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President's Message

It's time to celebrate the merry month of May. The sun is warming, the flowers are blooming and perhaps you have planted a garden and it is beginning to grow.

Personally, I grow another year older every May and will also be celebrating 24 years of marriage this month.

Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day are well known days to celebrate this month. However, as Soroptimists, I hope most of us will be attending the virtual DCR Spring conference on May 1 & 2. I know we are all proud that Colleen Murphy is a finalist for the LYD awards. The Keynote Speaker's topic is *Dream It, Be It*.

For many, Spring is a new beginning, yet here we are almost finished with our 2020-2021 year! As Soroptimist, this is an important month. We need to vote for a new Board, a President, and to start planning our goals for 2021-2022. Please consider what we want "in person" meetings to look like and where should they be held? Who wants to Chair a committee and which committees will you be on? These are especially important questions for our continued success. I really need every one's help, so these tasks are accomplished before we are 'dark' in July.

Enjoy the month of May! We all have so much to be grateful for!

"Plant flowers in others' gardens and your life becomes a bouquet!
-Author Unknown

President Terri

May Club Anniversaries

1980	Sharon Rea
1980	Margie McNeil
1987	Mildred Neal

May Birthdays

May 5 th	Nancy Goodrich
May 12 th	Terri Welter

May Meetings

May 4th Business Meeting; Happy Hour 5:15 p.m.; Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. **via ZOOM**

May 18th: Program Meeting; SISD/Girls Club History; Happy Hour 5:15 p.m., Meeting – 5:30 p.m. **via Zoom**

April 27th Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Meeting **via Zoom**

The PayPal link for the "Pay the Pig" brags is:
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&hosted_button_id=ZXM3HVT2AD9DE&source=url



Save the Date!

SISD Book Club sponsored by the Special Events committee: May 11th, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM, "*When We Were Mermaids*" by Barbara O'Neal.

Desert Coast Region Annual Conference (Virtual): May 1-2, 2021.

June Program Meeting: Will be held on **Saturday, June 12th** NOT Tuesday, June 15th. The meeting will be held by Zoom and will be a cooking class demonstration given by our Friendship Link, SI Etiler, Istanbul, Turkey. More information will follow.

Committee Meetings

International Projects: Tuesday, May 18th, 11:30 a.m., Carol Levy's home.

Recruitment & Retention: Tuesday, May 11th, 10:00 a.m.; contact Kathy Conrad for Zoom link.

STAT: Tuesday, May 12th, 5:30 p.m.; contact Paula Day for Zoom link.

Nominating Committee Report

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 shall be held by office.



Candidate Slate of Officers & Board Members 2021-2022

President: Terri Welter

First VP: Tango Tangorra

Second VP: Ruth Turoff

Recording Secretary: Jessica Barajas

Treasurer: Joy Brown

One-Year Director: Grace Meyers

One-Year Director: Kathy Conrad

Two-Year Director: Erin Liddell

Two-Year Director: Susie Hartmann

One Year Delegate: Monica Logan

One Year Alternate Delegate: Susan Ritchey

Two Year Delegate: Kathy Biewenga

Two Year Alternate Delegate: Allison Whitney-Schnepper



DUES ARE DUE!

It's that time of the year again... dues time. Our annual dues is \$146.06 - \$140.00 dues and \$6.06 Founders Pennies. NOTE: there has not been a dues increase in 7 years. Please pay your dues by June 15, 2021. Mail a check or pay with credit card via PayPal....

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=8ZVUP7C9N7FR8. For all the details, see the Dues Statement included with this newsletter.

*** 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 because 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... 6 cents x 101 YEARS! Woo hoo!!



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Etiler, Istanbul, Turkey. More information will follow.

Part of the DCR Conference festivities includes an online auction. Clubs were asked to donate a basket, gift certificate, etc. Check it out. Bid early. Bid often. Be a winner! Auction ends Sunday, May 2nd at 10:45 am.

<https://www.32auctions.com/DCRConference2021>



Your **Public Affairs Committee** is delighted to let you know that our very own Jessica Barajas of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Her topic? The history of the Girls Club that our Club helped found many, many years ago; what's happened to it over the years and what's happening with

this important national organization now. The program has input from so many of our members like Nancy Goodrich, Dr. Angelique Hood, both former Board members and Associates of the Girls Club, and Paula Day, our historian who has lots of pictures and memorabilia to share. Come and listen to a bit of history about our Club that maybe you didn't know! And bring a friend!

Jessica Barajas, ASES Manager (she/her/ella)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, San Diego, CA

Jessica Barajas was born and raised in Southeast San Diego. She has been a part of the youth development movement for over 15 years, which started when she was in High School, given the opportunity to be a student worker. Jessica has been a part of Before & After School Programs, Juvenile Diversion, Color Guard, as well as Intramural Sports Programs to name a few. The majority of her career has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, as she started as a Program Leader, directly working with youth. She now runs a region of school sites and focuses on enhancing programs and staff training that will create opportunities that young people didn't have before.

She comes from a big family and is the first generation to attend and graduate from College with a BS in Human Services Management. She is currently in her MBA program and hopes to acquire a well-rounded wealth of knowledge to help give back to the communities that set her up for success. She has had many great mentors and hopes to share her passion with many people to come.

Top 5 Strengths: Strategic | Learner | Achiever | Restorative | Command

Top 5 Character Strengths: Bravery | Humor | Love of Learning | Leadership | Spirituality

Pictured with Jessica, her mother Marisela Barajas. Bachelor's graduation at Petco Park 2012.



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI La Mesa May Bulletin:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kIuZc2WTAi5eHAEL5oajfPHbTAd8zthk/view?usp=sharing>

SI La Mesa Fundraiser:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJ-NhLklib8OrN-ACYowKIJhuhKeoOs/view?usp=sharing>

SI Visa, North County Bulletin:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g3pumH0eV15J-mhRkoYTHqtcXYjcnF/view?usp=sharing>

SI La Jolla Fundraiser:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f1MyE7F_CknQn3FSh71elY2hfXmS5jfz/view?usp=sharing

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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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2020-2021 Officers & Board Members

Terri Welter—President
Tango (Colleen) Tangorra---1st Vice President
Cindy Youngers---2nd Vice President
Susan Hartmann---Secretary
Joy Brown---Treasurer
1-year Director---Erin Liddell
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