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President's Message



This month we will elect our Slate of Officers for the 2018-19 club year. There are also pending Bylaw changes and proposed Procedural changes to consider. That being said it is important to have you at the meeting for your input and your

vote! The proposed law changes were sent to you in the April newsletter to give you the time to read and understand the proposals. If you have not had the chance to review the recommended changes, please do so prior to our meeting next week.

Since our club year is winding down it is time to compile the **End of the Year Committee Reports**. The form needed to complete this task will be available at the May 1st business meeting, as well as sent out via email to all members. Please follow the format as recommended, as it makes it easier when compiling the results if we all follow the guidelines provided. See me, text me or call me if you have any questions. Your report is **due back** to me by **Friday, May 25th**. Please email your report to hnbaker@cox.net.

May is traditional the month we begin the process of forming new committees. Start thinking about what committees you would like to serve on and if you're interested in chairing a committee let our incoming president, Joy Brown know your wishes. At the April board meeting we set a date of July 10th at 5:30 p.m. for a club Retreat for our committee chairs to meet and share their 2018-19 mission goals and financial needs. All members are invited to attend this important meeting. **Save the Date!**

President Helen

May Birthdays

5 th	Nancy Goodrich
12 th	Terri Welter
22 nd	Sandy Luebben

May Club Anniversaries

1980	Margie McNeil
1980	Sharon Rea
1987	Mildred Neal

May Meetings

May 1 st	Business Meeting
May 15 th	Program Meeting "Public Affairs"

Mark Your Calendar Committee Meetings

Communications: May 1st, immediately following the business meeting, Handlery Hotel

Recruitment & Retention: May 8th, 12:00 noon, TLC Board Room

STAT: April 9th, 5:30 p.m., TLC Board Room

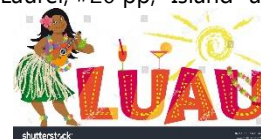
"Soroptimist ... A global women's organization whose members work to improve the lives of women & girls through programs leading to social & economic empowerment."

Save the Date

May 18-20, 2018: DCR Conference. Double Tree Hotel Santa Ana. *For more information see Paula Day,*

June 2, 2018: DCR Leadership Academy, Location TBA

June 9, 2018: SISD Induction of Officers and Board. 5:30 p.m. Brittany Tower, 230 Laurel, #20 pp, "Island" attire suggested.



HAPPY HOUR INVITATION!!

Each Tuesday Evening Meeting!!



Starting between 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Lobby Bar next to Postcards Restaurant

See you on May 1st!!!!

We'll keep a barstool warm for you!

Nominating Committee Report



A Nominating Committee was formed to prepare a slate of Officers, Directors and Delegates for the 2018-19 Club Year. The committee is composed of Jennifer Keller, Tango Tangorra and Helen Sparks. The following slate was presented at the April business meeting and will be voted on at the May business meeting.

2018-2019 Candidate Slate of Officers & Board Members

President: Joy Brown
First VP: Monica Logan
Second VP: Terri Welter
Recording Secretary: Cyndi Dillon
Treasurer: Margaret Green
One-Year Director: Barbara Rolando
One-Year Director: Marcia Vanlandingham
Two-Year Director: Susan Ritchey
Two-Year Director: Paula Day
One Year Delegate: Beverly Parsons
One Year Alternate Delegate: Susan Locklear
Two Year Delegate: Helen Baker
Two Year Alternate Delegate: Tango Tangorra
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Keller



that our San Diego club will be voting on **suggested changes** to both our **Bylaws** and **Procedures** at the **May business meeting?**

As required by our Bylaws the suggested changes were published as an attachment to the email that brought you the April edition of the SoropTimes.

DUES ARE DUE!



It's that time of the year again! Enclosed in this newsletter is your annual dues statement - \$145.88 (including Founders Pennies). Please give or mail your dues to Treasurer Paula by **June**

5, 2018. Dues can be paid with check, cash or credit card. For credit card payment, see dues statement for more details.

Dues are important for the administration of the club, our region and our federation. The club's portion of your dues (about \$50) is for the administration of the club – P.O Box rent, sending our delegates to conferences and conventions, bonding insurance, speaker gifts, supplies, recruitment & retention efforts, leadership training, etc. If you are interested in the finances of the club, take a term as the club's treasurer or join the Budget & Finance Committee!

Like last year, you are asked to include your Founders Pennies with your dues. This will ease in collecting it and paying it to SIA. "What are Founders Pennies?" – see below!

FOUNDERS PENNIES

The tradition of Founders Pennies began in 1943 when clubs collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used the money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded because of pre-World War II political conditions and the war itself. In 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund, and it provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies provided funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 for the Live Your Dream Awards (then called the Training Awards Program).

How are Founders Pennies used now? Founders Pennies are now used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and other SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Founders Pennies represent approximately 10 percent of the \$1.5 million of contributed income needed for programs.

How are Founders Pennies calculated? Founders Pennies are set at \$.06 per member times the number of years that SIA has been in existence. (1921).

Soroptimist & the United Nations



As most of you know I have been a Soroptimist for a few years now and **THOUGHT** I was fairly well versed in 'most' things Soroptimist...

Boy, did I get that wrong when I was asked me to tell our members about the Soroptimist relationship with the United Nations I was at a loss... so I started my research project, and this is what I learned from my research.

I learned that our club has had an on-going relationship with the local UN association for many years. Our club pays a \$100 membership fee each year to be a member of the association. The local UN chapter was established in 1946, their headquarters is in Balboa Park and it focuses on advocacy efforts and education programs through public events and collaborations.

I also learned that SI is a member of the non-governmental organization arm of the UN located in NYC and holds a consultative status with that organization. This status enables our 4 SI representatives to request the addition of an item on their agenda, submit written statements for circulation to all members of the council, make oral statements at meetings and contribute to other UN gatherings and seminars. The center is also the headquarters of UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women created in 2010. The team of four SI UN Representatives in New York cover gender equality, sustainable development, financing for development, trafficking, migration, education, ageing, and peace and security.

San Diego and SI's relationship with the UN was brought to forefront during the recent visit of our New Zealand friendship link visitor Sylvia Heywood. Sylvia spoke passionately about her recent trip to the UN in NYC.

The purpose for Sylvia's visit to the U.S. was to represent the South West Pacific Federation at the UN's sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The commission was established by the UN in 1946 and is the principal global intragovernmental body that is exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Sylvia received a Federation scholarship to attend.

Representatives of member states and UN entities from all regions of the world attended the session. The theme of the session was "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls."

Listening to Sylvia recount her impressions of the workshops she attended opened our eyes to the hardships that many of the world's women and girls face daily and the constant work that both the United Nations and Soroptimists are involved in.

This is what SISD's International Projects committee is all about... forming friendships around the world that brings home to us that while the world is getting smaller and smaller, Soroptimist clubs worldwide are unique in their own way while sharing the Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Jennifer Keller for the International Projects Committee

Tijuana Centro Members Guests at April 17th Meeting



Members of SI Tijuana Centro were guests at the April International Projects program meeting. SI San Diego presented a check for \$2000 to the Tijuana Centro club for use with their *Club Soroptimista* elementary school and for their work with women receiving cancer care.



Clubs members also contributed personal items for cancer patients who need to travel for their treatments.

New Member Aine Kmen Inducted



Aine Kmen was inducted into Soroptimist membership at the March 20th program meeting. Aine is the San Diego Manager for the Temecula Olive Oil Company. She oversees both the San Diego and Solana Beach stores. Aine says she learned

about SI San Diego when her company was invited to be a boutique vendor at SISD's Annual Awards Luncheon. She joined because she is very interested in becoming involved in service projects. Aine is pictured 2nd from the left in the photo together with her sponsors Judy Lawton and Paula Day and Recruitment Chair Terri Welter.

Get connected with SI San Diego!

We're on LinkedIn! Join our new group!

<https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=6986070>

And we're on Twitter! Follow us...



https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD

Community Bulletin Board

A New Path has invited us to celebrate their **19th Anniversary** at an afternoon of music featuring Southwestern Community College Concert Choir and Tre Tenore. The event is being held at White Box Live Arts Theatre at 2590 Truxton Road, Suite 205 in San Diego on Sunday, May 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$50/person. Wine & Cheese Reception. For additional information go to www.anewpath.org.

Girls Rising has asked us to **SAVE THE DATE** for their 2nd annual evening benefit **Bloom & Inspire** on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sugar & Scribe Bakery, 7660 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. For additional information email nhmielewski@girlssingsd.org.

2017-18 Officers & Board Members

President: Helen Baker

First VP: Joy Brown

Second VP: Monica Logan

Recording Secretary: Cyndi Dillon

Treasurer: Paula Day

One-Year Director: Vicki Hobbs

One-Year Director: Anna Curren

Two-Year Director: Jennifer Keller

Two-Year Director: Terri Welter

One Year Delegate: Marie Silverman

One Year Alternate Delegate: Nancy Goodrich

Two Year Delegate: Beverly Parsons

Two Year Alternate Delegate: Susan Locklear

Parliamentarian: Patty Jacobson

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