



December 2023

# Soroptimist International of San Diego

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### President's Message



Hello SISD members and friends!

Like most other charities, our club is participating in #GivingTuesday. If you haven't yet, please consider donating to support our Soroptimist Mission. Your donation will help us provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Click [HERE](#) to make a gift today. Thank you!

Speaking of giving, Chair Angel Gilreath and the Community Projects Committee delivered Thanksgiving dinner to the women at Second Chance's Hartley House. The dinner included a whole roasted turkey, all the side dishes and of course, pumpkin pie. Hartley House is a sober-living residence that serves as a bridge between treatment and independent living. Our club has been supporting Hartley House for several years. Congrats to Angel for her excellent interview on KUSI.

Check it out here...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNjpCvoENlg>.

Just a reminder that **Orange the World**, the global campaign of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence started on **November 25**, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women **and goes until December 10**, World Human Rights Day/Soroptimist International Foundation Day. For 2023, Soroptimist International has

developed a campaign for Soroptimists around the globe with the theme **"Wired for Change: Tech's Impact on Gender-Based Abuse."** Wired for Change looks at the impact that technology has had in shaping gender-based abuse and violence; how it has been a force for bad but also how it has impacted the world positively.

For more information...

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/16-days-of-activism/>.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

*President Paula*

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### **December Birthdays**

December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Margie McNeil
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Baker
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Curren
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gretchen Burns Bergman
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Susie Hartmann

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### **December Club Anniversaries**

1976	Helen Baker
2021	Maureen McGrath

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### **December Calendar**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. via Zoom**

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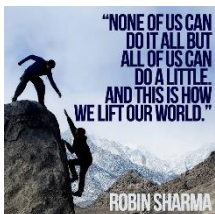
### **Scheduled Committee Meetings**

**STAT: January 24<sup>th</sup>, lunch meeting.**

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## Save the Date!

- December 2, 2023 – SISD Day at the Del Mar Races
- 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



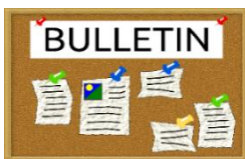
## December Inspiration

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Judy Lawton



## December Meal Menu

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Greek Salad, Fried &/or Baked Chicken, Dessert



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

### SI Borrego Springs Wine Tasting Event flyer:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SoQDQnn5WxYDjCRU3Uu4CqQ\\_ljq4nBo/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SoQDQnn5WxYDjCRU3Uu4CqQ_ljq4nBo/view?usp=drive_link)

### SI Vista & North County November bulletin:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a6AdsZwDr6S0cISYypWrih-MHUKdg9n6/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a6AdsZwDr6S0cISYypWrih-MHUKdg9n6/view?usp=drive_link)

### Tips from Desert Coast Region Fundraising Committee:

How to Write a Winning Grant Proposal  
<https://blog.candid.org/post/how-to-write-a-grant-proposal/>

12 Free Templates for Writing a Sponsorship Letter  
<https://blog.fundly.com/sponsorship-letters/#acknowledgement>

Event Sponsorship: What it is and How to Get Sponsors  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/blog/guide-to-event-sponsorship>

**Editor's Note:** A PDF flyer for the See's Candy sales is attached to the email that brought you this news bulletin.

The photo that follows is for your information only.

**PLEASE** use the flyer attached to the email to forward to your friends/family. The link on the flyer will take you directly to the order forms. Thank you for supporting SISD!



Do you enjoy supporting a great cause?  
Do you struggle with selecting gifts for the holidays?  
Do you have a sweet tooth?!

If you said yes, to any of these questions, support our YUM-Raiser!)

Click on the [link](#) select your candy and your order will be delivered to the address of your choice!



Want to join our service group?

Visit us at [www.sisandiego.org](http://www.sisandiego.org) for more information about our club



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**Start shopping now!**

**[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sisd\\_sisd56/Jesjes6698/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sisd_sisd56/Jesjes6698/candy)**

**Please forward this email to family and friends!  
Questions? Ask Judy... [judy@judylawton.com](mailto:judy@judylawton.com)**



## 2023-2024 Dues Increase

At the October 3, 2023, business meeting, members approved the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget that included a \$40 dues increase. Please make the payment by 12/31/2023 using the PayPal link below or give a check or cash to Treasurer Bev at our November or December business meetings.

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=XKDQUJKYKE892](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=XKDQUJKYKE892)

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

[a subcommittee of Recruitment & Retention]

The following is from our own Mildred J. Neal, Past President of Si San Diego and past Desert Coast Region Membership Chair, along with other leadership roles. She conducted a training session at a DCR President's Retreat years ago. The outline covers all aspects of Membership and is helpful as a SOLT review. Effective then, it is still relevant now. Thank you, Mildred!

#### Prescription for Recruitment and Retention

"Take on a day for Growth and Development."

#### P – Plan

- Evaluate: Where are we? Where would we like to be?
- Meetings, Programs, Activities
- Membership Goals

#### R – Resources

- New Member Packet
- SIA Website for membership resources and information for member benefits, recruitment and retention ideas, as well as Federation governing documents
- Club Bylaws and Procedures, Monthly Newsletters, End of Year Reports
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#### E – Enthusiasm

- Do you have it?

#### S – SOLT

- Orientation for Members
- Strong Leadership
- District Meetings and Workshops, Leadership Academy, Spring Conference, SIA Convention

#### C – Communication

- Recognition
- Inform and Involve
- Buddy, Sponsor, Mentor

#### R – Responsibility

- Commitment

- We are a Team

#### I – Imaginative

- Flexible and Creative
- Incentives

#### P – Persevere

- Year-round Activity
- Follow-up and Follow-through

#### T – Teach

- Share your knowledge

#### I – Ideas

- Encourage members to share

#### O – Open your Mouth

- Share benefits: Service, Network, Friendship, Personal Growth

#### N – Network

- Members, Other SI Clubs, Other Organizations
- Community Involvement

*With permission from Mildred Neal.*

*Victoria Hobbs*

*December 2023*



## International Projects

The International Projects committee has heard from the club's Tijuana Centro friendship link announcing their **Live Your Dream** recipient, Abril Meza.

Abril, who has been orphaned and has been blind since birth, has earned a gold medal in the javelin competition at the Paranales competition held in Cancun, Yucatan, Mexico. She is currently studying at the University campus in Tijuana.

The members of Tijuana Centro club tell us Abril has earned the affection of the Tijuana community by sharing her enthusiasm and commitment to overcoming the barriers of visual impairment in the academic and sports field at the national level.

**Happy Holidays**

**From**

**SI San Diego**

**(throwback photos of the club  
circa 1998)**



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

Like us on Facebook 

### Club Year 2023-2024

President: Paula Day  
1st Vice President: Judi Cole  
2nd Vice President: Jessica Barajas  
Recording Secretary: Grace Meyers  
Treasurer: Beverly Parsons  
1-year Director: Eleanor Snyder  
1-year Director: Angel Gilreath  
2-year Director: Joanne Martinez  
2-year Director: Ruth Turoff  
1-year Delegate: Victoria Hobbs  
1-year-Alt Delegate: Jennifer Keller  
2-year Delegate: Susan Hartmann  
2-year Alt-Delegate: Dr. Angelique Hood  
Parliamentarian: Joy Brown