

Sorop-Times

President's Message



Our *Diamonds and Divas Live Your Dream* awards luncheon was fabulous, heartfelt and entertaining! It was amazing that ALL nine honorees and the three judges were in attendance. Some honorees had short messages, some were longer but their gratitude and the words they shared were touching. I know it was a lot of hard, time-consuming work, but I am sure we all agree it was well worth it. Angel and Allison modeled beautifully, and Erin could have a new career as an emcee!

Thanks again to EVERYONE with special thanks to Gretchen, Erin, Judy, Paula and Monica. You ladies really lead the way for all of us to follow and make it a great event.

At our business meeting you will hear from the Nominating Committee and learn that our club continues to be well cared for in 2022-2023.

Voting will take place at the DCR conference April 30-May 1. Our Delegates will be voting for our region's Governor-Elect. Lynn Flanagan and Bonnie Mendenhall are running for the position. There will also be voting this month for Soroptimist International of the Americas President-elect, Bobbi Enderlin and Sonia Maria da Silva Loyola are the candidates for office. I would appreciate everyone taking the time to watch the short video and bio that has been e-mailed out to all members so we can discuss this at our business meeting, and I can submit our vote mid-April.

I personally want to acknowledge the crisis in Ukraine. I've spent time on our Soroptimist International of Europe website and found this quote: "The conflict in Ukraine cannot

leave us silent. We fear for the health and well-being of millions of women and girls who may suffer injury, loss of their homes and their jobs, displacement, loss of schooling, rape, and death. Women are much more vulnerable to war crimes than men." I have asked International Projects to please research how we can help. Please let the committee know if you have any ideas. Some clubs are sending money to the Soroptimist Club in Poland, so perhaps that is an idea.

At the April Program meeting we will be hosting our **Live Your Dream** honorees. Please plan to attend and give them a warm welcome and as always, invite a guest.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

President Terri

April Birthdays

April 12 th	Grace Meyers
April 23 rd	Erin Liddell
April 30 th	Gina Kakos

April Club Anniversaries

1992	Carol Levy
1994	Gretchen Burns
2002	Monica Logan
2015	Terri Welter

April Club Calendar

April 1st First Friday Meet-up: Location Monica Logan's home; 4:30 p.m. Bring drink(s) & nibbles (for yourself or to share).

April 5th Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business meeting 6:00 p.m. Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

April 12th Book Club: 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

April 19th Program Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m.
Program meeting 6:00 p.m. Live Your Dream will provide the program. BHousankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

April 26th Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Desert Coast Region Annual Conference: April 29th – May 1st. Doubletree Mission Valley, San Diego. Last day to register is April 15th.

Committee Meetings

Recruitment & Retention: April 6th, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

STAT: April 13th, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Save the Date!

2022-23 Officers & Board Installation: June 26, 2022, San Diego Yacht Club; Tentative time is 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

SIA Virtual Convention: July 22 & 23, 2022



A Nominating Committee was formed to prepare a slate of Officers, Directors and Delegates for the 2022-23 Club Year. The committee is composed of Grace Meyers, (chair, appointed by President Terri), Jennifer Keller (elected by the membership) and Kathy Biewenga (elected by the Board). The committee has met and is pleased to present the following slate. The slate will be presented at the April business meeting. It will be voted on at the May business meeting where additional candidates can be nominated from the floor.

Candidate Slate of Officers & Board Members 2022-2023

President: Judy Lawton

First VP: Ruth Turoff

Second VP: Vacant

Recording Secretary: Jessica Barajas

Treasurer: Monica Logan

One-Year Director: Erin Liddell

One-Year Director: Susie Hartmann

Two-Year Director: Eleanor Snyder

Two-Year Director: Angel Gilreath

One Year Delegate: Kathy Biewenga

One Year Alternate Delegate: Allison Whitney-Schnepper

Two Year Delegate: Terri Welter

Two Year Alternate Delegate: Grace Meyers

Parliamentarian: TBA

*Parliamentarian is an appointed (by the President)
position



Attached to the email that brought you this bulletin are suggested changes to both the club's bylaws and the procedures. The changes will be discussed at the April business meeting and voted on at the May business meeting. It is especially important that we have a VERY GOOD turn-out at the May meeting because our bylaws say they can only be amended by two-thirds of the members in good-standing agreeing to make the change! Based on our current membership, we will need at least 20 members in attendance to meet the required two-thirds!

COMMUNICATIONS



All members are asked to submit a one paragraph bio and photo of themselves to Jessica for the website. Deadline to submit will be April 30, 2022. Please email to jessicabarajas86@gmail.com.

There will be no meeting of the Communications committee in April.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS



What a great program meeting! [Kitchens for Good](#) provided amazing information on how Soroptimist's can support women enrolled in their culinary school! We also donated gently used kitchen items! Check out your place, and donate what you can to [Kitchens for Good!](#)



KITCHENS FOR GOOD
invites you to join us for our semi-annual
CELEBRATION of APPRENTICES

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11:00am - 12:30pm
 Spreckles Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park

Come celebrate our recent Culinary, Baking, and Food Service Management Apprentices! We will be celebrating Apprentices promoting to their on-the-job training, active Apprentices who have reached milestones, and Apprentices getting their Apprentice certificate for completion of the program.

We extend a very warm welcome to our Kitchens for Good Alumni who continue to be inspirations to all our Students, Instructors, Coaches, and Staff.

The location of this ceremony is the beautiful Spreckles Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Be prepared to enjoy inspirational performances and share in our Apprentices' pride and excitement in their major accomplishments.

A huge THANK YOU to all our generous Donors, Partners & Volunteers!
You make our programs possible and help give fresh starts to so many.



futures of all the ladies.

The International Projects committee members had the BEST time at the *Diamond and Divas Live Your Dream* luncheon! We were proud to see women of all cultures represented as LYD recipients and are excited for the



Our Turkish tent (thank you, Margie) housed this year's Turkish carpet. The handcrafted carpet was produced by the Mardin Carpet School. It was beautiful, unique, and **SOLD!!**



Assorted items that we have received from our Friendship Links were on display to educate our event attendees of the depth of SISD's International activities.



The committee was blessed with donated cut glasses that we turned into "Plants of Hope". On a rainy Tuesday in February, committee

members gathered in Susan Ritchie's Garden and created mini succulent gardens which were then offered for sale at the event. A \$10 donation was asked for each garden and the donor chose to support either Etiler Soroptimist, Turkey or SI Tijuana Centro. A gift of \$140 is headed to our friendship link in Turkey and \$80 to our Tijuana link.

The committee is busy looking for new opportunities and projects to give honor to our club Soroptimist **International** of San Diego.



Gretchen Burns told us of a live fashion show (KIMONO REIMAGINED) that is being held in the Japanese Friendship Garden on April 19 at 11:00 AM, Lower Pavilion. It is free to the public and is a collaboration between SD Mesa College Students and Vision Art Museum quilters. Plan to arrive early. Anyone interested can meet at Brittany Tower 10:00 AM and walk to the Japanese Garden.



LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Inspire People
- ✓ Empower People
- ✓ Shared Vision
- ✓ Lead Change

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

The Recruitment & Retention committee encourages you to sign-

in to SIA's upcoming training session on **Club Operations Training** being held on March 31st. There is no cost involved and the session will help you to familiarize you with SISD's club operations. PLEASE place this interesting and helpful session on your calendar.



Thank You for supporting the
Diamonds and Divas Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon!



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The next SISD Book Club is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, to review the book **"The Last Blue Special"** by **Abigail Padgett**.

It seems impossible that two healthy female politicians could have both died from a cerebral hemorrhage within days of each other. The police hire Blue McCarron and Roxie Bouchie as consultants. The two women, who are involved professionally and personally, work with evangelical preachers, former convicts and paintball playing plastic surgeons to find this unorthodox killer. (The story is based in San Diego.)



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI La Mesa April news bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13WGc-a_vlxLitrYzYtn1V816RfUquCTM/view?usp=sharing

SI La Mesa Live Your Dream event:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jd0be4nQTE5ySZTPxDuBINioGLXn7eyx/view?usp=sharing>

SI Capistrano Bay Live Your Dream awards event:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Na9oob5KeVtfn3_WgZyIDK8RCmypki-/view?usp=sharing

SI Huntington Beach Event:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f6UyAEjFkDhIWycRmAYFaEzbw1d8l_GA/view?usp=sharing

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



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