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President's Message



Hello SISD members and friends!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and enjoying making memories with family and friends!

I'm looking forward to a productive and fun new year. We'll start off with our two regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. January's program meeting speaker is Rosie Gaddis, our Region Membership Chair, who will have a lot of useful information to share. She's also an excellent presenter.

On January 27, we'll have our first social event of the new year – **Soup & Sip – An Evening of Sharing and Tasting**. Dig out your favorite soup recipe, make a batch and bring it to share. The flyer with all the details is included with this newsletter. Thanks to Eleanor Snyder and the Special Events Committee for planning and putting it on.

Our **Live Your Dream** Awards Committee chaired by Susie Hartmann has been very busy over these last few months. We've received 13 applications from women who provide the primary financial support for their families and need resources to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Our judges will choose 11 women who will receive cash grants from our club. A fun event is being planned so we can meet the women and their children. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 9 for our annual Live Your Dream Awards luncheon at a **NEW** location this year... The Heritage Event Center at the Sycuan Casino Resort. Join us as we celebrate our remarkable Soroptimist Live Your Dream awardees and Soroptimist of San Diego

Woman of Accomplishment. For more information on how to nominate a woman, email Margie McNeil at deco90s@san.rr.com. Our theme is "**Make Yourself Count!**" Make yourself count by supporting our event that sparks change and honors the power of women and girls. Check out our website...

<https://www.sisandiego.org/make-yourself-count.html>... for links to purchase tickets, tables of 10 and to become a sponsor with your monetary and non-monetary donations. We look forward to seeing you on March 9!

Happy 2024 to all!

President Paula

January Birthdays

January 6 th	Mildred Neal
January 9 th	Kathy Biewenga

January Club Anniversaries

1974	Jennifer Keller
1981	Judy Lawton
1985	Nancy Goodrich
2023	Ashley Blanc
2023	Brittany Malowney
2023	JoAnne Martinez

January Calendar

January 2nd – Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

January 16th – Program Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103; Recruitment & Retention

January 24th – International Day of Education

Scheduled Committee Meetings

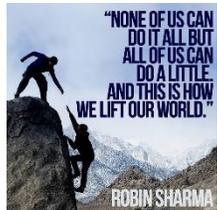
STAT: January 24th, lunch meeting.

Save the Date!

- January 27th: Soup & Sip, 5-8 pm, Brittany Tower
- March 2, 2024: DCR District III Winter Meeting
- March 9, 2024: SISD Spring Event, Sycuan Casino Resort
- April 27-28, 2024: DCR Conference, Whittier, CA
- July 24-27, 2024: SIA Convention, Bellevue, WA



The Recruitment & Retention committee is pleased to welcome Rosalina Gaddis, known to most as Rosie, as our January program meeting speaker. Ms. Gaddis became a Soroptimist in July 2017 for SI El Centro where she served as Membership Chair 2018-2019 and Club President 2019-2020. Ms. Gaddis is the current Desert Coast Region Membership Chair. The mission of Soroptimist has been embedded in her heart since her early adolescent years. Ms. Gaddis has mentored women and young ladies in her community for over 25 years. Ms. Gaddis is a Public Administration graduate of San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus, graduating Cum Laude with academic distinction.



January Inspiration

January 2nd – Maureen McGrath
January 16th – Jennifer Keller



January Meal Providers

January 2nd – Ani Zadikyan
January 16th – Ruth Turoff



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI La Mesa December bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v4sQSSqbXEJxYbsMFuCIexBAauQPXWB/view?usp=drive_link

SI Vista & North County December bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dsoakRc0T86OW8SedVVO2BsteunqLrwY/view?usp=drive_link



Soup & Sip

An Evening of Sharing and Tasting

Saturday,
January 27, 2024
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Brittany Tower
1st Floor Social Room
230 W. Laurel St.

Our first social event of the New Year!
Friends, significant others, potential members are welcome to attend!

All members attending should bring:
• a crock pot of soup
• soup (bring/bring for you & your guest(s) - no paper bowls please
• a bottle wine to share

Cost: \$10 – for bread, non-alcoholic beverages and desserts.

RSVP is a must and closes on Saturday, January 20th

RSVP via PayPal or check or cash to Eleanor

PayPal

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.soroptimist.org>

Questions? Contact Eleanor – 619-323-4427



The **Special Events** committee has planned our first social of the New Year, **Soup & Sip**, an evening of Sharing and Tasting! All the details are contained in the flyer pictured to the right and in a pdf format attached to the email that brought this bulletin to you.



The Public Affairs Committee will be hosting Sheriff Martinez at our February 20th Program meeting.

Sheriff Martinez is a San Diego native and committed to public safety. She has served the residents of San Diego County and the Sheriff's Department since 1985. She spent 22 years at the rank of Deputy Sheriff working on several assignments which included gang investigations, narcotic investigations, and criminal intelligence investigator. Sheriff Martinez then continued to rise through the ranks reaching the position of Undersheriff in 2021. Sheriff Martinez was elected Sheriff in 2022. She is responsible for providing law enforcement services to 4,200 square miles of unincorporated San Diego County, nine contract cities, seven jails, and security for the court houses. She is responsible for the department's \$1.165 billion budget and 4,700 authorized employees. Sheriff Martinez has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Sheriff Martinez is married with one adult son.



Some of our fabulous members spent some time together at the races! A wonderful fundraiser that helped bring some funds for our amazing programs.



Message from S.O.L.T. (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training)

[a subcommittee of Recruitment & Retention]
**Message from S.O.L.T. (Soroptimist Orientation
and Leadership Training)**

It's a New Year, and a clean slate. Let's pause and remember who we are as Soroptimists and what we do best. More than 20 years ago, after watching and listening to our program honoring recipients of the now Live Your Dream Awards

Program, our Region Conference guest speaker, John Wayne Schlatter, was so moved by the magnitude and scope of Soroptimist accomplishments, he wrote the following which he gave as a gift to the Soroptimists of the world:

What is a Soroptimist?

**Someone who plants seeds in what "appears" to be
barren ground,
and in so doing, transforms that ground into a
blossoming garden of
Love, Faith, and Accomplishments.**

**Someone who spells "impossible" "I'm possible"
and sees the possibilities where others see problems.**

**Someone who is blind to obstacle, but always sees
opportunities.**

**Someone who is a runner, a coach, and a winner
in the only race that matters: the human race.**

**Someone who is so filled with hope,
they inspire everyone to be heroically helpful.**

**Someone who doesn't accept negative circumstance,
but rather
creates new circumstances that turn possible failures
into
Fantastic Flights to Fabulous Futures.**

Someone whose greatness is expressed in gentleness.

John Wayne Schlatter

This is Soroptimist. This is YOU and this is us together Living Our Mission.

Victoria Hobbs, January 2024

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

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Club Year 2023-2024

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2-year Alt-Delegate: Dr. Angelique Hood
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