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President's Message



It's February 2024 of a Leap Year with 29 days this month instead of 28. Did you know that leap years and leap days are necessary to keep our calendar in sync with the seasons? The Earth takes approximately 365.2422 days to complete one orbit around the Sun,

which is slightly longer than 365 days. Without leap years, our calendar would gradually fall out of alignment with the seasons. The first 10 people to email me on February 29 will be put in a drawing for a chance to win two Soroptimist wine glasses and a bottle of wine.

At our January 16 program meeting, we celebrated Jennifer Keller for her 50 years as a member of our Club. She joined on January 8, 1974. She was presented with a special gold pin and a 50-year name badge. Congratulations, Jennifer!

We are pleased to have Sheriff Kelly Martinez for our February's program meeting speaker. As Sheriff of San Diego County since 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. Contact us if you'd like to attend our meeting for Sherrif Martinez's presentation.

Do you have your tickets yet for our annual Live Your Dream Awards luncheon on March 9? It should be extra exciting this year at our NEW location... The Heritage Resort Center at the Sycuan Casino Resort. Chair Judy Lawton and her committee are busy planning a very special event starting with shopping at the Boutique at 10 am. Our theme is "Make Yourself Count!" Make yourself count by supporting our event that sparks change and honors the power of women and girls. Join us as we celebrate our remarkable Soroptimist Live Your Dream awardees and Soroptimist of San Diego Woman of Accomplishment. For tickets and more information, go to our website... <https://www.sisandiego.org/make-yourself-count.html>. You'll find links to purchase individual tickets and tables of 10. How about becoming a sponsor with your monetary and/or non-monetary donation? Erin Liddell can tell you how...

erinlids@gmail.com. "Make Yourself Count!" and support our Soroptimist Mission on March 9!

President Paula

February Birthdays

February 1st Allison Whitney
February 14th Jeanette Roache

February Calendar

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

February 20th – Program Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103; Public Affairs

February 27th - Board Meeting, via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

Scheduled Committee Meetings

STAT: February 13: 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Save the Date!

- **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**

February Inspiration

February 6th – Ruth Turoff
February 20th – Grace Meyers



February Meal Providers

February 6th – Anna Curren
February 20th – Ani Zadikyan



The Public Affairs Committee is excited to welcome back 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 in 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.



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

[a subcommittee of Recruitment & Retention]

Have you considered stepping into leadership? The "L" in SOLT stands for Leadership and what better way to strengthen or learn new leadership skills? It's that time of year when our club nominating committee will be looking for members interested in assuming a leadership position whether it be as an officer or on a committee as member or Chair.

Our leaders are collaborative and inclusive, encouraging a team spirit and being open to implementing positive change. The goal is to include everyone's knowledge and creativity to achieve success. Along with this comes a lot of FUN. Tips to success include:

- Sharing information and keeping communication lines open
- Encouraging brainstorming, especially in early stages, to get different perspectives to achieving the best ideas
- Ensuring everyone in the club has the opportunity to be heard Including new members in discussions
- Keeping our mission at the forefront of our programs and endeavors.

If there is a particular leadership position of interest to you, ask the member in the current position or someone who has held that position, what the job entails. They are the "knowledge bank" to share experiences as to how success was reached and challenges were overcome.

The Nominating Committee will welcome your interest or they will enthusiastically invite to club leadership. In whatever capacity, as a current or new leader, why not say "YES" and ***step into leadership*** for the next club year?

Victoria Hobbs February 2024



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD. To view, please click on the links:

SI La Mesa February Bulletin:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LOI7Ux-FxBOcrB2geT04q1tOQqYv4csM/view?usp=sharing>

SI Coronado Winter 2023-34 Bulletin:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Cb4jw9YAAeueSAY6j2FIXPfa9D9qLFO/view?usp=sharing>

SI North San Diego & Poway Fundraising Event:

<https://sihatsandheels.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1682859b5564773f969637f9&id=685b15dec0&e=615a34e4c6>

SI Vista and North County February bulletin:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FW1YW_ChpS4tA-JAIEKp-nWOT_sojE1g/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FW1YW_ChpS4tA-JAIEKp-nWOT_sojE1g/view?usp=drive_link)

The International Projects committee asks you to Mark your Calendars!

Elena Totten for SI La Mesa just returned from Moldova and had the opportunity to spend some time with members of our Friendship Link from Edinet, Moldova. She met many of the members and will share and update us on the status of the Ukraine Refugee Centers. Please plan to attend.



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MARCH 9, 2024

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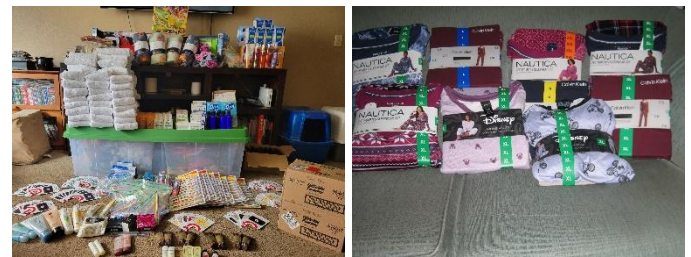
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The **Community Projects committee** has been busy. 75 gift cards and hygiene kits were assembled and delivered to the Lindsay Community school. The school provides an education program in partnership with Children of the Rainbow for pregnant and parenting teens in grades 9 through 12 who are referred by probation, social services, or school district officials. Children of students at Lindsay Blended Community School attend Lindsay Early Learning Academy, a preschool housed on the same campus.

The committee also provided pajamas (courtesy of Margie McNeil) to the women living in the Hartley House. The Hartley house is a program supported by Second Chance that provides sober-living housing that serves as a bridge between treatment and independent living. Each home offers a highly structured environment, a sense of belonging and a safe place to ease back into the community.

Deliveries to both groups were made on December 22 and helped to make a very Merry Christmas!




SALUTES OUR MISSION HEROES

Save the Date!

Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
~ Doors open at 5:30 ~

Come network with the trailblazers in San Diego's anti-trafficking community!

STAT! Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking invites you to join us as we salute people and organizations that are making a difference in the fight against human trafficking. These people and organizations have stepped forward and found unique ways to help victims, reduce demand, and raise awareness about modern day slavery.

With Emcee Ginger Shaw

Registration details soon!

Location: VISION: A Center for Spiritual Living, 4780 Mission Gorge Pl, Suite H, San Diego, 92120




Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides support and access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

STAT! Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking is a collaborative group of Soroptimist clubs from the San Diego area celebrating the needs of local victims and educating parents, teens and the public about the risk of human trafficking, pimping and sexual slavery.

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Just look at all the vendors who will be in the Boutique at the March 9th Awards Luncheon




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MARCH 9, 2024

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DESERT COAST REGION
DISTRICT III
WINTER MEETING
EMPOWER THROUGH THE JOURNALS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

CHECK IN: 8:30 AM
MEETING: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

CORONADO COMMUNITY CENTER
NAUTILUS ROOM
1845 STRAND WAY
CORONADO, CA 92118

MEETING FOCUS WILL BE ON
PUBLIC AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING

HOSTED BY ST CORONADO
LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
\$41 NON DELEGATES \$36 DELEGATES

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