

President's Message



***"Keep the Christmas Spirit
Share it with others far and near
From week to week and month to month throughout
the entire year!"***

This is part of a quote from Norman Wesley Brooks. It resonated with me because I am proud our club continues to make a difference in women's lives such as helping another Soroptimist member, a stranger, a group of children we have never met or women in far-away countries.

This all comes about through the work of our various committees which highlights the importance of monthly meetings. A common refrain is there is nothing "new" to discuss. Actually, great minds coming together will always produce new ideas with unique ways to accomplish them. Our committee chairs are doing a great job! It can be challenging to get full attendance at meetings, but it's still important to have consistent monthly meetings to get our projects accomplished. Please know I am here to help.

New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate another year passing and a new year beginning. I have never been good at making New Year's resolutions but this year I resolve to take time on New Year's Day to reflect on the memories of 2021, people I have met and lost, accomplishments, mistakes made, and lessons learned. I will look to 2022 with compassion,

enthusiasm and determination to live each day the best I can. What thoughts does the New Year bring for you?

I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

President Terri

January Birthdays

January 6 th	Mildred Neal
January 9 th	Kathy Biewenga

January Club Anniversaries

1974	Jennifer Keller
1981	Judy Lawton
1985	Nancy Goodrich

January Club Calendar

January 4th Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business meeting 6:00 p.m. Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

January 7th First Friday Meet-up: Susan Ritchey's home. 4:00 p.m. Bring drink(s) & nibbles (for yourself or to share).

January 11th Book Club: 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

January 16th New Year Holiday Luncheon: 11:30 a.m., San Diego Yacht Club.

January 18th Program Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Program meeting 6:00 p.m. STAT/Trafficking, Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

Committee Meetings

STAT: January 12th, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

International Projects: January 25th, 11:30 a.m., Casa Guadalajara, Old Town San Diego.

Communications: January 27th, 6:00 p.m. via zoom

Bylaws & Procedures: Friday, January 14th, 4:00 p.m.; Location to be determined.

Community Projects: January 19th, 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

Save the Date!

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.

SIA Conference: July 22 & 23, 2022. Being held virtually.



SISD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

SI San Diego inducted new member Maureen McGrath at the December business meeting. Maureen is a real estate agent and works out of her La Jolla office. She previously was a member of another Soroptimist club and is joining our club because she wants to help women and girls. Maureen is sponsored by Susan Ritchey and SISD club members are thrilled to welcome Maureen to Soroptimist service.



On the evening of December 15th, eleven SISD members and guests bundled up against the evening chill to enjoy the Old Town Trolley's Holiday Lights & Sights Tour. It was great to welcome the guests that joined us and have an opportunity to get to know them.

To the surprise of the attendees the trolley was warm and filled with lots of laughter and singing of Christmas carols. One of Santa's elves drove the bus and she enjoyed the groups enthusiasm as much as we enjoyed hers. We made a stop at Seaport Village to enjoy the holiday festivities. We also got to see the festive holiday lights of Old Town, the Embarcadero, Balboa Park and more. It was a fun two-hour escape from the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations.

Thank you to the Recruiting & Retention committee for hosting this wonderful holiday event.

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!



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Projects will meet Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. The zoom link will be sent to committee members in January. The committee is looking forward to working with ***Kitchens for Good*** in the new year. Community Projects is also eager to continue with the calendar drive. The January & February project will be a *shoe drive*. More information that will follow will provide sizes, total number of pairs needed, etc. The girls participating in the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego will again be the recipients of the shoes.

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.

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



The Communications Committee has grown this year! With the addition of the YouTube Channel, and consistent social media posts, we have reached a bigger audience this year! Sharing all the great projects and support that Soroptimist International

San Diego has been a part of. As the committee continues to grow our social media presence, we need help from members. Please submit a 1-2 paragraph biography of the work you have done with Soroptimist. Members will be featured on a weekly basis. Do you have photos or videos of special events or meetings? Please submit along with a brief description to Jessica at jessicabarajas86@gmail.com to be featured. The committee will be meeting via zoom on January 27, 2022, at 6:00PM.



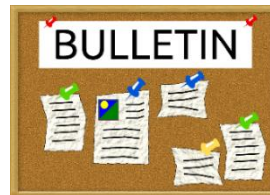
The next SISD Book Club is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, to review *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*.

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

Bird.



Members must now wear a mask at all our meetings!



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI Vista & North County STAT flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rZCvZLwCouT9wZs1MbQH2TXiKtKRyhGt/view?usp=sharing>



Never say that Soroptimist's don't know how to weather – well, any weather! Not to be daunted by cooling temperatures, our monthly

Happy Hour, usually held on Shelter Island -- was moved indoors and spruced up by member Ruth Turoff who taught us all how to tie scarves! A GREAT time was had by all, and we all left with useful booklets that gave us instructions and illustrations on scarf tying methods. Thank you, Ruth! You are a masterful scarf tie-er and we all appreciated the fellowship and lessons!

If you haven't had a chance to join us for these fun and lively happy hours, we meet on the first Friday of each month and our next meet up is TBD until the weathers warms up enough for us to gather again on the water.



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