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# Soroptimist International of San Diego

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### President's Message

I wish to begin my first President's Message by thanking each of you for your confidence in electing me president for the 2018-2019 club year. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the previous SISD leaders who have helped and inspired me since my first interest in the organization, and I especially wish to thank President Helen for her dedication and leadership for the past two consecutive terms. I welcome this role and embrace wholeheartedly the opportunity to serve this exceptional organization.

I also want to express my deep gratitude for those of you who made my installation a special event: Margie McNeil, under the auspices of the Special Events committee chaired by Susan Ritchey, created a luau-themed fun event with food, trivia, and decorations and Jennifer Keller whose thoughtful words and attention to detail made the installation ceremony memorable and poignant. I can't thank you enough. I hope everyone in attendance enjoyed it as much as I did.

Although there were no regular meetings in July, we had excellent club participation at our retreat on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Minutes from the meeting have been circulated so please take a few minutes to read them. It was a productive evening that I believe set a positive direction for the year.

My theme for the upcoming year is "unity" especially as it relates to our mission - improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. In my installation message I charged everyone to look for ways to collaborate and unify at all levels of the organization: club, district, region, federation, and international.

A young poet and motivational speaker, Mattie Stepanek, penned the following quote before his death from a rare disease at the age of 13:



This is an amazing club that does amazing work and I believe with teamwork and collaboration WE will continue to achieve wonderful things.

*President Joy*

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### August Birthdays

19<sup>th</sup> Barbara Rolando

### August Club Anniversaries

2016 Traci Arlington  
2016 Elisabeth Mack

### August Meetings

August 7<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
August 21<sup>st</sup> Program Meeting  
"Recruitment & Retention"  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

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### Mark Your Calendar Committee Meetings

**Fundraising:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 p.m., TLC Board Room

**Communications:** August 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the business meeting, Handlery Hotel

**STAT:** August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., TLC Board Room

**Recruitment & Retention:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, TLC Board Room

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## Save the Date

**August 4, 2018: Essential Oil. A Personal Fundraising Event** sponsored by Judy Lawton & Susan Ritchey; 3-5 p.m., Susan Ritchey's home. (For more information look for the flyer in this bulletin.)

**October 27, 2018: Wine in the Wilderness Fundraising Event** Mission Trails Visitor Center.

**March 9, 2019: Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon and Fundraising Event**

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## HAPPY HOUR INVITATION!!

Each Tuesday Evening Meeting!!



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

**See you on August 7<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

**We'll keep a barstool warm for you!**

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## 2018-2019 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:  
Two Year Delegate: Helen Baker  
Two Year Alternate Delegate: Tango Tangorra  
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Keller

## Meet SISD Member Allison Whitney Schnepper!



Allison is a bona fide San Diegan, a distinction few of our fellow members can claim. Her wide educational and business experiences have led Allison to become extremely savvy in non-profit organizations, one of which she founded herself. All are

talents SISD needs and welcomes!

Let's start with Allison's college credentials. She received an athletic scholarship from SD State University to row on the Division I Crew Team. She earned a B.A. in Communications, with an emphasis in Broadcast Journalism, graduating in the honors program and on The Honor's Board from SDSU in 2003.

Allison then set out to use her learnings and become an accomplished executive. She has over 14 years' experience instituting organizational strategies and measures for continuous improvements and efficient business operations. She has worked with MTVN, Dr. Phil and The Howard Stern Show. Try topping that record of diverse experiences!

In 2011 Allison founded the non-profit *Be Involved \* Act Now \* Cure Autism (B.I.A.N.C.A.)*, to help children like her niece, Bianca, and families who were struggling to cope with the effects of autism. In 2017, Allison's work with B.I.A.N.C.A. earned her a nomination to join the Board of Governors of *The National Association of Nonprofit Organization & Executives*.

Allison is enjoying her work with SISD, and she will be inducted as our newest member on August 21st. She is looking forward to contributing to our continued success.

Welcome Allison!

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## Recruitment & Retention



We will be inducting two new members at our August 21<sup>st</sup> program meeting, Allison Whitney Schnepper and Lynn Young. What a great way to start our new club year!. It is important we all remember to wear our name tag so we can let our new (& seasoned) members know who we are...



# FUNDRAISING -



## YES! WE NEED YOU!

The 2018-2019 Fundraising Committee is in full swing and has begun planning for our two major fundraisers:



**Wine in the Wilderness**, October 27, 2018

**Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon**, March 9, 2019

session runs from 7 am to 12 with 250 students and another 250 students attend the afternoon session from noon to 5:00 p.m.



Happy faces of all ages in uniform with smiles from ear to ear. With our support this school has become a model for others with a wonderful computer lab where all students spend time each week. **Thank you, to our member Jeanette Roache.** Jeanette's former non-

profit donated all of the computers!!

We've set goals for our events and this is where you come in:

- Exceed paid guest headcount at each event .(Wine = 213; LYD Awards Lunch = 170)
- 100% participation by SISD members in both major fundraising events. Participation means marketing the event to friends, family and business contacts, obtaining sponsorships, attending event, bringing guests, donating to event, volunteering for pre-event tasks, and day of the event tasks.



This visit we observed a sixth-grade class learning how to prepare a Power Point presentation they were researching on the internet. The afternoon Principle Judith Moran guided us into classrooms, the library which is about to be upgraded, the

playground, and a lovely covered outdoor lunch area next to the basketball court. She told us they hope to have a garden and new soccer field in the future (now dirt in the back of the school). I have attached a photo of the playground equipment that is worn out and with our help is being replaced so the kids can again use the slides in the playground. All of the slides were broken at the bottom and are unsafe, which I guess is inevitable with 500 kids a day using the playground.

Let Jennifer or Patty know how you can help!

## SISD Members Visit Friendship Link in Tijuana



SI San Diego members chose a beautiful June day to cross over the border and visit our friendship link of many years Tijuana Centro. Bev Parsons, Kathy Biewenga, Joy Brown and Jennifer Keller drove down and then walked across the border to meet our

fellow Tijuana Centro Soroptimist members at *Cuba Bistro* in the Cultural Center. We arrived a little early, so each of us had a Tamarindo Margarita to quench our thirst and to celebrate the beautiful day. We were then off to visit the "Club Soroptimista" School that we have supported for over 20 years.

Once a six-room cement building with an old school bus on the lot, it now is a multi-building school with serving 500 students each day in grades 1-6. It is a very busy place!!!! Classes are divided into two sessions; the first

The members of Tijuana Centro are hard workers and generous in their community and appreciate all our friendship and support. **Thank you** to Tijuana Centro members Lupita Jaime, Sandra Medina, Linda Araiza, Carmen Vuelas and their newest member Roxana Terrera-Tellez who drove us back over the border. She is an attorney in Tijuana who lives in the US. Plan to hear from the Committee very soon on another trip during this club year and an opportunity to bring supplies for Tijuana Centro's "Chemo Patients Overnight" bags (slippers, shampoo, brushes, toothpaste etc.). Go to our website and Facebook and see many other pictures from our visit.





## Community Projects Committee



Eight members of the Community Projects Committee met at Helen Sparks' home on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to fill 45 backpacks with school supplies for the ***Girls Rising Back-to-School Picnic and Painting Party***. The event is being held at the Pepper Grove Park (in Balboa Park) on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We have recruited a few members from DIBI to help us, but everyone is welcome. If you're interested in attending, please contact Colleen at [colleenmarlow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colleenmarlow@sbcglobal.net).

We also filled goodie bags with color books, crayons, toys, snacks and water to occupy the children while Mom is busy with the **CARE** student orientation being held at Grossmont College on August 17. Please contact Judi Dunnigan Cole for more information for this event.



## UPDATE – Dream It, Be It Program

As one of Soroptimist International of the Americas two signature programs, I'm delighted to have been offered the opportunity to chair the DIBI committee. We have a great team and are getting ready to roll up our sleeves after a year hiatus of this program. The committee members are Anna Curren, Tracie Arlington, Helen Baker and two newer Soroptimist members, Aine Kmen and Allison Whitney Schnepfer.

Are you looking for an opportunity to create a platform to meet the objectives of the program as we help girls see their world as a safer place to express themselves and have more opportunities for success? If so, please let me know. At this time, all the committee members are available during weekday hours, so we can offer a "no evening meeting" option. We will also be using technology (Go to Meeting, Zoom or Conference Calls) to make best use of our valuable resource, TIME!!!

Let's review the mission of DIBI as you consider what a huge impact you can create for our community:

***Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls***, will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. *Dream It, Be It* targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs will work in partnership with girls

*in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures.*

If joining us on the committee doesn't call to you but you have contacts within the San Diego City school system, please let me know. Some clubs have adopted one school to provide the curriculum so exploring what might be appropriate for our school system needs to be considered. Also, if you want to have a role in the program (say as a presenter or mentor) but not be on the committee, again, let me know.

Maggie Pound 619-890-0859 [maggiepound@yahoo.com](mailto:maggiepound@yahoo.com)



What's more fun than a Birthday? A Birthday spent with great and fun friends! Thanks so much for the wonderful cake at our June Business meeting. I was delightfully surprised and want you to know that I couldn't have spent it in a better way or with better friends! Thanks so much for making me feel so special.



## 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](https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD)

Like us on Facebook 

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## Live Your Dream Awards - WHAT WE DO



Soroptimist's *Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women* assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

Every year, Soroptimist distributes more than \$2 million in education grants to about 1,500 women all over the world.

Over half of our *Live Your Dream Awards* recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families we serve have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction.

*Live Your Dream Awards* recipients may use the cash award to offset *any* costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation. This unique program is helping women find their voice and purpose while offering the resources they need to succeed.

### WHY WE DO IT

#### Education is the pathway to economically empowering women and girls.

##### When Women Learn

families live healthier lives

##### When Girls Go to School

they are more likely to get paying jobs and their financial contributions to their families—and their nations—*increase*

##### When Girls Have Educated Moms

they are more likely to be enrolled in school and to reach higher levels of education

##### When Women are Educated

their countries are more likely to have greater economic growth

## Community Bulletin Board

**Soroptimist International of Vista** has asked us to **SAVE THE DATE** for their Gala Fundraiser & Casino Night ***A Night at the Museum*** on September 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Vista Historical Museum, 2317 Foothill Drive, Vista. More details are on their website [SoroptimistVista.org](http://SoroptimistVista.org).

**San Diego Women's Club** has invited us to their **Summertime Card Party** being held on Tuesday, July 31 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 2557 Third Avenue, San Diego. The event benefits St. Paul's Supportive Housing for Homeless Seniors. Cost is \$25/person. For more information please email [info@sandiegowomansclub.org](mailto:info@sandiegowomansclub.org).

**A New Path** has invited us to their **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Strut for Sobriety** being held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. The Boutique & Silent Auction open at 10:00 a.m. followed by Luncheon at noon and a Fashion Show and Entertainment at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$90/each. RSVP by September 20, 2018. For more information contact [april@anewpath.org](mailto:april@anewpath.org).

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## PERSONAL FUNDRAISER

By: Judy Lawton and Susan Ritchey

Saturday August 4th - 3:00 to 5:00 PM

50% of all sales proceeds and class admission will be donated to Soroptimist International of San Diego.

## ESSENTIAL OIL MAKE & TAKE

LEARN, CREATE, SHOP, EAT, DRINK,  
SOCIALIZE AND SUPPORT  
SOROPTIMIST - SISD.



Choose from one of four blends:

- Pain Relief
- Sleep
- Sinus Relief
- Digestion

Learn why they work and how to make your own. Bring your friends!

Wine, Beer, and Snacks will be provided.

**\$10**  
to attend  
must RSVP

Location:

3114 Ranleigh Court - San Diego, CA 92110  
(Susan Ritchey's Home)

RSVP to Judy Lawton by July 25th:

[judy@lawtongrp.com](mailto:judy@lawtongrp.com) or 619-952-0166

# SISD - Meeting & Event Calendar 2018-2019 Club Year As of August 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Business Meeting at 5:30 pm, CTO 6:00 pm-Handlery Hotel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - Program Meeting at 5:30 pm, CTO 6:00 pm-Handlery Hotel
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Every 2nd Month - Board Meeting 5:30 pm - Lawton Group Offices

<b>July - DARK</b>
July 10: Comm. Chair/Member Retreat
<b>August</b>
Aug 7: Business Meeting
Aug 21: Recruitment and Retention
Aug 28: Board Meeting
<b>September</b>
Sept 4: Business Meeting
Sept 18: Community Projects (CARE)
<b>October</b>
Oct 2: Business Meeting
Oct 16: Public Affairs
Oct 23: Board Meeting
Oct 27: <i>Wine In Wilderness</i>
<b>November</b>
Nov 6: Business Meeting
Nov 20: Dream It Be It
<b>December</b>
Dec 4: Business Meeting
Dec18: Board Meeting (tbd)
<b>January</b>
Jan 8: Business Meeting
Jan 22: STAT

<b>February</b>
Feb 5: Business Meeting
Feb 19: Public Affairs
Feb 26: Board Meeting
<b>March</b>
Mar 5: Business Meeting
Mar 19: Live Your Dream
<b>April</b>
Apr 2: Business Meeting
Apr 16: Public Affairs
Apr 23: Board Meeting
<b>May</b>
May 7: Business Meeting
May 21: Community Projects
<b>June</b>
June 4: Business Meeting
June 18: International Projects
June 25: Joint Board Meeting