



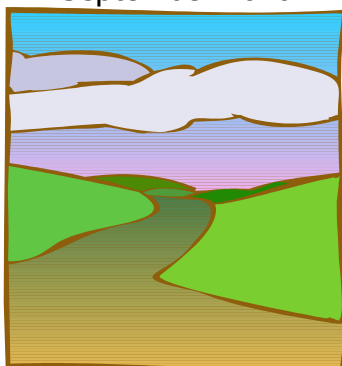
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The **VALLEY VIEWPOINT**

September 2020



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy September!!

As we close out Summer and head into Fall, it is hard to believe that we have now existed 6 months in a COVID world. Now masking, social distancing, and Zoom gatherings are the norm. Some positives that have come out of the Pandemic:

- More quality family time at home
- Home cooked meals
- Time taken to exercise and enjoy the outdoors
- More quality communication with extended family
- Becoming better savers, not spenders
- Time to reflect on what is really important

For Soroptimist of Montclair/Inland Valley, we also are closing ranks and really focusing on what is important--serving our local community with initiatives that will provide immediate assistance. We are continuing our clothing collection for the Chaffey College Clothes Closet and other local organizations. We continue to serve the Montclair Senior Citizens Program by providing some tangible joy with our monthly Meals on Wheels "Goody Bags" project into what is now a very solitary existence.

SI M/IV Members are active and invested in the community, continuing to make a difference, serving on Boards and Commissions, philanthropic organizations and action committees. Isn't that what is really important? Serving the community, making a difference.

Let's all find ways to make a difference each and every day! Be well and stay safely engaged!!



President Melissa

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MEETINGS...

- > **(1st)** Wed., Sept. 2 – 12:00 N: **Business Meeting**
Will be conducted via Zoom
- > ~~**Canceled - (3rd)** Wed., Sept. 16 – 12:00 N: **Program Mtg.**~~
- > **(4th)** Wed., Sept. 22 – 12:30 PM - location tbd: **Board Mtg.**
- > ~~**Canceled - (5th)** Wed., Sept. 30 – **"5th Wed."** Social~~

..... & EVENTS

- > ~~**Postponed to 2021** - Thur., Sept. 3: Chaffey College Foundation **Alumni of the Year/Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner.** Ontario Doubletree~~
- > ~~**Canceled** - Sept. 4-27: **LA County Fair**—"We Light the Night: Experience the Glow." lacountyfair.com~~
- > **Sat., Sept. 5: 146th Kentucky Derby.** Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY
- > **Mon., Sept. 7: Labor Day--** pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans.
- > **Fri., Sept. 11: Patriot Day--**In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, President George W. Bush, proclaimed Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. The bill requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as Patriot Day.
- > ***Will go viral!* - Sun., Sept. 13: CHOC** (Children's Hospital of Orange County) **Walk In The Park.** Disneyland Resort, Anaheim
- > **Fri., Sept. 18: Rosh Hashanah** begins at sundown
- > ~~**Canceled** - Sept. 18-19: Route 66 **Cruisin' Reunion Car Show.** Euclid Ave., Ontario~~
- > **Tues., Sept. 22: First Day of Autumn**
- > ~~**Canceled** - Sept. 25-26: GWR **Leadership Training & Installation of Officers.** Ontario Airport Hotel~~
- > ~~**Canceled** - Sat., Sept. 26: SI Montclair/Inland Valley Annual Fall "Fun" Raiser **Casino Night**~~
- > **Sun., Sept. 27: Yom Kippur** begins at sundown
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*"The dumbest thing I ever purchased
was a 2020 day planner."*

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GOLDEN WEST REGION NEWS BLAST

August 2020

I am so excited to share with you the Golden West Region Clubs who met all 3 goals of the 2nd phase of SIA's Diamond Campaign!

Chino Valley (The), CA
Desert Tucson, AZ
Happy Valley of the Sun, AZ
Idyllwild, CA
Kachinas (The), AZ
Kingman, AZ

Montclair/Inland Valley, CA

San Jacinto - Hemet Valley, CA
Twentynine Palms, CA
Wickenburg, AZ
Yucca Valley, CA
Zane Grey Country, AZ

Please congratulate these clubs on a job well done! We all know how difficult this challenge can be in these ever-changing times. We hope to hear their strategies at our upcoming Fall Meetings.

Due to the ever-mounting difficulties with Covid-19, the Region Board has had to cancel both the "in-person" **LEADERSHIP TRAINING** and **FALL MEETINGS** for each district. **BUT**, we are really excited to present to you these crucial Region events **virtually!** And we will be resuming our monthly "Come As You Are" Region Social via ZOOM beginning Wednesday August 12t, at 7:00 PM. Be sure to read on to get the "latest and greatest" of what is coming up for your clubs...

Installation Officers DOÑA Penny and Mandy are also planning a Virtual Board Installation **Saturday, September 26th** that members can login to ZOOM to watch, or wait to view the video on Facebook. Details coming soon!

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Don't forget to turn in your Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards submission before 9/30.

Laurie Moses

GWR Governor 2020-22

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

Calling all Club leaders throughout Golden West Region--You do not want to miss this crucial and informative training for all Presidents, Treasurers and future leaders in your clubs. A lot of changes are taking place in our communities, our organization and our clubs, and we want to give you the tools to mitigate challenges and navigate for your future. TRAINING will be scheduled on four separate nights, with one night designated for each district... scheduled as follows:

August 24 - 7-8:30 pm – District 3
August 25 - 7-8:30 pm – District 1
August 26 - 7-8:30 pm – District 2
August 27 - 7-8:30 pm – District 4

Watch your emails for your **LTR ZOOM** invitation and link from Governor Laurie to attend this training. Can't make it to the training on your designated night? That's OK, just jump on one of the other district's training. You'll be glad that you did.

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GOLDEN WEST REGION FALL MEETINGS

- ~~Dist. 1 - Oct. 16/17 - hosted by SI Chino Valley
at St. Margaret Mary Church, Central Ave., Chino~~
- ~~Dist. 2 - Oct. 23/24 - hosted by SI Idyllwild
at Idyllwild Community Center~~
- ~~Dist. 3 - Oct. 2/3 - hosted by SI Blythe
at Blythe Municipal Golf Course~~
- ~~Dist. 4 - Oct. 9/10 - hosted by SI Las Cruces
at Stay Bridge Suites~~

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This year, 2020... all **FALL MEETINGS** will be done via ZOOM, on the same dates that your District Meeting was scheduled previously and with the same theme **20/20 Vision--clarity and focus for remaining impactful in an ever-changing virtual world.** There will be a Friday night District "Social" with fun activities and a Saturday morning session for new information, training and awards.

Please encourage ALL of your members to attend. It is a great way for members that don't always have the chance to attend the "in-person" meetings to see the Soroptimist Mission laid out in a larger setting in the District and Region. The schedule is as follows so mark your calendars:

District 1 - Oct. 16/17, *hosted by Director Debra Murphy*
District 2 - Oct. 23/24, *hosted by Director Samantha Dewing*
District 3 - Oct. 2/3, *hosted by Director Carole Mandino*
District 4 - Oct. 9/10, *hosted by Director Sally Haslett*

A **CALL** will be sent out via email in the latter part of August to give you more information on how to sign-in and participate, and will also be available on our region website. There is no charge for members to attend and all handouts will be emailed to attendees prior to your meeting. Also, if you cannot make your own Fall Meeting, you can always attend one of the other districts.

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2021 Spring Conference

June 3-6

Twin Arrows Casino & Resort
Flagstaff, AZ

Hosted by: SI Winslow, Mountain Morning, & Arizona Peaks

100th Anniversary Celebration

October 1-3, 2021
San Francisco, CA

2022 SIA Convention

47th Biennial Convention TBA

2023 Soroptimist International (SI)

22nd Quadrennial Convention
July 27-29, 2023
Dublin, Ireland
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SECRETARY SAYS

Aug. 12 Business Meeting--via Zoom. Present--13 Members--President Milissa, Sec. Virginia, Treas. Cindy, Director Diane; Denise, Joey, Roberta, Andrea, Amber, Helen, Juliet, Sue, Natividad. President's "Ice Breaker." Fines & Brags. Call to Order--12:30 PM. Pledge to Flag--led by Helen. Inspiration--None. Correspondence--noted local news articles, agency newsletters. Minutes--July 8 Business Mtg. accepted as presented. Treasurer--Financial Report for period ending July 31; Budget Committee. Committee Reports--Meals on Wheels goody bags--July (Kathy), Aug. (Cindy); New Contact info.; Public Awareness--Aug. Newsletter; Membership; Sunshine; Social Media. Unfinished Business--2019-20 Service Agency Funding; Club Mailing--Roster, B'day/Anniv. List, Committees; Prism Award Luncheon tentative rescheduled date; 20-21 Fund Raisers. New Business--20-21 Live Your Dream; Club Projects--Ongoing; Club Projects--New/Proposed; Golden West Region--canceled Sept. 25-26 Leadership Training; canceled Oct. 16-17 District 1 Fall Mtg; Officers Checklist Aug. Announcements--Aug. B'days & Anniv.; Aug. 25 Board Mtg. TBD; Sept. 2 Business Mtg. via Zoom; canceled Sept. 16 Program Mtg. Adjourn--1:00 PM, with Denise reciting Soroptimist Pledge.

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TREASURER'S STORY

Thank You Members--Judy, Sue, Natividad, Virginia--for their donation\$ matching the number of replies (33) to the August Newsletter "Ice Cream Survey."

Thank You also to Members who have sent their "Fines & Brags" donation\$ from June & July Meetings.

While we can't "pass the basket" at meetings held via Zoom, President Milissa encourages Members to participate in "Fines & Brags" (a long standing and fun Club tradition). She also reminds us that voluntary "F & B" donations are still gladly accepted and much appreciated.

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SUNSHINE CORNER

September was the seventh month of the original Roman calendar. This is where it got its name which means seventh. Later, when January and February were added to the calendar it became the ninth month. When the British changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, they needed to adjust some days to get the seasons aligned with the months. They took 11 days from the month of September jumping directly from September 3 to 14. Now it's as if the days between September 3 and 13 during 1752 never happened in British history.

- Birthstone: Sapphire
- Flower: Aster
- Zodiac signs: Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
& Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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Happy Birthday

Sept. 4 - *Marcie Sartor*
 Sept. 17 - *Joey Collisson*
 Sept. 20 - Frank Familiari - (Monica)
 Sept. 21 - Mark Lowrey - (Andrea)
 Sept. 24 - Jim Brake
 Sept. 30 - *Andrea Erickson*

Happy Anniversary

Sept. 12 - Natividad ♥ Robert

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Greeting cards and notes are being sent as needed/requested.

Let's keep "Sunshine Sunday" going! Share as you can if you are tagged. If you just want to share you are more than welcome. Thank you for sharing your rays of Sunshine with our fellow Soroptimists, their Families and community "Soroptimists-Friends."

Natividad Vasquez-Silva, Sunshine Chair

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GOODY BAGS

Meals on Wheels goody bags for August were coordinated by Cindy Coats with assistance from "Soroptimist-Kid" (Granddaughter) Lilly.

Cindy & Lilly assembled 11 goody bags delivered to the Senior Center on Aug. 6, where someone was ready to take them when she arrived at 10:00 AM, thanks to a "heads up" call from Ester.

Cindy notes--"Lilly helped me decorate and prepare the bags. Each contained: Bottled water, pack of lemonade, cup of sliced peaches, box of raisins, package of Milano's, 2 Nature Valley Biscuits, a Hostess cupcake or Twinkie, small package of Kleenex, small notepad, pen, 2 pencils, and bag of microwave popcorn. I really enjoy doing this because it is fun working with Lilly."

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New Contact--We are excited to let you know that we have a new Meals on Wheels contact for our monthly goody bags project. In early August, we were notified by Sue Yoakum, Montclair Senior Center, that Lynn Sloan, who has been our Coordinator for several years, had recently moved back to New York and that Ester Vargas-Pipersky has volunteered to serve as Coordinator. Ester recently retired from her position as Supervisor, Montclair Senior Center. Ester says "I am excited to be volunteering, it makes me feel as if I still can contribute to my community." Ester is a long-time "Soroptimist-Friend." We welcome her and look forward to her assistance and support with SI M/IV's long standing project.

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Format for delivery of monthly goody bags:

- >- Contact - Ester Vargas-Pipersky - (please get her cell phone # from Virginia)
- >- Call (or text) Ester 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 2020-2021:

July – Kathy
August – Cindy
September – Sue
October – Natividad
November –
December – Linda & Juliet
January – Judy
February – Amber
March – Kris & Denise
April – Diane
May – Roberta
June – Leslie



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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.

Virginia Riley, Chair

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CINDERELLA DREAM

SI M/IV will continue our partnership 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.

We gladly accept items from Members & "Soropty-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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Note--at this time, we are waiting to get updated Program information for the 2020-21 school year. We will keep everyone informed as we receive news on the program, items needed, collection procedure, and distribution day status in the spring.

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CHAFFEY COLLEGE CLOTHES CLOSET

SI M/IV will also continue in partnership with Chaffey College with 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. We will deliver items to the College.

Women's & Men's items should be "business attire" appropriate. 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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WHAT ARE YOU READING ?

In our August Newsletter we had a "mini-fun-raiser" by doing an Ice Cream survey among SI M/IV Members.

It was so successful, that Member Helen McAlary has now challenged us to share a brief review of a recently read/reading book(s). Helen has pledged a donation to "Fines & Brags" for each reply.

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Helen--Writers & Lovers by Lily King. I placed this book on hold at the library because I loved King's prior novel, Euphoria. When I realized it was a novel about someone writing a novel I almost didn't read it. That would have been a mistake. Our protagonist, Casey Peabody, is at a turning point in her life, having recently lost her mother, finding and losing love, and writing her novel. If you are looking for a novel that is smart, funny, heartbreaking, beautifully written and powerful--pick up this one. Fans of Anne Patchett & Elizabeth Strout will love this novel.

Arlette--I just finished reading 2 books! American Dirt--an amazing story of a brave woman and her young son's journey escaping Mexico and coming to America, after her entire family was killed. And--I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter--about a young girl who mourns the death of her sister and is trying to puzzle the pieces of her dead sister's life while trying to be her own independent woman. In the meantime her old-fashioned Mexican parents want her to follow the family traditions while she wants to go to college and be her own person. I'm currently reading A Perfect Marriage. (I'm only a couple chapters in.)

I just want to say--Helen I think was a great idea!!! I will match Helen's donation. I love to read and it's what is keeping a lot of us sane right now. If anybody needs books or wants to start a book club let me know!

Amber--Great idea Helen! I read A World Full Of Strangers by Cynthia Freeman. It was such an excellent book that I looked for another book written by her. I found and am now reading "Portraits". It is a story about an immigrant family from the Polish ghetto who came to America and spans four generations. If you like a story of struggle and success, you will like this book. I highly recommend it and I will be looking for more of her books.

Kris--Just finished The Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center. Story of a female firefighter in a Texas fire station and her story of trying to be accepted. A little romance, but not too much to overwhelm the storyline. Well written and good story. I'm also reading a lot of Nantucket, Cape Cod, etc., "beachy" books. With all that is going on these days, I need an escape. Not my usual genre.

Virginia--I saw this book posted on Facebook through someone's Book Club....and, I think, it may have been our own Kathy. Meet Me In Monaco by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb. "Set in the 1950's against the backdrop of Grace Kelly's whirlwind romance & unforgettable wedding to Prince Rainier of Monaco.... a story of passion, fate, and second chances." And, since, I'll never get to Monaco, it was interesting to read descriptions of various sites and landmarks. It was a quick, enjoyable read and like Kris said--"an escape" during these days. Also recently read When You See Me by Lisa Gardner and am finishing Final Judgment by Marcia Clark.

Linda--I don't have time to do much reading these days--other than my bible study group study guide book: "Is Genesis History?"

Denise--I am currently reading 4th of July by James Patterson. It is the fourth book in his Women's Murder Club series.

Kathy--I belong to a Travel Book Club and have enjoyed the concept of reading a good novel while exploring the inner sanctum of the country and its culture and traditions. The Henna Artist, by Alka Joshi, is set in the backdrop of 1950's Pink City of Jaipur, India. I have traveled to Jaipur which made it even more enticing with each turn of the page. A 17 year old girl, escapes an abusive marriage and becomes the most requested Henna Artist in the City while navigating the Wealthy Women's gossip and vengeance. A young half-sister she never knew existed is brought to her door by her 'long ago husband', and the story twists and turns into a 'where do I go from here' portrayal of India's opulent wealth, colorful surrounding, charming social lifestyle, ethnic vegetarian dishes, and the resourceful people of the caste system. Both predictable and then surprising, The Henna Artist is a good read. Easily available on Amazon.

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Roberta--*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. Young Oskar Schell notes the moment when "tragedies started to wobble," and he found himself contributing to the great "Reservoir of Tears." He seeks release. This 2006 novel takes us on a quest with a young hero who, in possession of a key, searches the five boroughs of New York for the lock it will open. He yearns for answers and resolution to the pain he feels at the loss of his father in the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York. He just knows his father left that key as a clue for his gifted young son. The narrative voice shifts from nine-year-old Oskar Schell to letters written by his mute and mostly absent grandfather and his very present grandmother. There are painful links to the horrific bombings of Dresden and Hiroshima as the narrators struggle to find some sense of resolution and healing. Don't despair, for Oskar, our young hero ultimately does not, and there are many charming and even humorous elements. For example, a tale-within-the-tale makes us wonder if there ever was a sixth borough of New York that simply floated away. The adults in Oskar's world seem remote and even unaware of his struggles and adventures, but remember that our primary narrator is a grieving 9 year-old boy. Through his escapades, often accompanied by his 103 year-old neighbor, Abe, Oskar discovers his loving network of family and other fellows who keep watch over him during his quest.

Note: This novel is best read in print form because of several interesting and effective visual and typographical elements. The book was made into a motion picture in 2011.

Natividad--I am actually busy right now taking online courses for my continuing education right, but do have time for some reading--*Healing* by J. Pinchott. A collection of advice for recovering your inner strength and spirit from the World's Most Famous Survivors. I enjoy reading Psychology/Self Help the most but also a variety of poetry and short stories (English/Spanish) and, yes, children's books for my inner child that likes to have fun and adventures. I will look forward to Members reviews to take on new journeys.

Sue--What a great challenge! I love it! I spend a great deal of time reading agendas for boards and nonprofits I support. But, what interests me most is reading to our grandkids. Our granddaughter is 4 and grandson is one. What appeals to them? Our missy loves Winnie the Pooh, especially Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, Roo, and Rabbit. Our little man loves the pictures and giggles at my way of reading the stories. We are currently reading, *Positively Pooh*. I love Pooh's timeless wisdom.

Cindy--I am reading *Icy Sparks* by Gwyn Hyman Rubio. "A funny, sad, and transcendent, story of a young girl's growing up in Appalachia that introduces a fresh, quirky new southern voice." Story takes place in rural Kentucky in the 1950's. The first thing that caught my interest is how she came by her name. She is 10 and has an undiagnosed affliction. She wants to be good, but this affliction causes violent tics and uncontrollable cursing. "Narrated by a now grown Icy, this novel shimmers with warmth and humor." Not finished yet but I would recommend it. I enjoy books that cause me to laugh out loud.

Milissa--I decided to dig into one of my childhood favorite authors, and downloaded the complete works of Lucy Maud Montgomery. I had no idea that I was downloading over 9000 pages of work from this prolific author. I have now completed five books from the *Anne of Green Gables* series, which takes one through the life of an orphan, whose indomitable spirit carries her through her life struggles and into a new loving family relationship, that provides her the foundation for her life's adventures and struggles. The stories, set in Prince Edward Island, Canada from the 1890's to the 1920s, are told in a refreshingly wholesome and uplifting style, filled with family values and hope. I hope you all get a chance to delve into this series!

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CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

You can hardly imagine such a nightmare--you're an under-aged *child* and brutally raped, but then the judge says, "You wanted it."

You'd be horrified by the injustice of it, of course. But this is exactly the nightmare that too many children are living in, as you read these words. They're tricked or lured by traffickers, then exploited--sold for sex--abused, tortured, day after day, year after year. Yet the children are the ones treated like criminals.

- 19 states can still arrest and prosecute victims for the crime committed against them.
- In fact, in a recent case, a judge in Texas unbelievably ruled that a minor trafficking victim got "a certain sense of excitement" out of the exploitation. He called it a "lifestyle" that she wasn't "entirely opposed to." This is NOT justice. This, in reality, is egregious injustice.

We must fight for the children who cannot fight for themselves.

As a founding member of San Bernardino Counties CASE (Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation) and founding Chairman of Southwest Conference Against Trafficking (SWCAT), I have seen firsthand how *Linda Smith*, Founder of *Shared Hope International* has exhaustingly worked to change laws and policies across the nation to stop this shocking injustice and ensure that victims receive protective services.

As a result of the efforts of state report cards and policy initiatives, the District of Columbia and 31 States (including California) have now changed their laws to *prohibit the criminalization of child sex trafficking victims for prostitution*.

But as Soroptimists we canNOT rest until the remaining 19 states properly protect our *child* victims and hold their exploiters accountable. This is a priority for Justice and Advocacy for the *children* of this heinous crime! Working together today, we can help *Shared Hope International* move law makers across the country into action. We can also help to continue training first responders, prosecutors, and judges so that victims no longer hear things like "I think you liked this," "You're the aggressor," or "I believe you were willing."

No child chooses a life of violence and victimization.

Children should never be judged as criminals because they were exploited and brutalized. Linda Smith is a fierce competitor and from what I've seen in attending her Conferences and workshops over the years, she will *never* back down in the battle to preserve *children's* lives.

How can WE help save more *children's* lives? Visit www.sharedhope.org and educated yourself about *Child Sex Trafficking*. If not us--then WHO?

submitted by **Kathy McElvany**

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NOTABLE NOTES

✓ *When dark clouds appear in life remember that not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path.*

✓ Ladies, you want to wear a dab of your favorite lip color, but it smudges the inside of your face mask? **Helpful Hint--**get some *Cone Style Coffee Filters*. Cut off the bottom & side sealed edges. Then cut the filter into 2 pieces. And...you can put one on the inside of your mask to prevent the smudging. Easy to discard and replace after use...and keep your mask more sanitary & clean. The filters usually come in package of 40.... plenty to keep on hand in your purse. Thank You "Soropti-Friend" *Valerie Robledo* for sharing this info.

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✓ **Thank You** to SI M/IV 2019-20 VP Natividad for collecting photos and other items throughout the year and putting together the year-end **Club Scrapbook** highlighting President Milissa's 2019-20 term. The annual scrapbook, a long standing club tradition, is always important and meaningful and a highlight of serving as Club President. Since we did not have a "formal" Installation, Natividad delivered the book to Milissa at her home.

✓ You're invited to participate in OPARC's Virtual Turkey Trot 2020 ! Due to the pandemic and in lieu of a successful Annual Turkey Bowl, OPARC will be offering a Virtual Event this year! Registration Opens--Oct. 5, 2020. Trot Dates--Nov. 9-15, 2020. Start gathering your favorite "Trotters" to form a team so you can participate in a 5K trot, run, or scamper, and have fun raising money for OPARC! Various prizes will be awarded. Look for more detailed information to come! Info--Special Events 909-985-3116, ext. 111 or events@oparc.org

✓ If just half the adults in the U.S. purchase a sheet of stamps, around \$11, it would raise about \$15 Billion for the USPS.
(Facebook - #SAVETHEUSPS)

✓ **SOROPTIMIST OF MONTCLAIR/INLAND VALLEY**

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DATES TO NOTE**

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

- > Sat., Oct. 3: **Preakness Stakes.** Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD
- > Tues., Oct. 6: City of Ontario **National Night Out**
- > Postponed to 2021 - Fri., Oct. 30: West End Auxiliary Children's Fund **"Champions for Children" Gala.** Ontario Doubletree
- > Sat., Oct. 31: **Halloween**
- > Sun., Nov. 1: Daylight Saving Time **Ends**
- > Tues., Nov. 3: **Election Day**
- > Wed., Nov. 11: **Veterans Day**
- > Thur., Nov. 26: **Thanksgiving**
- > Thur., Dec. 10: **Hanukkah** begins at sundown
- > Dec. 21-31-Jan. 1: Ontario Montclair SD **Winter Break**
- > Dec. 21-31-Jan. 1: Chaffey JUHS District **Winter Break**
- > Fri., Dec. 25: **Christmas**
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2021

- > Canceled - Jan. 1: **132nd Rose Parade**
- > April 2: Promise Scholars **Golf Tournament**
- > Aug. 11: Scheu Family YMCA **20th Annual Incredible Edibles**
- > Oct. 1-3: Soroptimist International (SI) Convention. Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA. 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist.
- > Sat., Oct. 2: City of Ontario **Festival of the Arts**
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SI M/IV 2020-21 MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, Meeting location is at OPARC Montclair Facility (Briggs Room), 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair. (west of Benson, just North of Moreno, SE corner Olive & Vernon)

October, 2020

- >- (1st) Wed., Oct. 7 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3rd) Wed., Oct. 21 – 12:00 N – Program Meeting

November, 2020

- >- (1st) Wed., Nov. 4 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting

December, 2020

- >- (1st) Wed., Dec. 2 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3rd) Wed., Dec. 16 – 12:00 N - Holiday luncheon/gift exchange

January, 2021

- >- (1st) Wed., Jan. 6 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting

February, 2021

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

March, 2021

- >- (1st) Wed., Mar. 3 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (5th) Wed., Mar. 31 - "5th Wed." Social - time/location TBD

April, 2021

- >- (1st) Wed., April 7 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3rd) Wed., April 21 – 11:30-1:30 – 30th Annual Prism Award Luncheon - location TBD

May, 2021

- >- (1st) Wed., May 5 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3rd) Wed., May 19 – 12:00 N - Program Meeting

June, 2021

- >- (1st) Wed., June 2 – 12:00 N – Business Meeting
- >- (3rd) Wed., June 16 – 12:00 N - Program Meeting
- >- (5th) Wed., June 30 - "5th Wed." Social - time/location TBD
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Board Meetings--scheduled for the 4th Tuesday each month, 12:30 PM, location TBD. 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 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.

October Newsletter items can be submitted at any time –

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Deadline for the **October** Newsletter is Wed., Sept. 16.

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