



June 2023

# Soroptimist International of San Diego

## Sorop-Times

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### President's Message

*Congratulations!*

What an incredible month we had in May! A wonderful visitor from faraway places was the delightful Helen Brown from Staffordshire,

UK! She graced us with a slide show and information and pictures from her Club. It was delightful to have met her and learned more about what her club does. Just goes to show us that women are women and basically care about all the same things all around the globe. It's a reminder to open our eyes and our minds to others. And now we'll look forward to hearing about Bev Parson's latest trip to Turkey and how everyone is doing after their devastating earthquake a few months ago. I can't wait to hear the International Committee's report at our next business meeting!

PHEW! So much activity this past year and it's just flown by! June is our wrap up month and that means a little dredging of the year's activities for Year End Reports from each Committee Chair. We keep promising ourselves to publish all these reports for our next year's Recruitment and Retention Committee to use when recruiting and indoctrinating new members and for seasoned members who like to refresh themselves on a year's worth of a job well done! It makes me a little dizzy to think about all the things we accomplished this year and I'm anxious to gander at what each committee chair has to say! BRAG a little! Be proud of all your accomplishments and there are plenty! So many successful programs and adventures to share and shine with! My hats off to all the Chairs who did magnificent jobs!

And finally, a hearty congratulations to our new Board of Directors! It's just wonderful to see so many new faces! New officers and members bring new ideas and fresh perspectives and that's always a good thing. I know we're all looking forward to next year and beyond! Toodles!!

*President Judy*

### June Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| June 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Victoria Hobbs |
| June 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Judy Lawton    |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Kathy Conrad   |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Ruth Turoff    |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup> | Ashley Blanc   |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup> | Susan Ritchey  |

### June Club Anniversary

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| 1980 | Sharon Rea    |
| 1980 | Margie McNeal |
| 1987 | Mildred Neal  |

### June Club Calendar

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Friday Get Together: 4:00 p.m., Susan Ritchey's home.**

**June 6<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**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – Program Meeting: International Projects committee: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Program Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Joint Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Brittany Tower Social Room.**

### **Save the Date!**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> – SISD Installation 23-24 Officers & Board; 4:00 p.m., President Elect Paula's home (See attached flyer)**

**July 27-29, 2023: SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland**

**March 2, 2024: DCR District III Winter Meeting**

**March 9, 2024: SISD Spring Event, Sycuan Casino Resort**

**April 27-28, 2024: DCR Conference**



## June Inspirations

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Goodrich  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Hobbs

individuals in San Diego who are trying to secure and maintain housing, food, healthcare, education, and work.

SISD members were interested in learning more about the work Anne Marie does as her non-profit interacts with our Soroptimist mission of 'providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment'. What an amazing woman!!



## June Meals

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Goodrich  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Hobbs



At the meeting, SISD members enjoyed meeting Helen Brown from SI Stafford, England. Helen gave a presentation on a new club they have started.



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

[a subcommittee of Recruitment & Retention]

Pictured are left to right: SISD President Judy Lawton, Helen Brown, SI La Mesa President Elena Totten.

At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting the members elected our 2023-24 Officers, Board of Directors and Delegates. Congratulations to all!!!

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 elected officers, directors and leaders of SI San Diego. Your commitment and dedication are deeply appreciated!

Looking at commitment, all members, upon joining SISD, have exhibited a passion for our mission, enthusiasm, and excitement in helping in a variety of ways to successfully achieve our goals. A palindrome is a word, phrase or sequence that reads the same backward as forward. **DWYSYWD** is a common palindrome in many volunteer organizations and is a recurring theme in Soroptimist clubs:

### Do What You Say You Will Do

First and foremost, all have agreed to "show up," "sign up" and "speak up" to the best of their ability. You are respected and valued for your commitment and the ultimate success in keeping our club's programs going and keeping our existence relevant in our community and in the world. We can't do all the things we do without you! Here's to another successful SISD year.

Victoria Hobbs June 2023

- President: Paula Day
- 1st Vice President: Judi Cole
- 2nd Vice President: Jessica Barajas
- Recording Secretary: Grace Meyers
- Treasurer: Beverly Parsons/Joy Brown
- 1-year Director: Eleanor Snyder
- 1-year Director: Angel Gilreath
- 2-year Director: Joanne Martinez
- 2-year Director: Maggie Pierik
- 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

## Public Affairs Committee



The Public Affairs committee extends a big **Thank You** to our May 16<sup>th</sup> speaker. Anne Marie Snyder, Founder and CEO of **You Did It For Me, Inc.** Anne Marie founded her nonprofit that is dedicated to companionship and community action for



SISD member Jeanette Roache asked your editor to publish a note of thanks to the members...she wanted to let everyone know she is doing much better and how much she has enjoyed all the

beautiful cards. Jeanette says: 'I love my SISD sisters SO much!'





Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

**SI La Mesa June Bulletin:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/18QyiF6PiA2Iy6sHXoHX5Fk3IX6JXledY/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18QyiF6PiA2Iy6sHXoHX5Fk3IX6JXledY/view?usp=drive_link)

**SI Vista & North County Inland June Bulletin:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SOy4PzYmxNxOKtPo9sa64UD7mvxdijvl/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SOy4PzYmxNxOKtPo9sa64UD7mvxdijvl/view?usp=drive_link)

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## International Projects

### REPORT FROM TURKEY - MAY 2023 by Beverly Parsons

On February 6, 2023, at 4:17 AM, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked southeast Turkey and adjacent Syria. The confirmed death toll stands at 59,259 with countless injured and missing. The federation board of SI Türkiye did what Soroptimists do and started to work.

1. More than 2000 items of clothing were sent to the area immediately.
2. Zoom meetings were organized to communicate with the earthquake area, the Soroptimist European Union and Soroptimists clubs worldwide.
3. Immediate Financial support was provided to the Antakya club for urgent needs.
4. Ten pallets of water were sent to areas in crisis.
5. Scholarships were set up to support 60 students affected by the earthquake.
6. Shelter (in the form of 10 containers) was provided for women of the Women' Initiative Cooperative and bedding supplied.
7. A container was provided to house Hatay Yellow Silkworms which are in danger of extinction.
8. 300 hygiene packages were delivered along with personal letters.
9. Prostheses were fitted and physical therapy provided for 3 girls who lost their limbs.

10. Eighty sacks of cotton seeds were donated for immediate planting.
11. Desks and cabinets were provided to classroom containers in the public training center at Arsuz-Hatay.
12. Twenty washing machines were installed.

Many schools in the earthquake zone have been totally destroyed, a major concern as our central Soroptimist goal is to emphasize education for women and girls. To that end, immediate efforts are focused on the construction of a school allowing students to continue their education without endangering their future.

SI San Diego, along with SI Tijuana Centro, SI North San Diego County, our friends and families, sent approximately \$9,350.00 to the Turkish Soroptimist Federation in Istanbul. Two members of our Friendship Link, Etiler Soroptimist Istanbul, are on the SI Türkiye board as Vice President and Head of Finance. Four Etiler club members visit the earthquake area on a regular basis. They report that the situation is much worse than we see on cable news.

Many of you reading this report have contributed to this Soroptimist earthquake relief effort. Our friends in Türkiye send their DEEPEST APPRECIATION, both for the financial support and the knowledge that so many of us on this side of the world care.





## DUES ARE DUE!

Our 2023-2024 club year starts on July 1, so it is time to pay your SISD dues. Annual dues

are \$146.18 - \$140.00 dues and \$6.18 Founders Pennies.

**Please pay your dues by June 15, 2023.** Mail a check or pay with credit card at a meeting or via PayPal... [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=N37CFTR6XKTKS](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&hosted_button_id=N37CFTR6XKTKS). See the Dues Statement attached for more details.

**NOTE:** In late April, we received notice from SIA that dues for each member will increase by \$4.00 beginning 2023-2024 club year. When the Board meets in June, we will discuss an increase in our club dues. We have not had an increase in over 8 years. If an increase is approved, it will be due in August or September.

\*\*\* If for any reason you are not able to pay all your dues at this time, contact Paula for payment options. \*\*\*

Dues are important for the administration of the club, our region and our federation. The club's portion of your dues is used for the administration of the club – P.O Box rent, sending our delegates to conferences and conventions, bonding insurance, speaker gifts, supplies, recruitment & retention efforts, leadership training, etc. If you are interested in the finances of the club, take a term as the club's treasurer or join the Budget & Finance Committee!

### **More about Founders Pennies...**

The tradition of Founders Pennies began in 1943 when clubs collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used the money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of pre-World War II political conditions and the war itself. In 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund, and it provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies provided funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 for the Live Your Dream Awards (then called the Training Awards Program).

**How are Founders Pennies used now?** Founders Pennies are now used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and other

SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Founders

Pennies represent approximately 10 percent of the \$1.5 million of contributed income needed for programs.

**How are Founders Pennies calculated?** Founders Pennies are set at \$.06 per member times the number of years that SIA has been in existence... 1921. 6 cents x 103 YEARS! YAY for us!!



One of SI San Diego's 2022-23 **Live Your Dream** recipients recently contacted club members to let them know that she has graduated from San Diego State with a degree

in Public Health. Of course, the club sent her a congratulations card and received the following response from her:

Hi Grace,  
I received the congratulations card from you all. I want to thank you all very much. Reading the card has brightened my day. All of your support means so much to me! Thank you very much, and if you could please let everyone know that I am extremely grateful for their support I would truly appreciate it. Have a wonderful weekend.



Thank you,  
Jazzlyn



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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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And we're on Twitter! Follow us... [https://twitter.com/Soroptimists\\_SD](https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD)  
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### Club Year 2022-2023

President: Judy Lawton

First VP: Ruth Turoff

Recording Secretary: Jessica Barajas

Treasurer: Monica Logan

One-Year Director: Erin Liddell

One-Year Director: Susie Hartmann

Two-Year Director: Eleanor Snyder

Two-Year Director: Angel Gilreath

One Year Delegate: Kathy Biewenga

One Year Alternate Delegate: Allison Whitney-Schnepper

Two Year Delegate: Victoria Hobbs

Two Year Alternate Delegate: Grace Meyers

Parliamentarian: Victoria Hobbs

\*Parliamentarian is an appointed (by the President) position