



Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter April 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

A month ago, the biggest item on the club's plate was the Crab Fiesta Fundraiser. Other committees were working diligently to select scholarship recipients, deliver DIBI sessions, outreach to Live Your Dream awardees, and facilitate club business. We are in a very different time now and are following important public health advisories aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 virus. We are urged to stay at home, use physical distancing, and wash our hands. Per SIA's directive, clubs are to cancel in-person meetings and postpone events until June 1. Our club will do the same. As this disease is novel and there is no template for how soon we'll be "safe", I am following the updates from SNR and SIA. Our club will resume its in-person meetings and programs when it is advised to

do so. SNR will reschedule the April SNR conference and there is discussion underway about combining it with the summer Development Retreat in early July. All still TBD.

Because club business has slowed, the board and business meetings will be conducted in an electronic format. As I usually do, I will send out an email a few days before the business meeting with the consent agenda and any other items. I will follow up with a simple survey via Survey Monkey where you can vote "Yes", "No" or "Abstain" for the consent agenda and items that need your vote.



Happily, I can report that unlike many other clubs who had planned spring fundraisers, we were able

to hold a very successful and enjoyable Crab Fiesta Fundraiser. Thank you to the

committee, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and all club members and their friends and colleagues who gave their time, attended, and donated.

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee that is taking extra steps to reach out and keep us all connected. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Hospitality if you have a special need. Now is the time to extend kindness and support to each other and to women and girls in our programs and the community who are at greatest need.

In gratitude for your dedication to our mission.

Elizabeth Payette

Hello SIS Members,
When I sent out the consent agenda earlier this week, I received a few corrections to March's business meeting minutes. The edited version is attached.

[Business Meeting Minutes 03062020 CORRECTED](#) 

I shared that you will be getting an email with a short "yes-no-abstain" survey via Survey Monkey vote to approve the consent agenda. I will send it tomorrow, Saturday, April 4th. Please look for it in your In-Box (and check your SPAM folder if you don't see it). Return no later than Monday, April 6th, at 5 pm. I will share voting results.

For committee chairs and others, Janet Galliani is compiling the newsletter. Please submit articles and updates to her ASAP, as this will be a way to stay informed.

Thank you for everything you are all doing during this challenging time.

President, Elizabeth

2020 CRAB FIESTA FUNDRAISING AND FUN

Submitted by Rosalie Gladden

It takes a small army to put this event together. Thanks to the hard work, donations and sponsorships of members, and community supporters, the 2020 Crab Fiesta was a great success! Here are some facts:

- Record number of Attendees - 334
- \$6,500 in Sponsorships
- 12 Desserts sold for \$4,800 with Top Seller, Freeport Carrot Cake, selling for \$700
- All 54 Silent Auction items sold with 25 selling at or above Fair Market Value
- Less items than 2019 but more revenue
- \$4,800 Fund A Dream Donations
- \$5,460 Golden Ticket Revenue
- Bar was busy with over \$3,900 in Beverage Tickets Sales
- 11 Mexican Getaways Purchased
- Live Golden Ticket Items Auctioned for \$3,800 - Congrats to Alice whose Golden Ticket was drawn
- Heads or Tails Beads Sold for over \$1,900 - Fun Game! Congrats to Regena Boyland who was the last one standing
- DIBI students and LYD recipients were able to attend and had a great time!!!
- Servers from JFK Criminal Justice Program and MSH Leadership were the very best!
- Nursing students from UCD Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing



assisted including Beverage Ticket Sales the entire evening

- Junior League members assisted in so many ways - including handing out the Margaritas, spotting bidders and assisting with clean up
- Former members volunteered - Linda Byrne, Vickie Lee and her daughter
- Soroptimist Metro Sacramento members joined us
- Soroptimister, Scott Okamoto and wife DAnyelle - Bartenders Extraodinaire

Thanks to all who donated, bought tickets, bid on the auctions and volunteered - you helped us invest in the dreams of women and girls. Way to go SI Sacramento!!!!

New Member News

By the Membership committee

We are very fortunate to have three new members who joined our club on March 6th, and an additional member who will be inducted the next time we meet. In order to become better acquainted with them, we are sharing a little information about each of them.

Minisha Trivedi – Minisha is a graduate student at McGeorge School of Law where she is earning a Master of Public Policy, and she is our first Membership Scholarship awardee. In addition, she is employed by the University of the Pacific as the Program Manager for the Center for Inclusion and Diversity on the McGeorge Campus. The thing that she likes best about that job is that it helps her promote diversity on the Campus. It assists students in times of need with resources and support. She loves working with students from all different programs, and it is fun to do marketing and planning of events for the center. *She also was a fantastic volunteer at our Crab Fiesta and added much technical skill and know-how to the evening's presentations.*

Her Parents are currently in India but waiting for her graduation ceremony (whenever that is scheduled) for a return visit.

Minisha states that she has “far too many hobbies” – Travelling, (absolutely loves travelling.) Art – drawing, painting, paper cutting, and diamond painting (*need more information on that*). She also enjoys reading, watching corny “rom-coms” and eating. The talent /skill that she plans to bring to our club is her experience with marketing and event planning. She can also help with some technical media needs. She states she is a quick learner and loves challenges. *Well she came to the right place!!!*

Minisha hopes to receive from our club “a community to belong to”. She also hopes to network and get support. “Otherwise, just want to be of service”.

Minisha wants to add that she is a very intuitive person and from the first meeting with us she felt a deep connection to “this group of people. You all have really made me feel welcome and for that I am eternally grateful.” Minisha has chosen the Website Committee and the International Goodwill and Understanding Committee to be a member of.

Welcome to Minisha



Patricia Menz – Pat was sponsored by Sally Day and they have been friends for over 10 years. Pat’s daughter was a long-time school friend of Sally’s best friend’s Daughter (*got that?*) and that was how they became acquainted.

Pat is married to Paul Menz and they have two grown children; a daughter, Rachel who lives in the Bay area, and a son, Tim, who lives in New York.

Pat is semi-retired but still works occasionally for FPI Management Company as a Staff Accountant. (FPI specializes in Multi Family Housing.) The thing she likes most about her job is, “helping other accountants and working on special projects.

Pat volunteers as a docent at Sutter’s Fort. *That sounds like fun! I wonder if she is one of those historical enactors?* In addition to that, Pat also enjoys sewing, quilting, and doing puzzles. Her Email address tells it all- it is, just2sew@gmail.com.

The thing Pat wants most to give to the club is “to help out wherever she can”. *We can surely accommodate that!* And, the thing that she hopes to get from the club is the chance to help women and girls improve their lives. She thinks that is a really good thing to do. *So, do we!*

Pat has chosen to help out on the Attendance and Hospitality and Fund Development Committees.

**Welcome
to Pat**



Cindy Cox – Cindy was sponsored for membership by MaryAnne Selvage, who became friends with her when Cindy was employed At Bel Air market in the pharmacy department. Cindy is retired now and so she has more time to become active in our club. When she was working, she enjoyed being able to help customers with product information and location, insurance plans, and their medications. Now that she has more time, the hobbies she enjoys are biking, hiking, walking, working in her yard and reading. *Those sound very good.*

The skills/talents she hopes to bring to our club are number one – being an enthusiastic member; and, being able to give back to the community. She is especially eager to volunteer at special events. She hopes to get knowledge and understanding of the Soroptimist organization from our club while being a devoted member by attending meetings, programs and activities of the club. *We like the devoted member part.*

Cindy would like to add that she really enjoys helping others. *She has found the right place to do that!* Cindy’s committee choices are the Project Selection and Attendance and Hospitality committees. **Welcome to Cindy**



Cheryl Simcox – Cheryl is the new member who will be inducted at the next meeting we are able to hold. Cheryl found us on the internet, and we are very happy that she did. A friend had mentioned Soroptimist to her, so she searched us out.

Cheryl is the owner and operator of the Minuteman Press in West Sacramento. It is a full-service printing company and she has been the owner for about three years. The things she likes best about that job are working with clients, producing great products and everything artistic.

Her previous work was in Social Work where she had a passion for helping women and children who needed assistance. For about 20 years she was with the Buncombe County Dept. of Social Services in North Carolina, where she was the supervisor of Child Protective Services Investigations and Adult Protective Services.

After she moved to Sacramento, she became the Ombudsman Program Manager and for 5 years trained volunteers who were responsible for residents' rights in long term care facilities.

Cheryl's partner is Lisa Gonzales and they are the "parents" to two Doggies, chow mix, Chloe, and Kayla. Cheryl's hobbies include working, walking her dogs, tennis, jogging and golf. *Those all take a lot of energy!!!*

Cheryl's reason for joining our club is to get "fulfillment in making a difference in the lives of women and girls". The talents/skills she hopes to bring to our club are: her experience working with the needs of the community; helping with family issues especially with women and their children; and, through her business relationships, getting the word out and possibly adding to more memberships. *That would certainly be welcomed.*

Welcome to Cheryl



Please help us welcome all four of these new members, as we look forward to working with each of them in our efforts to improve the lives of women and girls.

**THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN.
IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF
COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT,
ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1983**

Imagine that you had won the Following
PRIZE in a contest: Each morning your bank
would deposit \$86,400 In your private
account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules: The set of
Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during
each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into
some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank
opens your account with another \$86,400 for
that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without
warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!"
It can close the account and you will not
receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you
wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all
the people you love and care for. Even for
people you don't know, because you couldn't
possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use
it all, because you knew it would be
replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL.

Shocked? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*.
We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive
86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any
remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is
forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but
the bank can dissolve your account at any
time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400
seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than
the same amount in dollars. Think about it
and remember to Enjoy every second of your
life, because time races by so much quicker
than you think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love
deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful And beautiful
day. Start spending....

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD !"
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

Submitted by Mary Kobane

Board Action Items:

Unfinished Business: Jennifer Willis gave an update to the new website development. The site is scheduled to go live Friday April 3, 2020. Initial training is to be conducted with key members of the club and general training for the entire club is scheduled to be conducted in May at this time but is subject to change. Due to the coronavirus situation there are to be no in person meetings until after June 1, 2020. Membership renewal can be conducted by billing members linking to Quick Books. Kathy Platz will oversee.

New Business: Nancy Wolford-Landers has submitted new membership application. Mary Locke contacted Cheryl Simcox. Motion to approve was made, no opposition, approved.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee met and approved the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 club year below. Presented at the BOD meeting on March 31, 2020 as follows;

Officers

President – Jennifer Willis
1st VP (co-VP) – Phyllis McMaster
Moist and Cathy Diepenbrock
2nd VP – Karen Smith
Treasurer – Kathy Platz
Asst Treasurer – Alice Jarboe
Secretary – MaryAnne Selvage

Board of Directors 2020-2021

Lauren Buchanan
Paula Wright

Parliamentarian – To be selected by the newly elected President (per bylaws)

Board Motion: A motion was made to approve the slate presented by the Nominating Committee.
Approved.

Board Motions:

1) A motion was made from the Live Your Dream committee to give \$3,000 each to the two LYD Award candidates. Approved.

2) A motion was made from the Project Selection committee to give \$1,000 from the Random Acts of Kindness budget to Blanca Owensby. Ms. Owensby was referred to the club by My Sister's House as a single mother with urgent financial needs. Approved.

- Scholarship Committee: Allocations for fund disbursement have been made from budgeted monies. Kathy Platz led discussion as to need for all awarded monies to be presented to the Board including names, reasons for need, etc.
- Hospitality Committee: Carol Adams and Idelle Claypool recommended that they split the list of SIA club members to reach out to all considering the virus' impact.

Other Business:

- Jennifer raised the question as to whether business and board meetings should be conducted through services such as WebEx or Zoom during the time of no gatherings to be held. The club needs guidance and assistance with the technology challenges.

2019-2020

Soroptimist Offers Scholarships (SOS) and Donations

SOS

Alice Jarboe
Nilda Valmores
Nancy Wolford-Landers
Pat Canterbury
Yoli Manzo
Idelle Claypool
Phyllis Hayashi
Mary Kobane

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

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

April Soroptimists



Happy Birthday

Toni Kalpakoff	April 1
Barbara Coulam	April 7
Nancy Wolford-Landers	April 30

**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

Soroptimist Meetings on Hold Due to Covid-19 Virus

Date	Day	Time	Type-Agenda	Comments
5/1/2020				
5/15/2020				
6/2/2020				
6/5/2020				
6/19/2020				
6/26/2020				
7/11-12/2020				
7/22-25/2020				
August ?				



March 31, 2020

Dear Soroptimist of Sacramento sisters:

Thank you for considering supporting Blanca Owensby.

Blanca moved out a week before the isolation began.

She is a single mom with 2 adult children; the youngest 22 who lives with her and who struggles with life. He works part-time and did not graduate from college but does contribute some to the rent. Still, Blanca's income pays for the bulk of the rent which is about \$1300 a month.

Blanca finally separated from abusive husband that she was married to 12 years. She left in part because when those explosive incidents happen, she (is) was tempted to drink. She also was tempted to smoke again after 3 to 4 months of not smoking.

Recently (last 2 months) Blanca's car was recently totaled. She had to go to physical therapist because of pain in her back and neck. Making this decision to move shortly after the accident is an indication of how stressful life was becoming even pre-CV 19.

Blanca has been working hard on learning English but can't go to school right now. She also is taking citizenship classes. She is a VERY hard working woman and we have been lucky to have her at our café.

When Blanca is at My Sister's Café, she feels safe and motivated because she is good at something. Before she started at My Sister's House, her husband did not let her out of the house. She was really depressed. Blinds were closed. She didn't feel like she had friends.

Blanca moved to this apartment / duplex dump that wasn't even clean in South Sacramento (I saw a picture) but it was in her budget range and away from her ex-husband. This was her first apartment by herself too so not having rental and credit history added to her limited choices.

We, at My Sister's House, are so proud of Blanca that she finally took this HUGE step of independence. This support from our Soroptimist Club will mean THE WORLD to her and give her strength and hope during this CV-19 period and an affirmation that she made the right choice.