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President's Message



Hello SISD members and friends!

October 14 was our frightfully fun **Soroptimist Spooktacular Soiree!** Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, donated or all three. BIG THANKS to Chair Margie McNeil and her hardworking committee. (Note: Margie was hardworking too, not just the committee!) Congratulations to Judy Lawton for winning the costume contest. Oh my! Mark your calendar now for **March 9, 2024**, the date for our Spring Fashion Show and Live Your Dream Luncheon.

Vanessa Aduskevich was inducted as a new member of our club on October 17. Vanesa and her husband Kyle recently moved to San Diego. We can already see that they had the Soroptimist spirit at the Spooktacular Soiree by dressing up as sweaty astronauts and helping out with the carnival games. Welcome to SI San Diego, Vanessa!

In the latest *Development Dispatch* from Soroptimist Headquarters, our club was recognized for supporting the Dream Big Campaign, making a Club Giving contribution and donating Founders Pennies. And we had two members, Jessican Barajas and Susie Hartmann, reach the Attache Level for their donations to Laurel Society.

Are you ready to **Orange the World**? Join the global campaign with 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. The campaign takes place every year **from November 25** - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women **to December 10** - World Human Rights Day/Soroptimist International Foundation Day. For 2023, Soroptimist International has developed a campaign for Soroptimists around the globe with the theme **"Wired for Change: Tech's Impact on Gender-Based Abuse."** Wired for Change looks at the impact that technology has had in shaping gender-based abuse and violence; how it has been a force for bad but also how it has impacted the world positively. How will you **Orange the World**? <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/16-days-of-activism/>.

Wishing you all lots of good eats and gratitude this Thanksgiving!

Paula
President

November Birthdays

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| November 1 st | Bridget Malowney |
| November 5 th | Maureen McGrath |
| November 19 th | Eleanor Snyder |
| November 26 th | Monica Logan |

November Club Anniversaries

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| 1981 | Victoria Hobbs |
| 2006 | Anna Curren |
| 2020 | Erin Liddell |

November Calendar

November 3rd – First Friday Happy Hour begins at 4:00 p.m., Shelter Island across from Humphrey's. Bring your own drinks & munchies to share.... and a chair.

November 4th – District III Fall Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Blvd., Alpine 91901

November 7th – Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

November 21st – DARK – No Meeting

Scheduled Committee Meetings

STAT: November 8; 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Save the Date!

- November 4th – District III Fall Meeting; SI Alpine hosting.
- December 2nd – SISD Day at the Del Mar Races
- March 2, 2024: DCR District III Winter Meeting
- March 9, 2024: SISD Spring Event, Sycuan Casino Resort
- April 27-28, 2024: DCR Conference



Inspiration

November 07: Susie Hartmann



November Meal Menu

11/07/23 – Sandwich platter, Salad, Pasta Salad, Dessert



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI Norwalk South of the Border flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sK7iTOt8dbTRWNJIW247DsOZUdZ9Qgy/view?usp=drive_link

SI Lemon Grove Bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IiaOckgYry8VdsGCFVYslhBJPoYv5On/view?usp=drive_link

SI La Mesa November Bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hfe6Add5iOOct1F7UoJ_uTPaXIBeEanrsj/view?usp=drive_link

SI Ramona Wine Bingo flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R2ZYl9IV-E8-Y8bL6elS5ob8Kbyq2g4V/view?usp=drive_link



Immediate Past President Judy Lawton inducted Vanessa Aduskevich into Soroptimist membership at the October 17th program meeting.

Vanessa has recently moved, courtesy of the US Navy, to the San Diego area with her husband Kyle & their sons.

Vanessa is an Executive Administration & Transaction Coordinator for Mike Blair Realty. She originally hails from Washington State and has spent the last several years residing in South Carolina.

Vanessa tells us she first heard of Soroptimist when a friend brought her to a meeting in Washington, but she moved before she could join. She says she is looking forward to meeting like-minded people, and to help build a community and provide women with opportunities that she did not have.

Vanessa will join her sponsor Jessica Barajas and other members attending District III's Winter Meeting in Alpine this coming Saturday. We welcome her and her family to San Diego.

Editor's Note: PDF flyers for both the See's Candy Sales and the Soroptimist Day at the Races are attached to the email that brought you this news bulletin.

The photos that follow are for your information only.

PLEASE use the flyers attached to the email to forward to your friends/family. The link on the flyer will take you directly to the order forms. Thank you for supporting SISD!



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SAN DIEGO
SEE'S CANDY YUM-RAISER!**

Do you enjoy supporting a great cause?
Do you struggle with selecting gifts for the holidays?
Do you have a sweet tooth?!

If you said yes, to any of these questions, support our YUM-Raiser!)

Click on the [link](#) select your candy and your order will be delivered to the address of your choice!



Want to join our service group?



Visit us at www.sisandiego.org for more information about our club

Oh boy! Now that Halloween is a memory (well, almost!), it's time to gear up for the Holiday Season which means gifts for potlucks, parties, neighbors (especially those who drop by with an unexpected gift), employees, Bunko Babes, gift exchanges, etc. Ever find yourself scratching your head wondering what in the world you may have stashed away from last year or all year long shopping that might do at the last minute? If yes to any of the above, your Soroptimist Fund Development committee has the perfect solution! See's Candies have been a staple for many of us for eons, but finally there's a better way! You can order online, with a 20% credit of all sales directed to our Club and you can have your purchases delivered to just about anywhere. If you need it for yourself as a gift giving effort, send it to yourself. If you have an out-of-town family or friends you'd like to remember,

send it directly to them. Easy-Peasy! Just follow the link provided and follow the instructions.

And while you're at it, send this flyer with the link included to all your neighbors, friends, relatives, employees, etc. Heck, they may just love the opportunity to not only support us but make their Holiday shopping experience that much easier! And remember, 20% of all purchases will fatten our coffers significantly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do give Judy Lawton a call (619-952-0166) and she'll do her very best to rectify whatever it is you either don't understand or have trouble with. Happy Shopping!

**SOROPTIMIST DAY
AT THE DEL MAR RACES!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
FIRST RACE STARTS AT 2:00PM**

**CASUAL/PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE FOR WOMEN,
JACKETS FOR MEN**

TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY INTO THE TURF CLUB

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS NOVEMBER 1, 2023

**TURF CLUB
DEL MAR RACETRACK
2200 JIMMY DURANTE BLVD.
DEL MAR, CA 92014**

**CONTACT JUDY LAWTON TO SIGN UP
JUDY@JUDYLAWTON.COM
TICKETS ARE \$50 PER PERSON. [CLICK HERE TO PAY](#)**

What could be finer than a lovely afternoon at the horse races? This flyer contains all the information you and your family should need to sign up for the experience of a lifetime! The Turf Club is luxurious, and we are required to dress a bit above dungaree standard (meaning jackets—no ties—for fellows and business casual for the ladies) and a flyer with all pertinent details will be sent when you sign up). We've checked with the Turf Club, and they assure us that people

under 21 years of age are acceptable if they don't drink or gamble. But what an experience it will be for all of us to watch the ponies' race, raise a glass or two with great friends and sister Soroptimists and their families! Our sign-up time is short, so be sure to do this quickly. It will be an awesome afternoon that will get us off to a great Holiday Season start!

Community Projects News



Umbrella Drive

Donations are for new and pregnant teen students, earning their high school degree at The Lindsay School.

These donations will help keep these young women dry, as they walk to school in the rain and cool during a sunny day.

Please bring your donations to the District III Fall Meeting

Please direct any questions to:
Terri Welter, District III Director
terriwelter55@gmail.com
714-864-6800

Can't donate in person?
Click [HERE](#) to donate via PayPal



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Investing in Dreams

SI San Diego's Community Projects Committee has recently established an association with Lindsay Community School. The school is an education program in partnership with Children of the Rainbow for pregnant and parenting teens in grades 9 through 12 who are referred by probation, social services, or school district officials. Children of students at Lindsay Community School attend Lindsay Early Learning Academy, a preschool housed on the same campus.

During the month of October, members are asked to bring gently used umbrellas, which will be delivered to the school in early November.



2023-2024 Dues Increase

At the October 3, 2023, business meeting, members approved the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget that included a \$40 dues increase. Please make the payment by 12/31/2023 using the PayPal link below or give a check or cash to Treasurer Bev at our November or December business meetings.

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=XKDQUJKYKE892

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

[a subcommittee of Recruitment & Retention]

Last month we celebrated Founders Day, remembering our Soroptimist beginnings 101 years ago in Alameda County, California and the 80 women who chartered that first club. Remembering Violet Richardson Ward, the Charter President, is always fun as she was a visionary, a strong leader and quite a unique individual. Stories about Violet are on our website, but here's a few some may have missed:

- Violet only became the Charter President after 3 ballots were taken. There had been a tie in the votes cast until Violet finally voted for herself to break the tie.
- A graduate of UC Berkeley, Violet received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education and Science. She was the first Berkeley graduate chosen as the "Most Outstanding Woman in California" in physical education.
- Since many of the members had not known each other prior to joining Soroptimist, they were inclined toward formality. Back in 1921, they never used their given names. Violet wanted to change that and suggested they all use their given names rather than their surnames. To ensure this, Violet imposed a penalty of a \$1 fine for *each* infraction.

Violet considered involvement in public affairs and issues to be of great "service." She once said she never would have considered the Soroptimist movement had she not been assured that it would be worldwide AND dedicated to all matters of justice and quality of life.

Victoria Hobbs, SISD, November 2022

International Projects

Educate to Lead Awardee - Jaimie

Jaimie has faced many challenges in her life and still does. Learning to manage her finances and wellbeing are really important to her. Though she has a part time job and is a single parent of three children, two of which are in school one in primary and one at intermediate school, she is determined to reach her goal. Jaimie's goal is to own her own business and be a role model for her children. She is currently pursuing a leadership course that leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Business (Team Leadership) with UpSkills which will equip her with the right tools to lead with confidence.



In partnership between Soroptimist International North Shore and Soroptimist International San Diego.
sinorthshore@siswp.org

SI San Diego and SI North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand have enjoyed a vibrant & productive Friendship Link for nearly 10 years.

Club members establish 'friendship links' with other clubs in different countries and different Federations. Like a buddy-up scheme, it allows members from different clubs to help each other out, give advice and generally support one another in a whole host of ways.

Very soon after establishing a friendship link SISD worked with New Zealand on a *Knickers for the Needy* project that secured new lingerie to donate to women's shelters and other groups that work with women. SISD provided the seed money for the project and the SI North Shore members provided the labor. After several years of working together on this project, a new grant project was initiated. SI North Shore titled the program *Educate of Lead*.

The *Education to Lead* project, while modeled after SIA's *Live Your Dream* program, was adjusted to accommodate New Zealand's education, living & social norms. The award is a shared project between SI San Diego & SI North Shore Auckland with both clubs contributing an equal amount of money to fund the project.

In order to source applicants for this year's awards SI North Shore contacted Up Skills, a training consultancy specializing in building the communication skills of people in the New Zealand workforce. Their unique approach combines training sessions with mentoring and coaching. This helps cement positive change and grows the potential of both individuals and businesses as a whole.

Jaimie Cromer has been selected as the recipient of this year's *Educate to Lead* grant (roughly \$2000 depending on currency conversion). Jaimie is a New Zealander of Cook Island/Maori descent, a 38-year-old single mother with 3 children. She is currently employed and is bettering herself by taking the UPSkills Leadership program. She wants to fine tune her

leadership style and have smart goals to improve herself. Her goal is to have her own business and help to teach her children what she learns.

SI San Diego is enormously proud of Jaimie and is looking forward to working with our friendship link SI North Shore Auckland next year and for many years to come.



From left to right: Jaimie's son, Jaimie, Jaimie's daughter, and SI North Shore Auckland President Hantie Theron.

SI San Diego puts on great/spectacular fund-raising events! If you were in attendance, THANK YOU. We know you had a fun time, and it was for a worthy cause!! If you missed the event, there is always next year! Keep a spot on your calendar & hope to see you next year!!!





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And we're on Twitter! Follow us... https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD
[#SoroptimistAtWork](https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD)

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