

Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter September 2019

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President's Corner Elizabeth Payette

Welcome to Soroptimist Welcome to Soroptimist International of Sacramento's 97th club year. It's an honor to serve as vour president and continue fulfilling Soroptimist's mission. My theme this year is Moving Forward: Innovate, Develop and Grow. With a long career in healthcare as a hospital nurse manager, clinical educator, college business instructor. Medi-Cal program manager, and leadership consultant (phew!), I worked daily with

teams to evaluate the current state and envision new possibilities. Change can be challenging. It's natural for people to want to hold onto habits and traditions and fear the unknown. While my family is adamant that I don't change the Thanksgiving yam recipe we've had for

years, significant change in society and organizations aimed at bettering the lives of women and girls is essential. Changes that will allow them to live their dreams

by obtaining an education, career, and economic independence is the core of Soroptimist's mission.



officers and an all-member club retreat and luncheon. The retreat was facilitated by Tracey Edwards, District 3 Director and attended by 20 members. Tracey led us through two interactive activities aimed at evaluating the club's current state and brainstorming future



opportunities. We did a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and listed things to Stop, Start, and Continue. Three focus areas emerged: membership composition, recruitment, and retention; desire to align with a community organization for direct, hands-on volunteering; and the current committee structure. A copy of the retreat summary was emailed to all members on July 27th and I will review it at the business meeting.

This year the Board and committees will evaluate committee recommendations in these focus areas and others. It is a marathon, not a sprint. There are some simple changes that can be made now, but others may span the next club year. I'm pleased to report that Membership and Hospitality Committees have made plans address a member recruitment and engagement. Special attention will be paid to recruiting members that represent Generation X, Y, and Millennial (ages 30-55). A presentation at Sierra Nevada Region's development retreat and regional leadership feedback suggested that club membership spans the generations with 70% below age 65. This is our target recruitment demographic. In particular, we are seeking working, career professionals with skills and expertise in social media, website, computer software, accounting/finance, business, event planning, secondary education, and fund development. These backgrounds will contribute to club operations and future leadership. Membership Committee is also cultivating corporate connections to help promote SIS in the business community and gain sponsorship through SI's CEO program. A mixer-social for prospective new members as well as club members will be held on Wednesday, October 16th. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring prospective new

members. Hospitality has fun and friendship in mind this year by engaging all of us in creating a welcoming atmosphere at club meetings. Quarterly socials are planned. We share the Soroptimist mission and your new best friend or business contact may be the newcomer sitting next to you. Say 'hello' to newcomers and embrace the energy and new ideas that new (young) members bring. Project Selection is evaluating new program partnerships for hands-on volunteering.

Recently SIA made a slight change to the Board-approved Statements. The website will be updated. Notice the change to the mission statement.

Vision: Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. (did not change)

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

Tag Line: Investing in Dreams (matches and supports our next Big Goal statement: Invest in the Dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.)

In 1921, our Soroptimist founders had a desire to reimagine how women could rise out of society's constraints and their own circumstances to create a new future for themselves. With our club's impressive history of service and financial support, we are poised to move forward and innovate the future that will continue this commitment into 2020.

Together we are helping women and girls live their dreams. Thank you.

Elizabeth Payette

New Members Article

By the Membership Committee

We had nine new members join our club during the past club year, and we want all members to know a little bit about each of them. Please be sure to speak to them when you see them at club meetings and activities. They are really, really nice people.

Zahra (pronounced Zara) Hamdani is married to Wajid, her husband, and they have 4 ch ildren; 2 young women ages 25 & 22 and 2 young men ages 20 & 18. What great planning!! Zahra works as an Administrative Assistant at Turning



Point Community Programs; and, the part she likes best about her job is "supporting clients so that they can function as healthy, productive members of society". Besides her job. Zahra likes reading business articles, doing Henna, watching movies and volunteering in the community.

The skill she would like most to bring to Soroptimist is to promote the club to others and to increase the membership diversity. That is great because we need to do both! What she would like to take from the club is to do her part to fulfill the mission and she would like to increase her leadership skills. Zahra has already volunteered to head up the Attendance function of the Attendance and Hospitality Committee. Way to jump right in, Zahra, thank you.

Zahra is also involved with her neighborhood association, Uplift of Elk Grove, and with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). She really loves to volunteer her time & skills! *Our club can sure use that!*

Alice Jarboe Is retired from Sacramento County where she last held the position as Interim County Registrar of Voters. But she also is currently a volunteer for the Elk Grove Food Bank Services and for the California State Capitol Museum. She is also an elected Board member of the Sacramento County Retired Employees Association. *Busy Lady!!* What she liked best about her job was, being able to assist others in the community, whether it was helping empower their right to vote or helping them thru their time of need at the food Bank, or bringing history to life at the "state's house – the People's house" for school age children and foreign visitors is especially rewarding.

Alice is married to her husband, Tim, and they have one grown son, Nicholas. What Alice hopes to bring to the club is her enthusiasm and her project Management skills. What she hopes to get from the club is the Joy of sistership and a shared desire to help women become their best.

Her hobbies include: Crafting; Sewing; Gardening; and of course, Anything Star Wars!

Toni Kalpakoff works for the California State Franchise Tax Board as a Manager *Don't* worry, she only deals with corporations. The thing she enjoys most about her job, is Coaching and Mentoring. Toni is single but has a grown son, Kyle who is 27 years old.

For her hobbies, Toni enjoys Running, Hiking, Vacations along the California Coast, and, Eating and Happy Hour with friends. *I think that last one describes most of the club members*.

As far as our Soroptimist club goes, Toni says "she can do or bring whatever is needed by the club". Just to prove that, Toni has agreed to co-chair the Crab Fiesta on March 1, 2020. Thank you for that Toni!!!!! Toni says she joined our club, "because I believe in the Mission and building friendships will be a bonus".

Yoli Manzo is a Realtor with Remax Gold and she really enjoys her job. The thing she likes best about it is, she "loves helping my clients achieve their property investment goals."



Yoli is married to Armando Manzo Sr. and they have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. (One was very recent) Besides enjoying her family, Yoli loves Painting (she has her own gallery), Curating Art

shows, Paint classes, and travelling.

Yoli was a member of our club over 15 years ago, and she is glad to be back. The skills and/or talent she hopes to bring to club is "increasing awareness, building & bonding with the club and its goals". The thing she wants most to get from our club is "serving the community".

Yoli has volunteered to host our Club Mixer to help attract new members at her Gallery in the ArtHouse at 1021 R Street on October 16th. She is off to a great start with helping our club.

Mary Anne Selvage is married to her husband Neil McIntire, and she has a son, Marshall and two stepdaughters, Kerrie and Julie. She also has two Grandchildren, Dominic and Mia. Mary Anne contacted us through SIA, because she had a friend who was a Soroptimist in another city, and she liked what she heard about all the good things that we accomplish.

Mary Anne is retired from the State of California where she worked for the Department of General Services handling contracts for the Health Department. She could help us with our various contracting processes. In addition, she plans to bring strong interpersonal skills to assist our club. When asked what she hopes to get from our club, she replied," meet new people, engage in charitable efforts in the community, and, carry on my Mother's commitment to the

betterment of women and girls" *She certainly* is in the right place for that.

Linda Roberts Sweeney is a retired nurse and she was sponsored into membership by Kristy Fitzgerald. The thing that Linda liked best about her profession was, "being able to help patients in stressful situations". We who have been patients can really appreciate that!

Linda is married to her husband, Bill Sweeny, and has four children and 12 Grandchildren. It must be busy when they are all around! Besides being a Soroptimist, Linda enjoys Painting, Golf, Gardening, and Rocking Babies in Sutter Hospital's NICU. That does sound heavenly.

As far as Linda's Soroptimist connection goes, she hopes to bring her talent for Art to the Club activities and what she hopes to get from the club is "meeting women who share a commitment to the education of women". Well, Linda certainly came to the right place for that.

Kelly Ryan did not complete the questionnaire she was sent so this information is from her application. Kelly is single and is currently an investment advisor for Wells Fargo but when she first



applied for S.I.S. membership she was a T.V. reporter for KOVR CBS news. Kelly also served as the auctioneer at our Crab Fiesta in March 2019, and she did a great job. Kelly was sponsored for membership by Mary Locke.

Phyllis M. Johnson is another member who did not complete the questionnaire that we sent to her. But we know that Phyllis is very

busy as the owner of an Allstate Insurance Agency in West Sacramento. She is married to Keith B. Johnson Sr. and she lives in El Dorado Hills. Phyllis was sponsored by Jennifer Willis, who tells us that Phyllis has "a heart for service"

Hyrum W. Gray is the third new member who did not return his questionnaire, but we know that Hyrum, who was sponsored by Sarah Lee is a hard worker. He helped unpack cartons of See's candy at our See's candy store last December, and we are counting on him again for this December. Hyrum's partner is Michael J. Canha and they were very busy enjoying our Crab Fiesta last March. Hyrum states he is an "Amazing Realtor" for Lyon Real Estate and works from the 28th & J Street office. Hyrum is also a proud supporter of the Sacramento LGBTQ center and Wind Youth Services.

Now that you know a little bit more about these new members, be sure you chat with them and share a little bit about yourselves. We want all members to know each other better and to feel welcomed and welcoming.

Have a Chance to Win A Prize Wear Your Name Badge By the Membership Committee

Everyone likes a chance to win prizes. Right???? Soroptimists are no different, in fact, maybe they **especially** like to win prizes. So, the membership committee is continuing to give all members the opportunity to win a prize at each meeting.

Every time you wear your name badge to a meeting, you will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the meeting, the winning ticket will be drawn and that lucky Soroptimist will win a prize.

We already have some new members lined up to join our club this year, and we want them to get acquainted with all of us as quickly and easily as possible. Wearing your name badge insures that everyone will know who you are, and you will know who they are. What a simple way to make sure we are all acquainted!

If you have lost your name badge or need a new one with a magnetic back, please let the membership committee know, and we will order you a new one. The price is \$20.00 incl. tax.

At the each meeting of the year, let's see every member wearing their name badge.



Aunt Bonnie on the Ties that Bind

By Bonnie Coleman

American Journalist, Linda Ellerbee, is quoted as writing "If men can run the world, why can't

they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?" a perfectly



good question for which I have never read an answer.

It crossed my mind again as I was watching two of my favorite guilty pleasures, Steven Colbert and Seth Meyers. Several times a week each of them is on air introducing themselves, their guests, the bands, the musical entertainments, and whatever else strikes their fancy. And each time they sit they unbutton their suit jackets and each time they get up they button their suit coats up again.

This is not unusual except that each of them has to button/unbutton/re-button as all of their clued-in male guests do the same. They are unusual only for repeating their little tic about 20 times a show, or 80 times a week, or 3,200 times a season, depending on how much vacation they managed to negotiate. It started me wondering if talk-show men have to have reinforced buttonholes, and me being me, I was off to the races.

I wondered how long this has been the rule and tried to determine the total number through the ages but gave that up for want of information on how long this foolishness has been in practice. I can understand not wanting to leave my jacket flapping in the wind, except there isn't much wind in the modern indoor room any more, now is there.

Then I wondered what other little oddities I have overlooked. The mens' sports world is riddled with enough "lucky" tics to sink a battleship. I read that the great Michael Jordan started the movement from shortshort basketball shorts to the current grampy pants just so he could wear his old "lucky-

pants" from school under his new big-boy uniform without anyone guessing. If that's all that was required, I say he wasted a lot of time practicing.

I'm usually of the school of whatever floats your boat or wins your pennant but considering the amount of ridicule women have absorbed from men for our innocent, transient and fleeting fashions it may be something to stick in the back of your mind for the next time some oaf decides to bludgeon you with our own innocent fashion

Sunshine Person

foibles. Just sayin....

Carol Adams will be our Sunshine person for 2019-20. If you know of a member that is ill or needs some sunshine, please



notify Carol. <u>carolshomesales@gmail.com</u> or <u>(916)</u> 798-1841.

Sacramento Symphonic Winds (SSW)
2019 - 2020 concert season will be
held at the new
El Camino High School Center for the
Arts
2340 Eastern Ave., Sacramento, 95864,
Sundays at 2:30 pm.

Concert Dates: October 13 and December 8, 2019, March 15 and May 3, 2020

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds (SSW) is an all-volunteer 60-piece symphonic wind ensemble or "wind orchestra" that performs a wide-range of music from rock, jazz and show tunes to contemporary wind ensemble masterpieces. It was founded in 2001 by conductor emeritus, Dr. Les Lehr and continues under the direction of Timothy Smith, to provide quality musical performances for audiences in the greater Sacramento area and to offer local musicians a challenging and rewarding musical experience in an encouraging environment. We celebrate the community band and wind ensemble tradition in American music!

About The Musicians The Sacramento Symphonic Winds seeks to perform superior wind music at a high level of professionalism. Thus the instrumentation is fixed, and an interview and/or audition are required for performing members. We welcome candidates for an audition when there is an open chair. As in most community bands the Sacramento Symphonic Winds' musicians come from all manner of occupations, backgrounds and ethnicities. We also include student members who are currently enrolled in high school and pass the audition. Rehearsals are held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings from August to June at El Camino High School, located on El Camino Avenue in Sacramento. Musicians are invited to apply for membership by contacting the director Tim Smith at timothysca@frontiernet.net or 916-687-0545 - landline.

Affiliations The SSW is proud to be a member of The Sacramento Valley Symphonic

Band Association, which sponsors many community bands in California.



Women who mean business award luncheon that was held in June

Update from the Corresponding Secretary on giving donations Donna Kistler, Corresponding Secretary

Just a gentle reminder of the process when giving donations; memorial, or in honor of someone: Please send a note, along with your donation to the Assistant Treasurer, Kristy Fitzgerald, including your donor name and who you are honoring.

In turn, the Assistant Treasurer will send me the donor name as well as individual recognized and amount, so I can send the acknowledgement notes.

Thanking you in advance for following these guidelines.

Stay Connected!

Submitted by Website Committee

We are excited to report that a snazzy new SI Sacramento website is now under production! In case you hadn't heard, in April, the Board unanimously approved the Website Committee's recommendation to move forward with the development of a new custom website on a more current software platform and engage the services of our current provider, Peak Design. (You can check out their portfolio at www.peakdesign.net.) The project is now underway with a timeline that puts deployment of the new site at the end of the summer. That means we may very well have the new site up and running just in time for the new club year!

Here are the some of the **highlights** of the new site and cool things to look forward to:

• New Look &
Feel! In additional to a
whole new layout, the
colors, logos, etc. will be
more in line with SIAs

(Soroptimist International of the Americas) brand standards, which means much more color and updated graphics, for an overall updated, more modern look and feel.

- **Responsive and mobile-friendly!** The site will scale to accommodate many devices and browsers mobile, tablet, etc.
- **CRM and Email Marketing!** Integrated CRM (Customer Relationship Management) and email marketing will allow for more

automation, ease-of-use and streamlined communications.

- **Updated Event Calendar!** Integrated event management will simplify and streamline event postings, communication, registration and payment.
- **Online payments!** We will continue to offer online payments, but with newer functionality and much better integration.
- **Member Roster!** The roster will be mobile-friendly, adding convenience and ease-of-use.
- A History Page! The addition of a "History" page under "About Us" will highlight the history of the club and allow for easy updates.



New and
Improved
Collections!
Better-looking
collections of photos,
newsletters, committee
duties, procedures, PR
materials, etc. will also
be easier to use and

keep updated.

• **Functional and Easy-to-Use!** Have we mentioned that the new site will be much easier to learn, use, and update?

Keep an eye out for the new site at the end of the summer! In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Lisa Bartoe, Website Committee Chair, at libartoe@yahoo.com.

21st Soroptimist International **Convention Kuala Lumpur 2019 Subitted by Wendy Haydon**

Claire Sancelot, founder and director of ZeroWasteMalaysia.com, gave a presentation on living a 'zero waste' life. She and her husband and children have lived zero waste since 2010. She suggests having just what you need/use (as in the

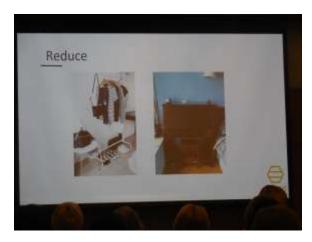
photo showing the number of glasses/dishes she has). Regarding clothing, she suggests having a few key pieces and then accessorizing them, and sharing children's clothing between families as the children outgrow them. She indicated that, "small actions can make a big change".

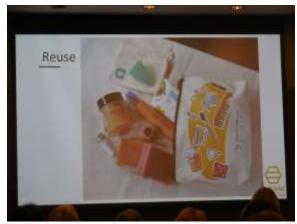












Compounding: The Potential Power of Time

Why is time of the essence? The sooner you begin saving — even small amounts — the better your chance of reaching your retirement goals. Consider the following example that shows how much waiting to invest can cost.

Put time on your side.

Let's assume hypothetical Investor A invested \$1,000 per year for 10 years, beginning at age 30 and reinvested his returns (interest, dividends, capital gains) back into his account. Investor B invested the same amount per year, earned an identical rate of return, and reinvested her returns; however, she waited until age 45 to start with the strategy and continued with it for twice as long (20 years). Even though Investor A saved less money — half as much as Investor B — Investor A had more money at the time of retirement, all because of starting earlier.

What's the secret?

The extra years of compounding are what boosted Investor A's bottom line. Investor B will now have to save considerably more if she wants to catch up. This is the potential cost of waiting. It doesn't matter what age you are — you'll have more time on your side if you start saving for retirement today.

What can you do next?

A few simple steps can help you along the road to retirement savings:

 Talk with your financial advisor about how much you should be saving for retirement.

- Use a savings calculator to see compounding in action and how little changes to your spending can have a big impact on how much you can save for retirement.
- Commit to increasing your ongoing contributions to your 401(k), at least to the maximum of your employer's match (if any), or IRA.
- Avoid taking loans from your 401(k) if possible to keep focused upon your long-term needs.
- If you change jobs, understand your retirement distribution options and the full cost of cashing out.
- Consider opening an IRA if you're already maxing out your employer-sponsored plan contributions for an additional tax-advantaged savings opportunity, or if you don't have access to an employer plan. If you're self-employed, consider establishing a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP), SIMPLE IRA, or other plan with similar tax advantages.

Bottom line, it's never too early — or too late — to start saving for retirement. Use retirement calculators to get an idea about how much you should save, and ask your financial advisor about tax-advantaged accounts.

This article was written by/for Wells Fargo Advisors and provided courtesy of: Mary Kobane First Vice President Sacramento, CA 916-491-6334

2019-2020

Soroptimist Offers Scholarships (SOS) and Donations

Board Action Items:

- "Nominations are open for 2nd V.P. You may nominate yourself and others. Please contact Elizabeth Payette by Sept. 22nd with names for consideration."
- Membership Committee has scheduled a mixer for October 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Arthouse Gallery, Studio 10, 1021 R. St.
- The Board approved making the board minutes available to the Members only portion of the website. Moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Officers and Board of Directors 2019-2020

President: Elizabeth Payette Vice President: Jennifer Willis Second Vice President: *Vacant*

Recording Secretary: Phyllis McMaster

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Corresponding Secretary: Donna Kistler

Treasurer: Kathy Platz

Assistant Treasurer: Kristy Fitzgerald

Board of Directors At Large - 2019 - 2020: Nancy Wolford Landers (filling the position vacated by Kristy Fitzgerald as she assumes Asst Treasurer role)

Board of Directors 2020 - 2022: Paula Wright and Lauren Buchanan

Continuing Board of Directors: Idelle Claypool and Carol Adams

September Soroptimists!



Happy Birthday

Wendy Haydon Mary Kobane Sally Day September 9 September 22 September 23

SIS Program Schedule for 2019-2020

Club Meetings will be held at Shriner's Hospital, 2425 Stockton Blvd. 1st and 3rd Friday from 11:30-12:45 Tentative Agenda

General Meetings: 1st & 3rd Friday with speakers at both mtgs; Business agenda on 1st Friday.

Board Meetings: Usually Tuesday (except 1/2/2020), dates noted below

Location: Shriner's Hospital, 2425 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento

Please note Grant, Live Your Dream, and Scholarship presentations, LYD and Scholarship in Auditorium.

Date	Day	Time	Type-Agenda	Comments
9/3/2019	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
9/6/2019	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
9/20/2019	Friday	12:45pm	General	
10/1/2019	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
10/4/2019	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
10/18/2019	Friday	12:45pm	General	
10/29/2019	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
11/1/2019	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
11/22/2019	Friday	12:45pm	General	
12/3/2019	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
12/6/2019	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
12/20/2019	Friday	12:45pm	General	
1/2/2020	Thursday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
1/3/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
1/17/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	Grant presentation
2/4/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
2/7/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
2/21/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	
3/3/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
3/6/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	

		11:30am-		
3/20/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	Live Your Dream
3/31/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
4/3/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		Scholarship (in
4/17/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	Auditorium)
4/28/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-		
5/1/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bus+General	
		11:30am-		
5/15/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	
6/2/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-	Bus+Celebrating	
6/5/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Success	
	President			Jennifer to decide
6/?	Initiation			date/location

Hospitality Committee to arrange meeting themes (Halloween, Holiday, Valentine, etc. and additional social events





THE ART OF MIXING

Join us in an evening of art, appetizers & refreshments.

OCTOBER 16TH, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM
ARTHOUSE GALLERY,
UPSTAIRS, STUDIO 10
1021 R STREET, SACRAMENTO

Our Mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

For more information visit us at www.facebook.com/sacsoroptimist and www.soroptimistsacramento.com.

R.S.V.P by Oct. 10th to 916-457-3002 or odlizziessurewest.net

District 3 Fall Meeting

Official Invitation to District 3 Fall Meeting

Hosted by Soroptimist International of Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills

When: Saturday, October 19, 2019 Where: Cameron Park Country Club

Call to Fall Meeting
Registration
Tentative Agenda
Sales/Display Table Reservation





SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS SIERRA NEVADA REGION

OFFICIAL CALL TO DISTRICT 3 FALL MEETING
October 19, 2019
Hosted by Soroptimist International of
Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills
"We Yarn The World"

TO: District 3 Club Presidents, Officers and Members

Sierra Nevada Region Governor, Board Members, Committee Chairs & Coordinators

Sierra Nevada Region Federation Chairs Sierra Nevada Region Past Governors

FROM: Tracey Edwards, District 3 Director

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

WHERE: Cameron Park Country Club

3201 Royal Drive, Cameron Park, California, 95682

COSTS: Registration Fee is \$33 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Payment for registration is to

be payable to SI Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills. **Click here to register** Late fee of \$15 for all registrations received after October 7, 2019. Also attached is the registration form for Sales Tables. Questions, please contact Pam Greever of SI Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills at

pamgreever@yahoo.com.

WHAT: The theme for the day is "We Yarn the World." We are excited to have Chris Nelson of Flying

Samaritans as our Keynote Speaker. We'll share what has been going on in clubs since conference such as Club successes and events. Also, updates from Federation and Region Committees on a variety of topics including our Signature Dream programs, the SIA Diamond Campaign, and all the great news from the recent Convention in Kuala Lumpur. The club is asking each attendee to bring yarn for Hooks and Needles' heartwarming projects.

FOCUS: Hooks and Needles

Hooks and Needles members make "newborn beanies" for infants in hospitals and shelters. They crochet/knit scarves and blankets as well. They were adopted by the Folsom Lake Lions in 2012. They added stuffed animals which are distributed to other facilities and organizations. Hooks and Needles members are Folsom Prison inmates who won two 3rd Place Ribbons at the 2017 State Fair, and the Crochet Guild

Award!

Please consider coming to this meeting with ideas and information resulting in details to immediately implement programs as a District instead of each club being overtaxed in developing and implementing its own project. What a vision!

