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President's Message

Happy September to
Everyone,

Redwoods are famous and are the tallest trees on Earth. The Redwoods are strong, majestic and have longevity. They create their strength to withstand powerful winds and floods by

extending their roots more than 50 feet. They live in groves, where their roots can intertwine with each other. They create a unique ecosystem. They have adapted and survived many climate challenges.

You may notice there are similarities with Soroptimist and Redwoods. Our Desert Coast Region theme this year is the analogy with The Redwood Trees. I want to thank those members from our club who spent their Saturday morning getting on the Desert Coast Region Zoom Conference. My biggest takeaway was being reminded about all the resources we all have at our fingertips. I encourage us all to start a new habit of keeping informed by reading a little bit, daily, weekly, or monthly. Our SISD club website is getting a new facelift by our Communications Committee and there is so much to learn from the DCR website as well.

I am grateful to be given the opportunity to be President of our club for 2020-2021. We have such a great Leadership team and I promise we will have a celebration when the appropriate time appears. I personally want to encourage everyone to attend our meetings. Everyone's time is valuable, and everyone's participation is valued.

I feel August was a good start. We had good attendance at our first two meetings. We also enjoyed an informative Desert Coast Region Leadership training and a fun, relaxing time at our Wine, Women and Yoga event. I am looking forward to the R&R report on how many new members the event may have brought in.

Please be sure that your name on our list of committees. September is upon us and it is time for our committees to continue their great work and to be open to new ideas for this challenging future.

We have so much to be grateful for. Most importantly, that all our club members are healthy. Thank you so much for your support and look forward to September!

President Terri

September Club Anniversaries

2016 Susan Ritchey

September Birthdays

September 5th Margaret Green
September 30th Helen Sparks

September Meetings

September 1st Business Meeting - **ZOOM – 5:30 p.m.**

September 15th Program Meeting - **Zoom – 5:30 p.m.**

Mark Your Calendar Committee Meetings

Special Events: Friday, September 4th @ 6 p.m. at Susan Ritchey's home. Susan asks that should you have any good nonfiction books on trafficking or women's rights to please contact her.

Committee Chairs – Please let me know when your committees are meeting.

Save the Dates

Zoom Gathering; Happy Hour, September 1st & 15th, 5:15 p.m.



Community event flyers & newsletters received electronically by SISD. To view, please click on the links:

SI La Mesa bulletin

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RTIHkV_7s-kahgxeH1nOS0I-xIO4AOVm/view?usp=sharing

SI Vista & North County bulletin

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RTIHkV_7s-kahgxeH1nOS0I-xIO4AOVm/view?usp=sharing

Dreams *do* Come True



The **Live Your Dream** season is off to a great start. The website for the collaborative is up and running and applications are already coming in. The colleges are already contacting us as well. We are looking forward to a great LYD season, especially this year when there is so much more need for help. Please help get the word out to any young women you know who could benefit from this great opportunity. Here is the link where they can submit their applications. Remember to select SAN DIEGO as the CLUB choice.

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<https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/index.html>

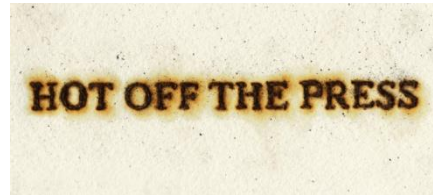
Let's help these young women **Live Their Dream.**

Cindy and Tango

Treasurer's Report

The July's treasurer's report is attached to the email that brought you this news bulletin. Should you have questions about the report, please contact either Joy Brown or Paula Day.

Budget & Finance



Attached to the email that brought you this bulletin are the

proposed Service and General budget income/expenditures for this club year. The budgets will be discussed at the September business meeting and voted on at the October business meeting. Should you have questions please contact the Budget & Finance chair, Cindy Youngers or Paula Day.

As we discuss budgets, the committee suggests that you consider signing up for AMAZON SMILE, a way to earn money for the club when making purchases from Amazon. A fact sheet about how Amazon Smile works and how to sign-up is included in this bulletin

Community Projects





An Invitation from Anna!!!



July 22, 2020.

Soroptimist International of San Diego

Dear Friendship Link club:

The Si Tijuana Centro Club would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the generosity of your gift to our Cub. Due to the pandemic of the Corona virus it is more difficult to find safe ways to fundraised on behave of Women and children in our community. This gift of \$1050.00 dollars, will be used on our continued support of Casa Rita, where our young mothers and their babies are very safe at the present time, but with great needs that we will be able to support thanks to your support. Right now they are not getting their computer classes but as all gets to be safer and "normal" that successful project will be reactivated.

Beverly and Sandra met for lunch last week, and share information about future plans for getting together as we enjoy doing with you all every year, but for now all we want is for everyone to be safe and healthy with your families.

A big hug and thanks to each and every member for your friendship, sincerely yours.

Sandra Alvarez de Medina
President, SI Tijuana Centro
medinasandra08@yahoo.com

I am a thrilled sponsor for [Free to Thrive's](#) upcoming virtual event [A Starfish Story on September 24th at 5:45 p.m.](#) This innovative virtual event will be the premiere of their film 'Starfish' produced in partnership with Folsheart productions. This powerful short film follows the journey of a trafficking survivor from exploitation to independence. The event will also feature remarks and discussion from state and local leaders as well as the Free to Thrive team. There will be special musical performances by [Remedy Drive](#), a band that is devoted to using its music to help in the fight against human trafficking. All of the proceeds from this event will go to support [Free to Thrive](#) and it's impactful work providing legal services and other support to human trafficking survivors.

I hope you can attend as my guest for this very impactful evening that will help turn awareness into action. **If you can attend, please let Paula know and you will then be added to the guest list.** Just prior to the date, you will be sent a link to view the event and any other important event details.

Start with a Smile at smile.amazon.com

International Projects

SISD recently received thank you notes from both SI Tijuana Centro and Vida Joven de Mexico for the monies donated to their organizations during the 2019-2020 club year.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even

easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the

"AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile.

How do I activate AmazonSmile on my Amazon Shopping app?

AmazonSmile customers on Android devices with version 5.0+ or iOS devices with version 12+, who have upgraded to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app can find "AmazonSmile" listed in the Settings menu. From there, you can follow onboarding instructions to activate AmazonSmile on your device.

Do I need to renew AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile renewals happen twice a year to help keep AmazonSmile on mobile app. AmazonSmile will notify you of these renewals via push notifications and through in-app notifications. If you miss a renewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to "turn on" AmazonSmile on your mobile device. There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing 'smile.amazon.com' into your browser.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable **organization (Soroptimist International of San Diego, CA)** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.



A Message from Judy Lawton.....

Good day, ladies! I hope this note finds you well and safe and keeping your sanity intact as we enter month five of this awful shutdown. I feel like I'm having withdrawals from the world and find myself holing up in my home office for hours

at a time forgetting what it was like to be normal. I miss our happy hours and our meetings and most of all I miss all of YOU! Let's just hope a vaccine discovery will be made very soon and that we can get back to doing what we've always done.

During August each year, it's been a tradition to be circulating a flyer about Gretchen Burns Bergman's STRUT event that's coming up on September 26th this year. Just like everyone else who's having a fund-raising event, this one has been cancelled for the live and in-person version, but Gretchen and her committee are taking it virtual. What does that mean? Well, it means it will all be shown online-- Fashion Show, Boutique, Auction, and all through media tools like cell phones, I Pads and of course large and small TV sets! It will still be the same quality show with dancers, singers, etc. that Gretchen is always so famous for, but this time we'll be able to join in from the comfort of my home. Let me explain.

I thought since I have a big enough house, yard, and deck to hold what usually amounts to a full table of 10 for our Club here with all seven TV's tuned to STRUT. We can browse and purchase from the vendors in the boutique through our phones, I Pads and TV's on their websites. We can order whatever we wish, join opportunity drawings, have our wine, cocktails, sandwiches, and salads, and then settle in to watch the fashion show. I'll furnish the food and I'm asking that we could all donate somewhere to the tune of \$50 to Gretchen as our contribution. I'm sure most of you know, this is her major fund raiser for the year and the money raised is critical to support her organization. This is dire for her and for them if they're to stay open.

Advertising will also be available, and it will also be virtual with all advertisers getting "airtime" for their ads. So, think about it. Take a look and let me know. <https://www.anewpath.org/strut-for-saving-lives> I love a good party and I think this one would be a dandy! If you have any questions or concerns, just let me know. If I don't have the answers, I know just where to go to find them. I'd love for this to be a success for a good friend and sister Soroptimist. I sure hope to see you all soon! **Judy**

June 2020



Claudia Montano, one of our past *Live Your Dream Award* recipients, recently graduated from San Diego City College.

"I just wanted to let you know that I am truly thankful for all the support I had throughout my time at City.

Congratulations Claudia!



On Monday, June 1, 2020, **Saltanat Kali**, one of our club's *Live Your Dream Award* recipients this year, received an additional award at the District level. She was presented with a check for \$2,000 and \$250 in Amazon gift cards from Desert Coast Region.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were not able to present the award to her at our Sunday brunch during Spring Conference, so a quick presentation in a quiet park in her neighborhood had to suffice for now.

Saltanat sends this message: "I am very grateful to this organization. It is an honor to receive the award and have someone believe in my dreams. This gives me some more push to keep going and when times are hard, I will remember there are many people who believe in my goals and I cannot give up. It is really empowering to have someone validate your goals. It is a blessing to have that. Thank you all so much. I will use this money to help fix my car that is on its last legs."

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



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- 2-year Alt-Delegate---Susan Ritchey