

### Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter January 2020

SIS Mission: To provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

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# President's Corner – An Attitude of Gratitude Elizabeth Payette

The New Year Brings New Opportunities to Invest in Dreams

I hope your holiday season was a lovely time for family, friends, faith, and giving. Entering a new year and the start of a decade is an exciting time poised with new opportunities. Having been chartered in 1923, our SI Sacramento club will begin its 97<sup>th</sup> year. Looking back, we can speak to the many accomplishments in the region. During my

installation as president, I shared my theme: *Moving Forward: Innovate, Develop and Grow.* While retaining what we do well and always keeping mission at the forefront, it's

exciting that many of you looking forward by embracing and implementing innovative ideas aimed at taking the Dream programs, projects, fundraising, and member

experience to a new level.

At the club meeting on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> we'll hear from and celebrate with the two community Dream grant recipients, Single Mom Strong's Empowerment Center (SMS) and Court Appointed Special Advocates. Giving to programs that work diligently to impact the lives of women and girls fulfills Soroptimist's mission. To support Single

Mom Strong further and provide a hands-on volunteer project that members have asked for, Project Selection has recommended a new Random Act of Kindness project for



February. We'll support Single Mom Strong's "Love Your Life" dinner party on February 14<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 ways to you can get involved: 1) Donate items to make table favors, 2) Meet up for an hour session to easily assemble the favors, 3) Spend two-three hours volunteering at the party. A flyer with event details is in this issue. I hope everyone will support the SMS women through this RAK project in whatever way you can.

Mark your calendar for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Crab Fiesta Fundraiser on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. With the theme, *Investing in Dreams*, the evening has added a special Dream It, Be It presentation. With a dynamic professional auctioneer and emcee plus fabulous silent and live auctions, raffles, fund-a-dream donation, and delicious crab dinner, we are counting on everyone to buy and sell tickets to fill the venue with more than 350 guests who will generously donate to help women and girls overcome obstacles and live their dreams. Volunteer sign ups coming soon. Tickets are available via www.crabfiestasac.org.

Supporting women and girls by providing education and training to help them achieve economic empowerment is a new year's resolution I plan to keep and know you will too.

In gratitude, Elizabeth Payette Gifts from the Heart Holiday Giving





### My Sister's House By Nilda Valmores

My Sister's House is hosting its 12th annual human trafficking conference, "Human Trafficking in Businesses" on January 17, 2020 at California State University, Sacramento.

## **REGISTER BEFORE JAN 10 TO SAVE \$10!**

Here are some of the topics to be discussed in correlation to human trafficking:

- transportation
- motels/hotels
- massage parlors
- fields

Registration is now available and I encourage everyone to register and attend!

**General registration: \$45 Student Registration: \$20** 

**Register Here:** 

https://humantraffickinginbusinesses.bpt .me

EARLY registration is recommended. **This was a SOLD OUT conference last year!** 

## Early registration closes on Thursday, January 09, 2020.

Beginning January 10, 2020 General Registration: \$55 Student Registration: \$30

#### CEUs are available! See Below!

# Also, parking will be available this year as CSUS is not in session. You are responsible to pay for parking.

If your organization is interested in an exhibitor booth, please let me know and I can send you the application along with more details. You can also find more

information on our

website: <a href="http://www.my-sisters-house.org/getting-help/human-trafficking/">http://www.my-sisters-house.org/getting-help/human-trafficking/</a>

Please share this information with your colleagues, your friends, and encourage them to join you at the conference.

### Guest Speaker January 3 Courtney Bailey-Kanelos "Voter Registration and Election Changes"



Courtney Bailey-Kanelos is the Registrar of Voters of Sacramento County with 15 years of experience in voter registration and elections. Ms. Bailey-Kanelos was a key figure in the transition from Polling Places to Vote Centers during Sacramento County's implementation of the Voter's Choice Act in 2018. She currently serves as chair of the Sacramento County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and is a member of the State Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### 2019-2020

# Soroptimist Offers Scholarships (SOS) and Donations

#### SOS

Alice Jarboe Nilda Valmores Nancy Wolford-Landers Pat Canterbury

#### **Donations for 2019-2020**

Sarah Lee
Phyllis Hayashi
Regina Boyland
Elizabeth Payette
Nancy Wolford-Landers made a donation in
memory of Darlene Geraty
Nancy Wolford-Landers donation to Marge
Hyde
Nancy Wolford-Landers made a donation in
memory of Mark Holmes

**Board Action Items: None** 

Officers and Board of Directors 2019-2020

President: Elizabeth Payette Vice President: Jennifer Willis

Second Vice President: Shared by Phyllis

**McMaster and Cathy Diepenbrock** 

Recording Secretary: Mary Anne Selvage 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\*

#### **January Soroptimists**



### **Happy Birthday**

Sarah Lee	January 3
Susanne Hadler	January 6
Bonnie Coleman	January 10
Karen Kouretas	January 15
Yoli Manzo	January 17
Cathy Diepenbrock	January 19
Paula Wright	January 22

# SIS Program Schedule for 2019-2020

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

Date	Day	Time	Type-Agenda	Comments
1/2/2020	Thursday	6-7:15 pm	Board	Canceled
		·	Bus+General	
		11:30am-	Courtney Bailey, Sac	Voter Registration and
1/3/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Co Registrar	Election Changes
		11:30am-		
1/17/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	Grant presentation
1/25/2020	Saturday	11-2:00pm	Bunco Party – Fun	Sarah Lee's Home
2/1/2020	Saturday	SNR Dist 3	Winter Round Table	Location TBD
2/4/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board Meeting	
		11:30am-	Bus+General	
2/7/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Speaker TBD	Human Trafficking
		11:30am-	Angelique Ashby, Sac	Women and Housing in
2/21/2020	Friday	12:45pm	City Council Member	Sacramento
3/3/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board Meeting	
		11:30am-	Bus+General	Sacramento Women's
3/6/2020	Friday	12:45pm	TBD	Commission
3/7/2020	Saturday	6:00-9:00pm	Fund Raiser	Crab Fiesta
		11:30am-	General	
3/20/2020	Friday	12:45pm		Live Your Dream
3/26/2020	Thursday	6-8:00pm	SOCIAL	Idelle Claypool's Home
3/31/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
		11:30am-	April Jarvis © Exec	
4/3/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Director, Sac Library	Adult Literacy
		11:30am-		Scholarship (in
4/17/2020	Friday	12:45pm	General	Auditorium)
4/28/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
			Bus+General	
		11:30am-	Stephanie McLemore	United Way, Calif. Capital
5/1/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Bray, Pres. & CEO	Region
		11:30am-	General	Breakthrough,
5/15/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Faith Galati, Exec Dir	Sacramento
6/2/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
			Bus+General	
		11:30am-	Rosanna Herber,	SMUD Issues and Women
6/5/2020	Friday	12:45pm	SMUD Board of Dir	in Business
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6/19/2020	Friday	12:45pm	Celebrating Success	
6/26/2222	TDD	1	President and Board	
6/26/2020	TBD	Installation	Installation	



# SIS's February Random Act of Kindness Project

Supporting Single Mom Strong Empowerment Center's

# Love Your Life

## Valentine Dinner & Party for Moms

Date: Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm.

Location: SMS Empowerment Center, 7525 Auburn Blvd. Suite 5, Citrus Heights, 95610

Our club selected Single Mom Strong (SMS) as a community grant recipient this year. SMS's mission is to empower single mothers and their children through enrichment, encouragement and educational programs. This RAK project helps with their third annual Valentine's Day dinner party where single mothers celebrate and love their life. The uplifting evening includes a program and catered dinner with wine and beverages, dessert, table favors, gift basket raffle, photo booth, music, and more. The children are entertained making craft gifts and cards for their moms in the adjacent childcare room and then join them after dinner for photo booth pictures, dessert, and fun.

This is a very popular event with 64 women plus their children expected to attend.

#### Three ways you can participate in this hands-on volunteer RAK project:

- 1. Donate items *in advance*. SIS is making table favor treat bags labeled with each Mom's name to note her table seat assignment. We are the dessert and wine sponsor and will donate a raffle basket.
  - a. Table favors: Please donate at least two \$10 Subway gift cards, two Chapstick lip balms (cherry or strawberry flavor), and one 10 oz or larger bag of silver foil wrapped Hershey kisses. We'll make 64 table favor bags each will have one \$10 Subway gift card, one Chapstick, and kisses.
  - b. Raffle Basket A basket with mom and kid-friendly gifts worth \$40-50.
  - c. Dessert and Wine Sponsor \*Club members have already volunteered to donate as sponsors.

### NOTE: Bring table favor bag items to club meetings on January 17<sup>th</sup> & February 7<sup>th</sup> and at the BUNCO social on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth will collect.

- 2. Meet up to assemble 64 favor treat bags on <u>Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10–11:30 am.</u> With many hands, this will a fun, interactive time with fellow club members as we support single mothers in our community. Elizabeth will bring clear plastic treat bags, ribbon, paper doily hearts and name labels. Location: Kathy Platz's office, 730 Howe Ave., Suite 100, Sacramento, 95825.
- 3. Volunteer at the Love Your Life dinner and party on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:45–9:00 pm
  - a. Eight volunteers are needed to help at the event, but more are welcome.
  - b. Set up starts at 5:45 pm to put favors at place settings, wine on tables and arrange cookie platters. Then, at 6:30 pm greet mothers, serve beverages, dinner, and dessert, help where needed, and enjoy mingling and chatting with Moms and kids during the program and activities. If you can't come for set up, please arrive no later than 6:15 pm. SMS' board members and others run the event and volunteer, so you may leave early, if needed (around 8:15 pm).

RSVP to Elizabeth Payette <u>by February</u> 7<sup>th.</sup> Indicate if you will attend on February 8<sup>th</sup> to assemble favor bags and/or on February 14<sup>th</sup> for the party. Email: epayette79@gmail.com. Questions? Call me at (916) 768-1215.

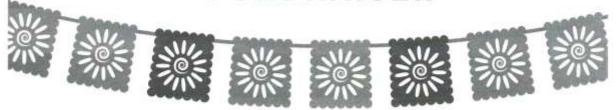




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# CRAB FIESTA

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### MARCH 7, 2020 | 5-10 PM

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

616 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA

# TICKETS: \$65 (\$70 AFTER FEB. 14) | PURCHASE AT WWW.CRABFIESTASAC.ORG

Ticket includes a margarita, chips & salsa and a delicious salad, pasta and crab dinner plus the chance to win exciting silent, dessert and live auctions!

Investing in Dreams - Funds raised support Soroptimist International of Sacramento's signature Dream programs, scholarships and grants that provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

