club is having challenges canceling or postponing an event due to the venue, contact your region leadership for assistance and guidance prior to investing in legal representation regarding your club contracts.

- Currently 20 of our 29 regions have canceled their region conferences and have been able to do so with the cooperation of their venue.
- Region leadership have received virtual options for sharing important information covered in their planned region conference.
- The timing of the 46th Biennial Convention in Bellevue, WA, is being evaluated. The health and safety of all our convention attendees is our highest priority. Please keep checking the convention webpage for the most recent updates.
- SIAHQ employees have been outfitted to work remotely until further notice. While the situation continues to evolve, you can count on the fact we will continue to do our very best to support you during this time.

We encourage you to continue to educate yourself on the facts using recognized experts such as Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and local and national governmental official requirements.

We encourage you to take precautions with social distancing and good hygiene.

We encourage you to create new ways to communicate with your club members, your community and your supporters. It is imperative our mission continues and our communities and

supporters know our Dream Programs will continue to provide the services they have come to expect and treasure.

We encourage you to rethink your club year in 2020. Use this time to take planned activities in April, May and June and move them further out to a time when it becomes apparent group gatherings are allowed in our respective areas.

We are grateful for your continued demonstration of professionalism, dedication and compassion as we work through these challenges together.

Continued best wishes to you, your families and your communities for good health and resilience in the weeks to come.

With care and concern for you,

Elizabeth M. Lucas
Executive Director & CEO
Sorooptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

NEW FEDERATION SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF AFRICA



Green Light for Fifth
Sorooptimist
International Federation
SI OF AFRICA

SI President Sharon Fisher announced:

"It is with great pleasure I report the results of the Soroptimist International Future Africa Federation (SIFAF) ballot.

The official result of the ballot closed on March 19th and has now been reviewed and verified as follows:

Clubs in Africa eligible to vote:
106 clubs
Affirmative votes required:
71 clubs
Affirmative votes received:
95 clubs

The African clubs will now proceed with the election of officers and form a Federation.

With the postponement of the Abidjan conference to November 2020, all the required steps will be completed by this date making way for a wonderful celebration to welcome the new Federation as a Member of Soroptimist International. Many have worked tirelessly since 2012 to make this dream of a fifth Soroptimist International Federation a reality and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all involved."

The lights turned green for Soroptimist International Africa Federation (SIAF), the fifth Soroptimist International Federation, at the Soroptimist International (SI) Board meeting in July 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The SIFAF Taskforce had delivered formidable results, with 1,890 members counted by July 2019 from 106 clubs and in 26 countries. The goal posts were set for 2020. Membership would need to reach 2,000 and affirmative votes would need to be received by two-thirds of the 106 clubs.

Mary Muia, SIFAF Task Force Chair says: "It is jubilation and joy

for Soroptimist International Future Africa Federation (SIFAF) members. We Did It! It is a 'Yes' for Soroptimist International Africa Federation (SIAF). As Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher and writer once said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Saturday March 21, 2020 will forever remain a bright morning as this is when the SIFAF Task Force awoke to the wonderful news from SI President Sharon Fisher."

Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, SI Immediate Past President says: "I could not be more proud of all those who have worked together so determinedly in true Soroptimist spirit to make this dream of an SI Africa Federation come to life. It is an emotional time. I am really overwhelmed. It is such an astonishing achievement and it needs time to sink in! Together with the SIFAF Committee, the SI Federations of Europe and Great Britain and Ireland and the different Task Forces and the encouragement and support shown by Soroptimists around the world, I would like to thank and celebrate each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment and I look forward to watching the Federation develop from strength to strength – Truly a Global Voice for Women."

Mary continues: "According to the African Union (AU), almost 60% of Africa's population in 2019 was aged less than 25 years, making Africa the world's youngest continent. Africa's growing youth population offers us enormous potential. The actualization of an Africa Federation does not only bring hope and joy towards the empowerment of women and girls but also opens new opportunities for the growth of Soroptimism in Africa. This new Federation will open new ground for innovation, creativity and

engagement of young professionals in Africa. Additionally, it will allow for closer ties amongst African sisters and increase Soroptimist International membership globally. It will deliver a new sense of belonging and independence to propel us forward and breed further creativity, whilst expanding SI's vision to be the global voice for women and girls.

Congratulations to us all in Africa once more, for living up to our dream! All dreams are valid and we look forward to celebrating the Charter of our Federation during the scheduled SIAF conference Abidjan on November 12th-15th in 2020."

FEBRUARY 29, 2020 TASTE OF THE NATIONS INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK



On February 29th, eight members of Soroptimist International of Riverside and their guests attended the International Relations Council of Riverside's Taste of the Nations international potluck.



In 1956 President Eisenhower founded the "People to People Program" to provide a way for

people of the world to become acquainted and seek peace through friendship and understanding. His intent was to involve individuals and organized groups at all levels of society in citizen diplomacy with the hope that personal relationships, fostered through Sister Cities, would lessen the chance of future world conflicts. One of Riverside's Sister Cities is Erlangen, Germany, which is also one of Soroptimist International of Riverside's Friendship Link clubs.



The Taste of the Nations potluck was designed so attendees could learn about the International Relations Council and Riverside's nine Sister Cities, make friends and have fun, become a member or volunteer and be part of President Eisenhower's mission of building peace through friendship and people to people diplomacy on a local level.



MARCH 14, 2020 LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT BE IT CONFERENCE



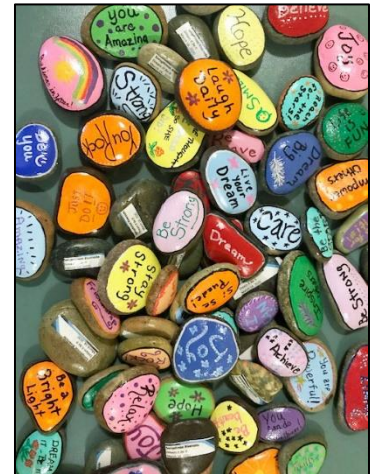
SI Riverside has been hosting the "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" conference every year since 2008. This conference is an all day event designed to introduce 7th and 8th grade girls to various career opportunities and the way to achieve career goals with workshops provided by successful women in many different professions.

Regrettably, this year's "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" conference scheduled for March 14th had to be cancelled due to the spread of the coronavirus.



However, we will be delivering backpacks to all of the girls that registered for the conference. In addition to a variety of small gifts, the backpacks will contain a program, colorful inspirational

rocks hand painted by the members of SI Riverside and a specially designed bracelet to commemorate the event. We will also be sending programs to the teachers and school principals who helped us with this year's conference.



We want to thank Jeanne Hatcher, Conference Chair, and all of the members of Soroptimist International of Riverside for their dedication and hard work preparing for this conference.

Although we are sad that there won't be a conference this year, we are all looking forward to next year's "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" conference which we are sure will be the best one ever!



**APRIL 28, 2020
SALUTE TO SERVICE
AWARDS LUNCHEON**



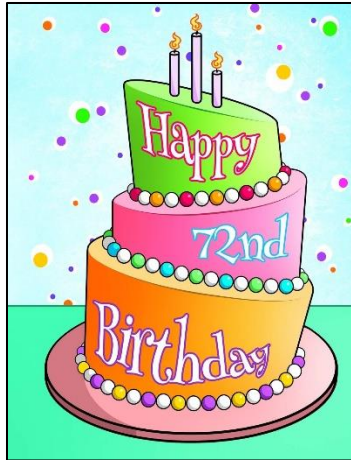
Due to the coronavirus outbreak, SI Riverside will be postponing our Salute to Service Awards Luncheon scheduled for April 28th.

This is our annual luncheon where we present our Live Your Dream Education & Training Award, Gold Key Award, Student Volunteer Award and Dream It Be It Scholarship.

The Salute to Service Committee will send letters to all of the awardees notifying them that the luncheon has been postponed and that certificates and/or monetary awards will be presented before June 30th at another luncheon or in a more personal way if we are still dealing with the coronavirus.

**APRIL 10, 2020
CHARTER OF
SI RIVERSIDE**

**HAPPY 72ND
BIRTHDAY TO
SI RIVERSIDE!**



Club History

Over 200 members and guests including representatives of various community organizations were present for the Charter Banquet in the Music Room at the Mission Inn where the new Soroptimist Club of Riverside received its charter on April 10, 1948.



Lois Reeves McCarty, president of the Pomona Soroptimist Club, acted as toastmistress for the program which opened with "God Bless America" directed by Mildred Belt, Chairman of Music for the Southwestern Region of the Soroptimist Federation.

Mary Ellen Pangle was installed as president of the Riverside Soroptimist Club by Alida Dyson, Chairman of Education for Statesmanship of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs.

Presentation of the charter was by Dr. Ruth S. Thomas of Sacramento, Director of the Southwestern Region. Dr. Pearl Shrode Rittenhouse, member of the Extension Committee of the Southwestern Region was assisted by Gladys Donlavey of Pomona in presenting the president's pin.

Red tulips and white flowers sent by the Riverside Zonta Club decorated the piano. Greetings and gifts were received from many organizations.



Over the last 72 years our many community service projects have included: Scholarship programs for women, delivering Civil Defense packets to homes in Riverside, donating equipment to the Braille Institute and Mathews Cottage, spearheading the History Walk project at Raincross Square, donating a van to the YWCA Born Free Program, sponsoring a Venture Club to provide guidance to young women entering the professional world, creating the Soroptimist Rose Garden at the Riverside County Courthouse, starting the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, collecting clothing and accessories for the "Dress for Success" program and participating in the "HelpHers" program by painting the interior of a single mom's Habitat for Humanity home.

We have also provided monetary donations to the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, The ARC

Riverside County, Habitat for Humanity, Operation SafeHouse, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, YWCA Born Free, Inland Agency and many more local organizations.

We have supported many international projects over the years including "Land Mine Removal" in Angola, the "Chiapas Mexico Water Project," "Project Independence" in Bosnia, Tsunami Relief in Japan, "Birthing in the Pacific" in Papua New Guinea, "See Solar Cook Solar" in Asia, Africa and Australia, "Educate to Lead" in Nepal, "Women, Water and Leadership" with the first project in Kenya, Africa and in 2019-21 "The Road to Equality," a program that supports projects that educate, empower and enable women.

We are currently focused on the Soroptimist Dream Programs: The Live Your Dream Education & Training Award, a monetary award for a woman head of household who is entering or re-entering the workforce, our Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference, an all day conference to introduce 7th and 8th girls to various career opportunities and our Dream It, Be It Scholarship which is presented to a high school senior who attended the Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference while in 7th or 8th grade. In addition, we present our Student Volunteer Award to high school girls who are making a difference through volunteer service and since 1972 we have annually presented our most prestigious award, the Gold Key, to a local woman who has given over 20 years of service to the Riverside community.

In addition, we currently administer our "Mentoring for Young Women" International

exchange program for young women with our Friendship Link club, Soroptimist International of Erlangen, Germany, provide backpacks to needy children at Arlington Temporary Assistance, adopted an Inspire Life Skills Training home and provide little extras to help the young ladies on their educational journey, provide monetary donations to the Transitional Living Program to assist homeless women in pursuing their education and donate monies to Habitat for Humanity Riverside for the purchase of a washer and dryer for a single woman who is moving into a Habitat home.

We fund these many community service projects with monies raised at our annual Valentine Dessert Auction in addition to grants and donations from the local community and private donations.

**MAY 28-30, 2020
GOLDEN WEST REGION
SPRING CONFERENCE**



**GWR SPECIAL
NEWS BLAST
Notice of Spring
Conference
Cancellation**

Dear Members of the Golden West Region:

The Golden West Region Board of Directors 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, fundraisers, 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 three things done before the end of June. Everything else will be pushed to the Leadership Training Retreat or Fall Meetings. The three things we need to get done are:

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

Fortunately, we can accomplish all three of these items

electronically. In the next few 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 four 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 stay tuned to the GWR Facebook and Instagram accounts.

What about the art auction fundraiser? 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 fundraiser that funds our 2021 Live Your Dream Award 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.

What are the next steps?

1. Stay calm and follow the CDC recommendations and STAY SAFE!
2. I will be setting up a weekly touch base ZOOM meeting for any GWR members that have questions.
3. Complete your "Celebration of Life" form and submit to Liz Glowka by May 1st.
4. Stay tuned for more information on e-voting.

We will get through this together!

Stay positive and supportive of each other.

Lori Reed
2018-20 GWR Governor



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. Inspire residents also receive life skills training such as learning how to budget or draft a resume.

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.



In March, SI Riverside's Inspire Chair Jill Borth, club member Edith Gingerich and Jill's friends and family generously donated soaps, tissues, spa items, trash bags and St. Patrick's Day treats and decorations to the young women residing at the Inspire House.

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



PARLIAMENTARY TIPS

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- DO obtain the floor before speaking. Stand or raise hand and wait to be recognized.
- DO avoid speaking upon any matter until it is properly brought before the assembly by a motion.

- DO keep up on the question being discussed.
- DO yield the floor to calls for order.
- DO abstain from all personalities in debate.
- DO avoid disturbing, in any way, speakers.
- DON'T be late for meetings and DON'T leave a meeting unless necessary until the president declares the meeting adjourned. You may be needed for the quorum or something very important may come up.
- DON'T say "I move to..." or "I make a motion to..." Say, "I move (state your motion clearly)".
- DON'T fail to take part in debate or if you have a viewpoint to express or want information or parliamentary assistance.
- DON'T wait to obtain the floor in order to second a motion.
- DON'T claim the floor a second time if there are others who wish to speak for the first time.
- DON'T be silent during the debate and then criticize after the meeting.
- DON'T speak on the motion while the vote is being counted or taken.
- DON'T carry on a conversation with your neighbor while someone is speaking.

- DON'T forget to notify a chair of a committee if you are going to be unable to attend a meeting.
- DON'T accept an office unless you are willing to assume the responsibilities of that office.

Parliamentary law is based on the careful balance of the rights of people. Members have the right to speak their opinion on the floor whether or not their opinion is that of the majority.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Debra Steinmiller
April 3rd

Karin Roberts
April 24th

APRIL CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Karin Roberts
4-1-2000

Lynn Scecina
4-26-2011

JoAnn Moore
4-1-2015

Charlene Johnson
4-24-2018

Susan Wolf
4-24-2018

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Jill Borth posted: "Tim moved Riley out of her dorm room today. The remainder of her school year will be online. Such an uncertain and scary time for all of us. I'm grateful she is safe at home."



Pam Bradford posted: "Before the stay at home order, Grandson Braden went camping with his family at a practically empty campground in Encinitas. In this photo, he's searching for shells on a deserted beach, a great social distancing activity to keep an active 7 year old busy."



Jana Cook posted: "Murray and I came home to this super cute message in chalk on the driveway. Such a sweet way to connect."



Debbie Ferraro was tagged in a post by Elle Westfere: "Bill and Elaine Blake enjoying lunch at My Sweet Art with daughters Suzanne and Debbie."



Jeanne Hatcher shared a photo of commemorative jewelry to remember 2020.



Melody Hendrickson posted: "Practicing social distancing at a news conference. Everyone can do it. With Kitty Alvarado from NBC."



Vicki Hightower posted: "What do I do when quarantined? I bake, of course! Snickerdoodles! I'm gonna be a thousand pounds when this is over."



Charlene Hildebrandt shared a memory from 4 years ago: "Wicked time with the Somsen sisters."



Paula McCroskey posted: "Love this photo and the message it carries! Take heed...please! These are challenging times. We must manage the unavoidable in order to avoid the unimaginable! We all need to do our part. Stay at home. Stay safe. Stay healthy."



Melanie McKee had brunch at 1909 Gastropub in Temecula before the stay at home order.



Amy McKenzie posted: "Tyson killing it on Opening Day of the baseball season."

Now things are serious. I just used my last anti-bacterial wipe

Annamarie Megrđichian posted a profound thought.



Kathy Michalak posted: "Great to get outdoors yesterday to walk along the canal with friends. Notice we practiced textbook

social distancing as did pretty much everyone we passed along the way. And it was definitely busier than usual."



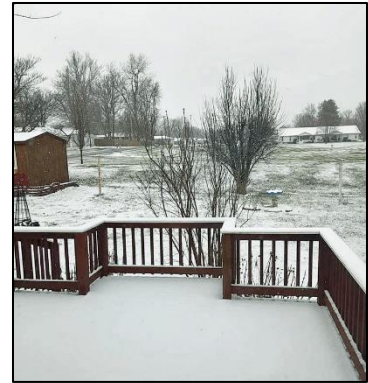
Michelle Paradise posted: "Learners Permit."



Kathleen Parra was tagged in a post by Annette Gomez: "Beautiful day for a hike at Mount Roubidoux."



Janet Payton posted: "Perfect day for a cup of tea."



Judy Pekarek posted: "Good morning, California! This is what we woke up to this morning."



Linda Robertson posted: "Love flying to Washougal, WA to spend time with my lifetime BFF Janis Rink. Being here to celebrate her birthday made the visit extra special. Will be sad saying goodbye at the airport. Remember, Rinky, I'll be baaack!"



Lynn Scecina posted: "We got to care for our 'granddog' Bodie

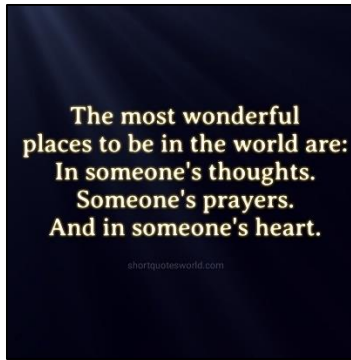
this weekend. Kiki enjoyed having a sleepover. Good dogs!"



Tillie Soliz was tagged in a post by Carla Soliz Zornes: "So instead of panicking and feeding into all the frenzy, we made cookies. Enjoying my time and making awesome memories with my kids and grandson. We had the best time. Decorating is the funniest. No news weekend, family time."



Carol Allain Speer was tagged in a post by Tasha Speer: "Thank you great grandpa and grandma for my card, watch and money. I love you both and miss you."



Debi Sullivan shared a saying posted by Random Acts of Kindness.



Kacey Sutton posted: "Workshop-ers at AR Workshop San Juan Capistrano."



Susan Wolf posted: "First project completed."

OTHER MEMBER NEWS



Judy Pekarek, a member of SI Riverside since January 1985 has retired and moved to Illinois with her husband Dave. To honor her many years of service to our club which included President in 1992-93 and chair or member of almost every committee over the last 35 years, the club has voted Judy as an Honorary Member of SI Riverside. Congratulations to Judy on this well-deserved honor. The club misses her but wishes her the most wonderful retirement in Illinois.



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