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President's Message



Hello SISD members and friends!

Happy Fall! With the autumnal equinox on September 23, it's official.

(Did you notice that the sun rose in the due east and set in the due west that day?) So, it's time for sweater weather, fall leaves, and everything pumpkin spice. Ugh.

Thank you again to 1st Vice President Judi Cole and 2nd Vice President Jessica Barajas for helping while I was away. And thanks to Fall Fundraising Chair Margie McNeil and her committee for hosting a scary fun program with BINGO on September 19.

Our Soroptimist Spooktacular Soiree is coming up in less than 2 weeks... on October 14! Do you have your tickets yet? Have you invited all your friends and family? Get your tickets now before they sell out. It's sure to be a frightfully fun evening with games, raffle baskets, silent auction, and a fortune teller. By popular demand, Dylan's Steel Band is back with their very danceable steel drum music. Most importantly, there will be a costume contest! So be sure to dress to scare or to enchant. For tickets and more information, watch for our emails and check out our website www.sisandiego.org.

I often wonder how many people read these President's Letters. As a test this month, I will give 2 free tickets for our Spooktacular Soiree to the first person (nonmembers only) to read this and contact me.

Happy Founders Day to us on October 3! On that day in 1921, the first Soroptimist club was founded in Oakland, California, USA. It was a day when a group of female pioneers, led by President Violet Richardson, united in their purpose to create an organization committed to improving the lives of women

and girls. What started as a single club with 80 women philanthropists, is now a global network of Soroptimist federations with more than 75,000 members across six continents! Read more about Soroptimist Founding History written by our own Anna Curren at our website <https://www.sisandiego.org/soroptimist-founding-history.html>.

See you all at our Soroptimist Spooktacular Soiree!

Paula
President

October Birthdays

October 21st Sharon Rea

October Club Anniversaries

1983	Kathy Biewenga
1983	Beverly Parsons
1998	Judi Cole
2019	Kathy Conrad
2019	Susie Hartmann
2019	Dr. Angelique Hood
2019	Grace Meyers
2019	Ruth Turoff
2020	Jessica Barajas

October Calendar

October 6th – First Friday Happy Hour begins between 3:30-4:00 p.m., Susan Richey's home.

Bring your own drinks and something to share. Bring your pumpkin and succulent cuttings for decorating. If you have a glue gun, please bring it.

October 3rd – Business Meeting: Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

October 14th – Fall Fundraising Event *Spectacular Soiree*, Bankers Hill Club, 3030 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

October 17th – Program Meeting: STAT committee:
Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Bankers Hill Club, 3030
Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

October 24th – Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Zoom

Scheduled Committee Meetings

Community Projects: October 5, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87257830515?pwd=KvmzAcC8Vn8eT7Vay3IHMOQM913qmc.1>
Meeting ID: 872 5783 0515
Passcode: 241532Zom

International Projects: October 10; 11:30 a.m., Terri
Welter's home

Recruitment & Retention: October 24; 11:00 a.m.,
Brittany Tower social room

Save the Date!

- October 14th - Fall Fundraising Event
- October 29th – 100th Year of Independence; House of Turkey, Balboa Park
- November 4th – District 3 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



Inspirations

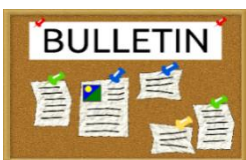
October 3rd: Jessica Barajas
October 17th : Terri Welter



October Meal Menu

10/3/2023 - Business Meeting: Mini Sandwiches on Pretzel Bread & Potato Salad

10/17/2023 - Program Meeting: Green Salad with Diced Chicken Option on the Side with dressing



Community event flyers & newsletters are received electronically by SISD.

To view, please click on the links:

SI Vista and North County Inland October bulletin:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oJbMW5t_nf2aZC_AG-U7OdQtOTG8BBG3/view?usp=drive_link

SI La Mesa September Bulletin:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pi-Qyy2PoXrMtvT6ZaU_kub2wA1mPaV/view?usp=drive_link



We're cackling with glee!

It's only TWO weeks until our most fun Spooktacular Soiree. This will be an event not to be missed! A fabulous live band, a spirited fortune teller, freakish games and ghoulish food start the evening. A creative costume contest will reveal who we really are. Exciting and valuable silent auction items and opportunity drawings will make us wish we could have them all. The planning is done, items are on their way. The thing that is left for all of us is to invite our friends, family and anyone we deal with in our businesses.

For those who like to craft or just help or have a glass of wine, we are decorating pumpkins at Susan Ritchey's house on Friday, October 6th at anytime you can make it after 4:00. It's easy – no carving.

Send the attached flyer to your family, friends and anyone you know.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



reinforce achievements of humanity.” These are designated days which the UN has embraced as a powerful advocacy tool.

What can we do on this special day? Here are a few ideas that I am going to do and would love to hear your ideas at our October 3rd meeting.

1. Educate yourself about the global issue of Gender Equality as it pertains to SDG’s, Beijing Conference on Women and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), UN Women and then share what you learned.
2. Support other women in business.
3. Watch Youtube - Thomas & Friends on Gender Equality – Goal #5 and share it with all your friends and relatives that have younger children.

“Now more than ever, we must renew our commitment to work together so that girls enjoy and exercise their rights and can play a full and equal part in their communities and societies. Investing in girls is investing in our common future.”

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

October 11 is International Day of the Girl Child

In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as this day to recognize girls’ rights and unique challenges girls face around the world. In 2015 the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted for a goal in 2030 to create a roadmap for progress that is sustainable and leaves no one behind. As I reported back after SI convention in Dublin, our society (and the world) seems to be going backwards, not forwards in this area.

Investments in girls’ rights remain limited and girls continue to confront a myriad of challenges. Their education, their physical and mental wellness and need to be protected from a life without violence has been made worse by concurrent crises of climate change, COVID-19 and humanitarian conflict around the world.

Why does Soroptimist International mark this day on our calendar?

“International days and weeks are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate and



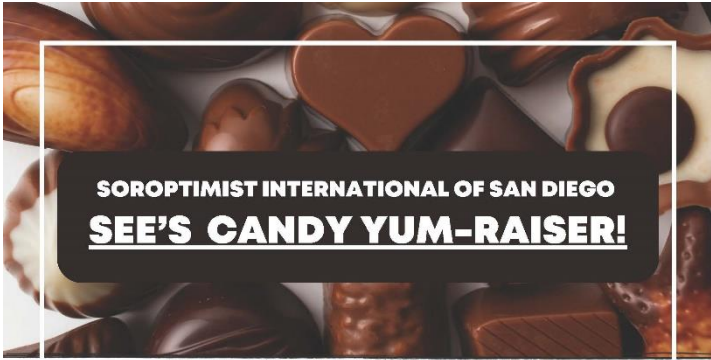
Community Projects News

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 on Friday, October 27th.

Stay tuned for more information about Lindsay school!



**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!



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Want to join our service group?
Visit us at www.sisandiego.org for more information about our club

**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

International Projects

Soroptimist International of Eitler, Istanbul, Turkey is one of SI San Diego's long-term Friendship Links. We have shared many projects including our Turkish rug school and the Balat House cooking and catering school among others. Various SISD members have visited Istanbul and Istanbul members have been guests of SISD.

The House of Turkey in Balboa Park is celebrating 100 years of the Turkish Republic. Our International Projects committee chair has been in contact with the House of Turkey to wish them a successful celebration. Their event committee has asked us to get out the news about the celebration by sharing the following flyer with friends.

House of Türkiye
Celebrating **100 years** of the **Turkish Republic**

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29 October, 2023 | Balboa Park
Between 11:00 and 5:00 PM | International Cottages, Lawn Area

Live Entertainment
Turkish Food
Turkish Bazaar Arts and Crafts
Kids Activities

Logos at the bottom: Group photo, Turkish flag, 100 years, Soroptimist logo.

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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
[#SoroptimistAtWork](https://twitter.com/Soroptimists_SD)

Like us on Facebook 

Club Year 2023-2024

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