



SOROPTIMIST  
Best for Women

## Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter February 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 Elizabeth Payette

February brings many opportunities to celebrate from Chinese Lunar New Year and Mardi Gras to Valentine's Day and national Presidents' Days. However, seriously, this month provides a time for Soroptimists to become more aware of two issues that impact women: Heart health and human trafficking. The first Friday in February is designated as American Heart Month when women are encouraged to wear red and share a common goal of eradicating heart disease and stroke in women. Show your support for women's health and wear red to our business meeting on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Then, then mark



your calendar to see your health provider for your annual preventive health check.

Human trafficking is a crime against the individual because of the violation of the victim's rights of movement through coercion and because of its commercial exploitation. Human trafficking trades in people, especially women and children. Business meeting speaker, Paul Durenberger, Asst. Chief Deputy District Attorney, will inform us on this issue and its impact to our community. More information about how Soroptimist International of the Americas is addressing human trafficking can be found on [Soroptimist.org](http://Soroptimist.org).

Plans are in place 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 will showcase our Dream programs: DIBI, LYD, scholarships, and grants. With a dynamic professional auctioneer and emcee plus fabulous silent and live auctions, raffle, Heads or Tails game, fund-a-dream donation, and delicious crab dinner, we are counting on everyone to participate and give generously to help women and girls overcome obstacles and live their dreams. Volunteer sign ups coming soon. Tickets are available via [www.crabfiestasac.org](http://www.crabfiestasac.org). The price increases on February 14, so buy now. See the article in this issue on "*What's New at the Crab Fiesta.*"

We are halfway through the club year and I'm proud that all of you are moving forward and exemplifying the heart of Soroptimists by supporting women and girls.

In gratitude,  
Elizabeth Payette

## **Crab Fiesta – What's New?**

### **By Elizabeth Payette**

This year's Crab Fiesta fundraiser's theme is "Investing in Dreams." It offers new and exciting features aimed at raising a record amount of funds to support our dream programs: Dream It, Be It, Live Your Dream, and the Dream Scholarship and Dream Community Grants. The "*Why*" behind Crab Fiesta fundraiser is to increase the number of women and girls we reach through our programs; together we can make dreams come true. The committee hopes that you'll be informed about the new features and share them with your guests, so everyone will be engaged, have fun, and gives generously. Here are highlights of the evening.

- The doors open at 5 pm. Encourage your guests to arrive during this social time for cocktails and to bid on silent auction prizes. Members with volunteer assignments should arrive no later than 4:30 pm.
- The banquet hall opens for guest seating no later than 6:15 pm with dinner service starting at 6:30 pm.
- The evening opens with a welcome by the emcee and recognition of sponsors and special guests from the Dream programs. Elizabeth will give a brief overview of our programs and share our goal about investing in the dreams of women and girls (raise funds!)
- There are two designated "Dream" tables: DIBI and LYD. The DIBI table will seat 3-4 Dream It, Be It student guests with their teacher, Moriah, and sponsors. At this writing, we are confirming that the Live Your Dream awardees will attend.
- Single Mom Strong and CASA (community grant recipients) board members and executives are attending.
- Our professional auctioneer is Cameron Mitchell and Melanie Hunter from Channel 3 serves as emcee.
- Your bid number will be printed on the back of the event program. This is your bid "paddle."
- The evening's flow is listed in the event program. After the Golden Ticket is pulled and dessert auction completed, the fast-paced live auction occurs. Raise the number on the back of your program to bid.
- A fabulous Mexico Beach Getaway is the last auction item. It's a 7-day vacation at winner's choice in Mexico at one of 5 locations Vidanta luxury resorts valued at \$4,550! Locations include Los Cabos, Nuevo Vallarta, Cancun-Riviera Maya, Acapulco, Puerto Penasco. You can buy more than one trip – get one for yourself and to give another to a family member.
- Added this year is a Fund-A-Dream donation. It includes a special "mission moment" presented by Moriah T (SAVA DIBI) teacher. While she'll highlight the

students impacted by DIBI, the Fund-A-Dream donations will support all our dream programs. After the presentation, auctioneer will start the bidding at the highest level and go down through the levels. Guests bid by raising the number on their event program.

- 1st Level - \$1,000; 2nd level - \$500; 3rd level - \$250; 4th Level - \$100
- We strongly encourage all SIS members to donate at one of the levels. Please tell your guests about Fund-A-Dream in advance
- *Who can we count on to start the bidding by donating at the \$1,000 level?*
- If payment has not already been collected via tablet immediately after the live auctions, guests will pay for any silent or live auction items at the Check Out table.
- Heads or Tails is the last game of the evening. To play, you must buy a bead necklace for \$20 - sold during social time and before the game. It's a game of chance with a several rounds of a coin flip. The last person standing wins a \$400 Amazon gift card.
- At the end of the evening, guest will be informed to place server tips designated envelopes distributed to each table at end of evening.

## Scholarship Committee

**By Pat Canterbury for the Scholarship**

All of us Soroptimists work hard all year and contribute to SOS so that there is money to give away to deserving college students. Each year, the Scholarship Committee has a very difficult time culling top students from other top students so we can give away funds



generously donated in honor of former Soroptimists. Our bank balance is healthy and we look forward to meeting the outstanding students at our April 17 luncheon. The applications have gone out to local colleges and the information is up on our website. Applications are due February 28, 2020. The Committee will meet March 10 to discuss applicants and choose those who will receive scholarships.

Fellow Soroptimists, if you know of any female college student who may qualify for one of our scholarships, please share the information on our website. Also, if you have a friend who is a high school teacher who may still keep in contact with former students, now in college, please let them know of our information on the website. The Awards Luncheon is usually one of our "sold out" events and we're working hard to keep up the caliber of awardees.

## Thought for the Day

By Jennifer Willis

A few members asked me about the "Thought for the Day" quote I gave at the January 3rd meeting, so I thought you might want to publish it in our February newsletter with a reminder to VOTE on or before March 3, 2020.



*From one point of view, one individual's vote doesn't make any difference whatsoever.*

*The probability of an election swinging by a single vote is infinitesimal.*

*On the other hand, if everybody took the attitude that voting didn't matter, there could never be a democratically elected government - at all.*

*So, does your vote matter? You bet your vote matters.*

*And, at least as much as your vote matters, your intention for the future of the world matters.*

*That's so important, it's worth saying again.*

*At Least As Much As Your Vote Matters,  
Your Intention For The Future Of The  
Entire World Matters.*

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

## Guest Speaker – February 7

### Human Trafficking

Paul Durenberger



Paul Durenberger is an Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Paul oversees human trafficking, domestic violence and elder abuse.

Paul chairs the "Sacramento Together" collaborative that brings together community agencies, county agencies and law enforcement together to improve our response to human trafficking victims. Paul is the Vice Chair of the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center and runs their Camp Hope-America program for kids who have experienced family trauma.

Paul is married to retired Sacramento Superior Court Judge Marjorie Koller Durenberger.

**Guest Speaker February 21**  
**Women and Housing in**  
**Sacramento**  
**Angelique Ashby**



Councilwoman Ashby is a graduate of Sacramento High School and obtained her B.A in Sociology with an emphasis on Law and Society from the University of California at Davis and her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She owns a consulting firm with her dad in which they build programs for populations with barriers to success. She, along with her husband and three children, live in Natomas where she established herself as a leader and has served her community as an advocate for youth and public safety, creating infrastructure such as a police and community resource center and a new fire station.

Councilwoman Ashby's colleagues elected her Vice Mayor of the City of Sacramento for an unprecedented five out of nine years. Immediately following, the Council elected her to serve two full years as Mayor Pro Tem, a first for the City of Sacramento. Councilwoman Ashby was part of another first in Sacramento history when she became the first female on Council to have a baby while in office.



## **2019-2020**

### **Soroptimist Offers Scholarships (SOS) and Donations**

#### **SOS**

Alice Jarboe  
Nilda Valmores  
Nancy Wolford-Landers  
Pat Canterbury  
Yoli Manzo  
Idelle Claypool

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

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

#### **Board Action Items:**

- Recommendation made to use Google Non-Profit as email platform at no cost.
- Motion made to use \$125 from SWAG fund to fund scholarship membership dues. Seconded

## **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 - 2018 - 2020:**  
Nancy Wolford Landers  
Idelle Claypool  
Carol Adams

**Board of Directors At Large - 2020 - 2022:**  
Paula Wright  
Lauren Buchanan

**Parliamentarian:** Debbie Rubens

## **February Soroptimists**



## **Happy Birthday**

Glorian Martinelli	February 8
Alice Jarboe	February 17
Carol Adams	February 19
Mary Locke	February 25

**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
2/4/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board Meeting	
2/7/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Bus+General Paul Durenberger, Asst. Chief Deputy District Atty. & Vice Chair, Family Justice Ctr.	Human Trafficking
2/8/2020	Saturday	10:00-11:30am	Social – Kathy Platz's Office, 730 Howe Ave., Su. 100 95825	Assemble Bags for Single Moms Strong Party
2/21/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Angelique Ashby, Sac City Council Member	Women and Housing in Sacramento
3/3/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board Meeting	
3/6/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Bus+General TBD	Sacramento Women's Commission
3/7/2020	Saturday	6:00-9:00pm	Fund Raiser	Crab Fiesta
3/20/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	General	Live Your Dream
3/26/2020	Thursday	6-8:00pm	SOCIAL	Idelle Claypool's Home
3/31/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
4/3/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	April Jarvis © Exec Director, Sac Library	Adult Literacy
4/17/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	General	Scholarship (in Auditorium)
4/28/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
5/1/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Bus+General Stephanie McLemore Bray, Pres. & CEO	United Way, Calif. Capital Region
5/15/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	General Faith Galati, Exec Dir	Breakthrough, Sacramento
6/2/2020	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm	Board	
6/5/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Bus+General Rosanna Herber, SMUD Board of Dir	SMUD Issues and Women in Business
6/19/2020	Friday	11:30am-12:45pm	Celebrating Success	
6/26/2020	Friday	TBD	Installation	Jennifer to Decide time and location

7/11-12/2020	Sat.-Sun.		SNR	SOROPTIMIST DEVELOPMENT RETREAT	Atlantis Hotel, Reno, NV
7/22-25/2020	Wed. - Fri.		SIA	BIENNIAL CONVENTION	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue, WA
August ?	Friday	TBD		Summer Luncheon	TBD





# *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 Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10–11:30 am. With many hands, this will be 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 by February 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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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**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](http://WWW.CRABFIESTASAC.ORG)**