

Sorop-Times

President's Message



December represents both endings and beginnings. This is the time of the year to reminisce about the work completed and think about what is to come in the new year.

Our past news bulletins have shared our accomplishments and I look forward to seeing what opportunities the new year will bring.

The holidays can be full of joy for some and difficult for others. Many of our Soroptimist club members have lost spouses, relatives, and friends over this past year. My thoughts are with all of you.

I wish everyone a great December! Enjoy this special time of year!

President Terri

December Birthdays

December 5 th	Tracie Arlington
December 5 th	Margie McNeil
December 9 th	Helen Baker
December 18 th	Anna Curren
December 21 st	Gretchen Burns Bergman
December 23 rd	Susie Hartmann

December Club Calendar

December 7th Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business meeting 6:00 p.m. Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

December 3rd Happy Hour; 4:00 p.m. Susie Hartmann's home. Ruth will be leading a class on 'how to tie a scarf.' Feel free to bring a bottle of your favorite refreshment. Please RSVP to Ruth so the proper number of handouts will be available.

December 14th Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Committee Meetings

Bylaws & Procedures: Thursday, December 9th, 4:00 p.m.; Joy Brown's social room.

Recruitment & Retention: December 2nd, 11:30 a.m. Location: Ticor Title (Cindy Younger's office); 2275 Rio Bonito Way, Suite 160. San Diego 92108

Save the Date!

New Year Holiday Luncheon: January 16th, San Diego Yacht Club.

Wine Tasting Auction: February 12th. Judy Lawton's home.

STAT: "Salutes our Mission Heroes" award event. March 4th: 6-8 p.m. Good Samaritan Episcopal Church.

District III Winter Meeting: March 5th.

Spring Fundraiser: March 12th: Sheraton Harbor Island.

Desert Coast Region Annual Conference: April 29th – May 1st. Doubletree Mission Valley, San Diego.



Join SISD on the 12th of March for Diamonds, Shopping, Fashion Show, Awards, & Luncheon at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Come support 100 years of empowering women & girls while celebrating our Live Your Dream awardees as they sparkle and shine!

The fundraising committee will be working on various projects for the event & communicating via email throughout December. The committee will meet either via Zoom or in-person in January 2022 (TBA.) Chair Erin has put together a sponsorship deck for prospective sponsors. Please email erinlids@gmail.com with questions.

Also, 'tis the season for shopping! If you are shopping Amazon online, please register with Amazon Smile and select Soroptimist International of San Diego as a benefiting charity! This way a percentage of your shopping will go to the club. (See attached flyer for directions.)

The committee will be meeting via zoom through the holidays.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Community Projects committee has closed out the club's November *Jacket Drive*. The committee is now matching jackets to recipients and after that task is complete, we will be selecting a date and time to deliver the jackets to the girls at the Escondido branch of the Boys & Girls' Club.

Several members delivered a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner together with a table center piece and a holiday card to the residents of the Hartley House. The Hartley House is a sober living facility that is administered by Second Chance. SISD has been partnering with Second Chance for the past few years

and during that time has refurbished the house as well as continued support (as needed) the ten women who live in the house. The residents were thankful to receive such an amazing dinner.

Community Projects recently toured Kitchens for Good. Kitchens for Good works to break the cycle of food waste, poverty, and hunger through innovative programs in workforce training, healthy meal production and social enterprise. We will receive an email from them shortly on how we can partner with them. This project will ensure that we continue to meet our mission statement and core statements to lift-up women and girls through gender equality, empowerment, education, diversity, and fellowship.

A calendar of future Community Projects committee drives will be provided members via email.

Community Projects, Chair Kathy Conrad; Co-Chair Grace Meyers



Things are starting to heat up for the **Live Your Dream** Committee! The application deadline was November 15, and the collaborative is now in the process of working with SIA to get applications assigned to the participating clubs. Our club will get seven (7) applications and have plans to give awards to all seven. Why only seven applications, you ask? Well, it appears that 2021 is an even stranger year than 2020. While enrollment at our partner colleges has remained at a consistent level through the age of COVID, the ability to get our constituents to apply was a struggle. The schools are perplexed, the collaborative leaders are perplexed...but it is what it is. The good news is, we have seven women who were committed and succeeded in submitting their application, and they need our help! Each of them will get our help and we are grateful to have found these seven deserving women and look forward to supporting them in their educational journey.

Here is a timeline of what's to come:

- The applications will be available to us around the second week of December.
- The judges (more on our three wonderful judges in a future bulletin) will then have until the second week of January to complete their reviews and scoring
- The committee will meet mid-January to review the judges' input; we will decide as to size of award for each of the honorees and will also confirm our top honoree
- The top honoree will be submitted to DCR for further consideration at the District/Region level by February 1, 2022

Then comes the celebration of, and presentation of awards to, our honorees at the ***Diamonds & Divas Awards Luncheon*** on March 12, 2022! It's always a special time to honor the women at this event and celebrate how far they have come and what they will accomplish in the future. Mark your calendars, let your friends/colleagues know, and encourage them to buy tickets for an event that is sure to warm their hearts and provide a little fun and entertainment with the fashion show and boutique!



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI Vista & North County December Bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mOyg8P2jROnMfsZwZ-L_ZIrFR2hwHkh2/view?usp=sharing

SI Alpine Holiday Poinsettias Fundraiser:

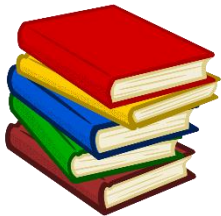
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SI Lemon Grove online auction:

<https://sites.google.com/view/lemon-grove-soroptimist-online/home>

A New Path event:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ns3Jr4jpZA3yxl_tWX1Ai4qzI03RtNvy/view?usp=sharing



The next SISD Book Club is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 (skipping the month of December) to review *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*.

"A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains," authored by **Isabella Bird**.

First published serially and then into a book in 1879, "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains" is one of the many accounts of Isabella L. Bird's amazing travels and adventures. Born in Yorkshire, England in 1831, Bird was never formally educated and was often sickly as a child, but she was an avid reader and loved the outdoors. In 1854, at the age of twenty-two, she left a comfortable life in England for her first trip abroad to America. She fell in love with discovering new places and defied tradition while undertaking grand adventures as an unmarried woman. Bird went on to travel to Australia and Hawaii, while publishing several accounts of her experiences, before finding her way to Colorado. "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains," her fourth publication and her most famous, contains the account of six months of her travels in 1873 through the rugged terrain of the Colorado Rockies. The book is based upon her colorful letters sent back home to her sister and the account relates the many hardships of the great western frontier, the unique characters she meets, and the incredible natural world she found in the newly settled western territories.

Join us on Zoom (with your favorite beverage) to share your thoughts on this book!



SI San Diego members were excited to welcome speaker Jill Hall at the November program meeting. Ms. Hall is the author of "the Black Velvet," a San Diego resident, and the recent recipient

of the 2021 Next Generation Indie Awards in fiction for her Anne McFarland series. Ms. Hall is pictured in the center of the photograph with SISD members.

Soroptimist Announces Michelle Burnett As New Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., welcomes Michelle J. Burnett, as its new Executive Director/CEO. She replaces Soroptimist's long-time Executive Director/CEO, Elizabeth M. Lucas, who resigned in August 2021. Burnett is the first woman of color to hold this position at Soroptimist.

Burnett has served as Soroptimist Chief Operating & Financial Officer since October 2019. In that role, she provided direction, management, and the vision necessary to ensure Soroptimist had the appropriate resources and systems in place to effectively support the organization's growing impact while ensuring its financial strength and operating efficiency.



Unvaccinated members are asked to wear a mask at all our meetings!

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