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President's Message

International Women's Day is March 8th

*"Gender equality today
for a sustainable
tomorrow".* This is a

special day to recognize the contributions of women and girls around the world who are leading the charge to build a more sustainable future for all. There are many websites addressing the issues being brought forward on March 8th. I hope all of us can take time to read and acknowledge this important celebration.

The color green also comes to mind when thinking about March. Our club should be proud that we are contributing to being a "greener club". No longer do we supply plastic water bottles, plastic glasses or forks! Many of our members bring their own wine glasses for happy hour! Every little bit helps, and I hope everyone appreciates our small contribution to the environment.

Remember to "spring forward" on March 13th. Moving forward in our lives is so important!

Most importantly is our **March 12th Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon, Diamonds and Divas**. Invite everyone you know, it's not too late!

President Terri

March Birthdays

March 17th Angel Gilreath
March 23rd Jennifer Keller

March Club Anniversaries

1991

Paula Day

March Club Calendar

March 1st Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business meeting 6:00 p.m. Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

March 4th First Friday Meet-up/STAT Watch Party: Location Terri Welter's home; 4:30 p.m. Bring drink(s) & nibbles (for yourself or to share).

March 4th STAT Salutes Mission Heroes Virtual Event: register at bit.ly/heroes2022.

March 5th District III Winter Meeting

March 8th Book Club: 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

March 12th: Spring Fundraising Event: Diamonds & Divas, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

March 15th Program Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Program meeting 6:00 p.m. Community Projects, Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego 92103.

Committee Meetings

International Projects: March 22nd, 11:30 a.m., the social room at Brittany Tower.

Recruitment & Retention: March 3rd, 4:00 p.m. via zoom.

Save the Date!

STAT: "Salutes our Mission Heroes" award virtual event.
March 4th: 6-8 p.m. No charge. To register:
registrationbit.ly/heroes2022.

Spring Fundraiser: March 12th: Sheraton Harbor Island.

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

SIA Virtual Convention: July 22 & 23, 2022.



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Invites you to
Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon
Celebrating 100+ years of empowering women

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March 12, 2022

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina
1380 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

10 a.m.- Boutique Shopping
Noon- Luncheon, Awards, Paddle Raise
1:15 p.m.- Fashion Show presented by Gretchen Productions
2 p.m.- Opportunity Drawing and more shopping!

For Regular Tickets - \$100 each - Click [HERE](#)
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COMMUNICATIONS



Please submit a fabulous 'professional' photo of yourself along with a favorite quote and bio of your work with Soroptimist, to Jessica!

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**EMPOWERING
WOMEN
TOGETHER**

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

SISD's Community Projects committee & club members will be hosting our March 15th program speakers from *Kitchens for Good*, Director Lindsey and CEO Jennifer.



Clean out your kitchen

PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW OR GENTLY USED KITCHEN ITEMS TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROGRAM MEETING ON MARCH 15. KITCHENS FOR GOOD WILL SHARE THEIR MISSION AND HOW SISD WILL SUPPORT THEM AS WELL AS COLLECT YOUR ITEMS.

THESE ITEMS WILL THEN BE SOLD AT THEIR NEW KITCHENWARE THRIFT STORE TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF KITCHENS FOR GOOD

KITCHENS FOR GOOD



LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Inspire People
- ✓ Empower People
- ✓ Shared Vision
- ✓ Lead Change

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

The Recruitment & Retention committee encourages you to sign-in to SIA's upcoming training session on **Club Operations Training** being held on March 31st. There is no cost involved and the session will help you to familiarize you with SISD's club operations. PLEASE place this interesting and helpful session on your calendar.

Are you ready to learn more about building a better club experience?

We hope so! An African proverb states: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

As members of a club, we want to accomplish something greater than anything we could accomplish on our own as individuals. TOGETHER we can ensure women and girls can live their dreams!

To help clubs function at their highest level, we invite you to join us for an upcoming training. Although this training is designed for club officers to improve the club experience, all members are welcome to attend.



We hope you will join us and Soroptimists from all around world! More information about how to register will be sent in the coming weeks.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions at this time. SI Headquarters



ARE YOU A FENCE RIDER?

A fence rider sits with her legs dangling down each side of a fence and is torn between two options.

Those two options in this case are, "do I go to the Desert Coast Region Spring conference, or don't I". If I go, what will I learn? Will I have fun? Will others in attendance accept and like me? How many other Clubs will be there? YES, YES, YES and probably around 38 Clubs in attendance. Let me explain!

Of course, I'm a believer that you learn nearly everything at Happy Hour! First in someone in our group's room with tasty treats and self-inflicted BYOB. So many plans have been made over the years while sitting on someone else's bed, drinking from plastic containers and eating the snacks that so many will bring! It's when our intimate friends and sister members gather to laugh, rejoice at being together and really come together as a unit that works hard to make life better for women and girls in our particular community. Then on we go to the main Happy Hour because that's when everyone congregates, has mini meets and greets, sees old friends, and makes new ones, and best of all, shares what each club is up to and what their special projects are! You'll walk away with so many great ideas about what to think about doing in our own club next year!

And it's all about learning! Since we've all been pretty much locked up in our homes for two years, there hasn't been much of a chance to have any training sessions of any kind and it's a terrible shame for all of our new(er) members. It's hard to do a great job when you don't really know why or how or for how long. There are sessions to teach you such things and while we in our own club do it so much better (because we simply have more time), it's a start---and a necessary one at that!

Bigger picture thinking will dawn on you, too. Once you see so many different clubs from the Southern California Desert Coast Region and have a chance to speak with them, learn from them, get to know them so future conferences will be like a homecoming, you won't want to ever miss one! Those of us who have been going to these conferences for years and years, don't tend to miss them and there are reasons for that! It's like a renewal of why we're Soroptimists in the first place. When you meet and see that other clubs and their members who do work just as hard as we do, it's really enlightening. And every single woman in the place will have the same reasons for doing this as you do! It's magical to feel that renewal/recharge and we all need that.



The next SISD Book Club is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, to review the book "The Last Blue Special" by Abigail Padgett.

It seems impossible that two healthy female politicians could have both died from a cerebral hemorrhage within days of each other. The police hire Blue McCarron and Roxie Bouchie as consultants. The two women, who are involved professionally and personally, work with evangelical preachers, former convicts and paintball playing plastic surgeons to find this unorthodox killer. (The story is based in San Diego.)



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI Vista & North County February news bulletin:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OTugXNjHwWPSQ5hArJ-kElySjx59AQDSC/view?usp=sharing>

SI La Mesa February news bulletin:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11V22H8ZGQDsnCjDzubmsVcLs5H7NTuOr/view?usp=sharing>

So, grab a compatible buddy and make your reservations at the Doubletree. Two to a room is lovely but we've had as many as four with roll-a-ways when the rooms sell out. It's fun! See for yourself!

International Projects: What does the *International* in *SISD* Mean to You?

International is in every Soroptimist Clubs' name, so let's do a quick refresher on what this really means. Although the first Soroptimist Club was started in Alameda County, California one hundred years ago, the Founders from Day One saw Soroptimist as an International Organization, and they took immediate steps to accomplish this. Soroptimist International's headquarters is in Cambridge, England, one of Great Britain's two famous university cities. And all the international work of our organization originates and is directed from this site.

Kathy Biewenga of SISD's International Committee, bless her heart, did some international sleuthing, and she discovered that on January 29th the *Soroptimist International Advocacy Team* would hold the first session of a three-part series to focus on the *Purposes* and *Logistics* needed to participate in the *UN's 66th Session Commission on The Status of Woman*, to be held in New York at the United Nations on March 14 to 25th, 2022.

I listened in on this session and I can assure you of one thing: The International arm of Soroptimist is a really big deal. Session participants consisted of 45 members from every continent. Discussions focused on both GO (Governmental) and NGO (Non-Governmental) Organizations that focus on Proposals and Issues that fall under the *Status and Gender Empowerment of Women*. The content and nitty-gritty details of the issues being discussed was impossible to fully comprehend. But one point I did learn from an Australian participant was that changing references to 'Women' must be preceded by 'ALL'. This because using 'Women' alone delegates coverage that ends with the child-bearing years, leaving uncovered women beyond 49 years old.

The other thing I can report is the respect that Soroptimists have for and from United Nations Representatives. The group of attendees, as diverse as were their locations and backgrounds, were totally tuned in to both local and international issues. And those who had been through previous Commissions made it clear that the meetings would be intense and draining. I came away from this experience feeling rightly humbled by the intensity and competence of

our Organization's International leaders. We truly are the International Organization of our title.

written by Anna Curren

The next meeting of the International Projects Committee will be on March 22, 2022, at Brittany Towers.

The STAT event scheduled for Friday 3/4/22 has been moved to a "Virtual Event", so, for us to still get together and support STAT, President Terri Welter has opened her home for our first Friday Happy Hour/STAT Watch Party!

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

When: Friday 3/4/22

Where: Terri Welter's Home

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