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# Soroptimist International of San Diego

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### President's Message



Our "recent" weather has felt more like summer ... so we need to remind ourselves it is only March!

March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. This day has officially been recognized by the United Nations since 1977 and is celebrated around the world. There is a lot of interesting history about the development leading up to the recognition of this day. I encourage all of you to read about it.

I learned that International Women's Day is not country, group, nor organization specific. The day belongs to all groups. Purple, green, and white are the colors of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity.

The United Nations acknowledges this day. Their next big goal is Gender Equality by 2030! "The world has made unprecedented advances, but no country has achieved gender equality".

International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, celebrate acts of courage, and accomplishments by ordinary women. This is exactly what we will do on March 6<sup>th</sup> with our *Live Your Dream* awardees at our virtual luncheon. Our Soroptimist programs are to ensure that the future for women and girls is equal, safe, and empowering.

Happy Women's Day to all of you and of course we cannot forget St. Patrick's Day.

May good luck be with you wherever you go,  
And your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow.



*President Terri*

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#### March Club Anniversaries

1991	Paula Day
1993	Sandy Luebben

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#### March Birthdays

March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jennifer Keller
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#### March Meetings

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting;** Happy Hour 5:15 p.m.; Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. **via ZOOM**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Program Meeting;** Live Your Dream; Happy Hour 5:15 p.m., Meeting – 5:30 p.m. **via Zoom**

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The PayPal link for the "Pay the Pig" brags is:

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#### **Save the Date**

- **SISD Book Club sponsored by the Special Events committee: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.**

- **SISD Spring Luncheon: March 6, 2021 – See attached “Save the Date”.**
- **District III Winter Meeting: March 6, 2021, 8:30-11:30 a.m. (additional information attached to email that sent this bulletin.**

## Committee Meetings

**Recruitment & Retention:** Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.; contact Kathy Conrad for Zoom link.

**STAT:** Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.; contact Paula Day for Zoom link. There is no meeting scheduled in March.

## Live Your Dream Program Meeting March 16, 2021 Program Speaker



**Leticia Diaz, M.A.**  
**Director of EOPS, San Diego Mesa College**

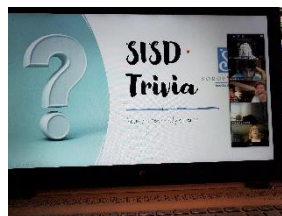
Ms. Diaz serves as the Director of EOPS and Special Programs at San Diego Mesa College. She has developed a passion and desire to increase awareness of the importance of higher education and student support programs and services. Strongly moved by the power of the community college system, she is interested in the overall student access and achievement of higher educational degrees. Ms. Diaz earned her Associate degree from Southwestern College (SWC); Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and obtained her Master of Arts degree in Higher Education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Currently, Ms. Diaz is pursuing a joint Doctor of Educational Leadership degree at California State University, San Marcos and at the University of California, San Diego.

**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)** exists to make sure students disadvantaged by social, economic, educational or linguistic barriers get the resources they need to enroll and succeed at any California community college. It offers comprehensive academic and support counseling, financial aid and a bevy of other services aimed at keeping students from dropping out and helping them reach their educational and career goals.

EOPS students who are single parents receiving public assistance can also access the CARE program, **Cooperative**

**Agencies Resources for Education.** The CARE program offers additional support services so students can transition from welfare dependency by securing the education, training, and marketable skills needed for self-sufficiency and upward social mobility.

Join us March 16<sup>th</sup> as Ms. Diaz discusses the EOPS and CARE program at San Diego Mesa College and how Soroptimists are going beyond the Live Your Dream Award with personal connections that supports students in their transformation and journey towards their educational goals.



## Recruitment & Retention Committee Hosts Virtual Ice Breaker

I had one of those rare forehead slapping AH-HA! moments last week and I thought it might be prudent for me to share it with you. Those of you who are fairly new members may not have a grip on this yet, but for us old timers, it's a bright and beautiful reality.

On Friday night any of our members who were available and especially those who are new or are still digging into our missions and Soroptimist community, were invited to attend a fun "Getting to Know You" meet and greet. The theme was about Soroptimist history and purposes and our Hostesses made sure we had plenty of fun along the way. This Zoom meeting was well attended with about half new members and half of us seasoned ones. Kathy Conrad and Erin Liddell, both just now cutting their teeth on our ways of doing things, took this ball, ran with it, and hit a homerun right out of the park. I have to admit to you that I'm rarely as impressed with anyone's efforts as I am with theirs. It was fun, funny, interesting, innovative, enlightening, challenging, laugh inducing and I emphasize again, FUN! These two ladies left no stone unturned in their efforts to please and educate our newer members and it worked beautifully. I wouldn't have missed it for all the world!

So, now that I've rambled along with my praises about how well this was done, the purpose of my message is this: to all of us seasoned members who hand-wring, mumble and worry about what will happen to our beloved Club and all our

good work continuing when we're gone or no longer able to take on the tasks, it's time to stop worrying. A fresh, new breeze is blowing, and capable new hands have arrived. We've done our job of recruiting new and younger women who will carry on when we can't. Now we must take care to nourish them with our history, experiences---good and not so good---and make sure we leave them with all the tools and visions our predecessors left us with. They deserve all that attention and more. They deserve our accolades because they're taking charge just like we did all those years ago. BRAVO to all of them and their journey. There's a lot of good work left to be done.

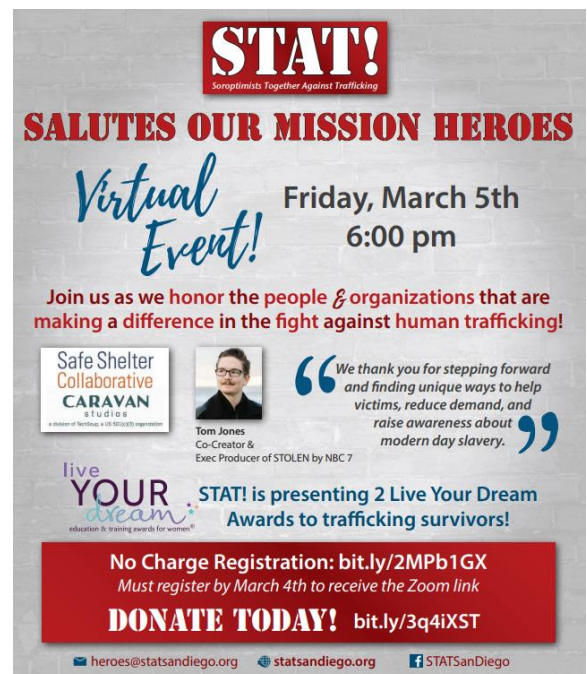
And lastly, I'm so proud of how this chapter is turning out. We should be able to rest easy and know that what we've worked so hard for has new life and new energy. I wish for all of them to have everything we had and have; irreplaceable, lifelong friendships, too many satisfactions of jobs well done to count, inner peace and pleasure for all the women we've helped and served and for all the differences we've made in our amazing Club's 90-year history. BREAK A LEG, ladies! You're in for the ride of your lives! Judy Lawton

## An invitation...

### STAT! Salutes Our Mission Heroes – March 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

STAT! Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking invites you to join us as we salute our Mission Heroes - people and organizations that are making a difference in the fight against human trafficking. These Heroes have stepped forward and found unique ways to help victims, reduce demand, and raise awareness about modern day slavery. A virtual event. No charge registration, but donations are encouraged and appreciated!

<https://statsandiego.org/events/heroes-2021/>



**STAT!**  
Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking

**SALUTES OUR MISSION HEROES**

*Virtual Event!* Friday, March 5th  
6:00 pm

Join us as we honor the people & organizations that are making a difference in the fight against human trafficking!

Safe Shelter Collaborative CARAVAN studios  
a Division of TechSoup, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Tom Jones  
Co-Creator & Exec Producer of STOLEN by NBC 7

“We thank you for stepping forward and finding unique ways to help victims, reduce demand, and raise awareness about modern day slavery.”

live **YOUR dream**  
education & training awards for women®

STAT! is presenting 2 Live Your Dream Awards to trafficking survivors!

No Charge Registration: [bit.ly/2MPb1GX](https://bit.ly/2MPb1GX)  
Must register by March 4th to receive the Zoom link

**DONATE TODAY!** [bit.ly/3q4iXST](https://bit.ly/3q4iXST)

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### Special Events Committee Activity

The March 9th book club group discussion will be about the book **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas <https://angiethomas.com/the-hate-u-give/>. The Zoom link will be forwarded via email.



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

#### SISD La Mesa February Bulletin:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iw929yakWWibhndHKK7KShAINGwHVsrw/view?usp=sharing>



**CHECK IT OUT!**  
We've updated our Website!  
<https://www.sisandiego.org/>

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

A Nominating Committee is being formed to prepare a slate of Officers, Directors and Delegates for the 2021-22 Club Year. The committee is composed of Jennifer Keller, Chair who was appointed by President Terri Welter, a member to be elected by the Board Members at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> special board meeting, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> member to be elected by the membership at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

### Club Bylaws state:

#### ARTICLE V

#### Nominations and Elections

#### Section 1. Nominating Committee.

- 1) A nominating committee of three active members shall be formed by January and shall be chosen in the following manner: The President shall appoint the Chair; the Board of Directors shall elect the second member the Board meeting in December and the club shall elect the third member at the business meeting in January. Only one member may be a Member of the Board of Directors.
- 2) In February, the chair will alert the membership of the nominating procedures and encourage members who are interested in serving to self-identify.
- 3) It is recommended that any member nominated for an office shall have served as a chair of a committee for at least one year. Any member nominated for the Office of President shall have served on the Board of directors for at least two years. Each shall be a voting member in good standing.
- 4) The proposed slate will be published in the April bulletin and presented to the membership at the April business meeting.

## Section 2. Election.

Elections shall be held at the business meeting in May. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be read again at this meeting and additional nominations may be made from the floor provided consent of the nominee has been obtained.

If there is more than one nominee for any office or Board membership, or region delegate or alternate, election for that office or Board membership or region delegate alternate shall be held by office.

**Section 4.** Elections shall be held at the business meeting in May. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be read again at this meeting and additional nominations may be made from the floor provided consent of the nominee has been obtained.

**Section 5.** If there is more than one nominee for any office of Board membership, or region delegate or alternate, election for that office or Board membership or region delegate and alternate shall be held by office.

**Note:** as you can see we are a little behind in electing the board & members representatives but we will be back on schedule by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Soroptimist International of San Diego  
Presents

## Women with Vision

A Virtual Fashion Show and Boutique

Honoring

live  
**YOUR**  
dream  
education & training awards for women

Award Winners

Saturday, March 6, 2021

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From the comfort of your own home

[Click here for more information and registration!](#)

Fashion Show by Gretchen Productions

Soroptimist International of San Diego, a 501 c(3)  
non-profit organization FEIN 95-6091424 sisandiego.org

## A Message from DCR Region Referencing the March 6<sup>th</sup> District III Winter Meeting

The DIII Winter Meeting is less than a week away. Thank you to those who have registered. If you have not, please see the invitation that is attached to the email that brought you this bulletin and register by using the link in the green box near the end of the page. This is an individual registration. There will be a Roundtable style discussion in the Public Awareness and Fundraising workshops. You have an opportunity to ask a question on the registration link. You will also have a "Shout out" time at the end of the meeting to highlight your upcoming events and/or club accomplishments.

We will also be playing Laurel Society Bingo for an opportunity to grow, or begin, your Laurel Society Membership. You may purchase a bingo card(s), \$10.00 donation, by Paypal at [treasurer@soroptimistdcr.org](mailto:treasurer@soroptimistdcr.org) or contacting Treasurer Carla to make payment arrangements. See the Roster in the DCR website for Carla's contact information.

You will also receive Region updates and information about the Spring Conference.

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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."**



### 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)



### 2020-2021 Officers & Board Members

- Terri Welter—President
- Tango (Colleen) Tangorra---1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Cindy Youngers---2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Susan Hartmann---Secretary
- Joy Brown---Treasurer
- 1-year Director---Vacant
- 1-year Director---Victoria Hobbs
- 2-year Director---Grace Meyers
- 2-year Director---Kathy Conrad
- 1-year Delegate---Joy Brown
- 1-year-Alt Delegate---Ruth Turoff
- 2-year Delegate---Monica Logan
- 2-year Alt-Delegate---Susan Ritchey
- Parliamentarian---Jennifer Keller