



Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter March 2022

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

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Presidents' Corner

By Phyllis McMaster Moist and Cathy Diepenbrock

Sister Soroptimists,

In our discussion about what to write to you in our notes this month, Cathy found the following message from our European Soroptimist organization, which includes clubs in Russia and Ukraine. They are very present to what our organization stands for. We could not have worded it better. Please consider support to non-profit organizations that are providing aid during this critical time.

<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/25/1082992947/ukraine-support-help>

War is not gender-neutral. In case of armed conflict, women suffer disproportionately.

Women rarely seek war but are the most affected by war. In peace talks, they are usually absent, if not excluded.

The conflict in Ukraine cannot leave us silent. We fear for the health and well-being of millions of women and girls who may suffer injury, loss of their homes and their jobs, displacement, loss of schooling, rape, and death. Women are much more vulnerable to war crimes than men.



We call upon the states to fully respect the human rights of all women and girls in Ukraine as stated in the Convention on Human Rights of the

Council of Europe to which all Council of Europe member states agreed to adhere, including Russia and Ukraine.

We also urge all European countries to welcome citizens of Ukraine who flee the zone of combat

and seek safety. Women and girls should receive special protection due to their greater vulnerability.

Our organization, Soroptimist International of Europe, is present in most European countries, including Russia and Ukraine. We work on projects educating, empowering, and enabling women and girls – please join us in helping women in warzone.

<https://www.soroptimisteurope.org/sie-statement-womens-situation-ukraine/>

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee invited members to suggest names and personally solicited names for the Committee’s consideration. On February 28, 2022, the Committee met by Zoom to review, identify, and approve the 2022-2023 Club year slate of Officers and Directors. The Nominating Committee Chair submitted the slate to the Board of Directors at its March 1, 2022, meeting. The Board approved the following slate:

- PRESIDENT: Karen Smith
- 1st VICE PRESIDENT: Carol Adams
- 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Nilda Valmores
- SECRETARY: Mary Anne Selvage
- TREASURER: Minisha Trivedi
- ASSISTANT TREASURER: Nancy Wolford Landers
- DIRECTORS:
 - 1-Year: Regena Boyland (completing Minisha Trivedi's term)
 - 2-Years: Rosalie Gladden
- Parliamentarian – To be appointed by the newly elected President, per the Bylaws.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento (SIS) Bylaws Article V requires this report to be read to the Club at the March Business Meeting and printed in the Newsletter. This report will be read again at the April Business Meeting where elections will be held. At that time, additional nominations may be made from the floor. If there is more than one nominee for an office, that election shall be by written ballot.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Jennifer Willis (Chair), Nancy Wolford Landers and Minisha Trivedi

Live Your Dream Awards By Regena Boyland

Come celebrate with us! This month, we will be presenting our Live Your Dream Awards, a signature Soroptimist education and training awards program, to four local college students from Sacramento City College and Sacramento State University. With awards this year totaling \$12,000, our financial support provides our awardees with resources to further their education, enhance their skills and broaden employment prospects while supporting their families.

These awards are the culmination of our collective fundraising efforts to support the Soroptimist mission of empowering women and girls. Every year, Soroptimist distributes more than \$2.8 million in education awards to about 1,700 women all over the world.

We welcome guests and look forward to celebrating these remarkable women overcoming obstacles and heading on a pathway to attaining their educational and professional goals.

The Awards program will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, 11:30am -12:30pm, at Swanston Park Community Center, 2350 Northrop Avenue, Sacramento, 95825.

Hope to see you there!

Salt Lake City Connection By Phyllis Moist

Below please find the most delightful letter from the President of the Salt Lake City club, letting us know how Georgia is doing.

Hello fellow Soroptimist Presidents, My name is Carolyn Roberts. I am president of Soroptimist of Salt Lake City. I was so excited when Georgia Presnell contacted me about participating in our club's activities. She speaks about the Sacramento club with such love and longing. She said she wishes to retain her membership in the Sacramento club but wants to be a part of our club as well.

I met Georgia for the first time at her new apartment in Orem. It was lovely but not as lovely as Georgia. What a classy lady! She is beautiful and polished and sweet and kind. I'm sure you miss her like crazy. Our membership chair, Jan Crane and I went to Georgia's house to give her some membership information. We enjoyed meeting her and getting to know a little about her.

A few weeks later I went to see her again. Her house is about 35 minutes away. We visited and I took her for a ride. We stopped at a grocery store for a few things, and I was amazed at her agility and independence. It was a fun outing. On February 16 we held a program meeting at a member's house in Salt Lake. I picked Georgia up and took her to Salt Lake where we enjoyed a potluck dinner, assembled hygiene kits, and had Georgia tell us a little bit about herself. Everyone loved her and we all had so much fun.

She has told me many things about you and your club, and I am interested in knowing more. I follow your Facebook page. I wanted to report on how Georgia is doing. I have

attached some pictures of us as well as our most recent newsletter. I hope you enjoy it. We'll be in touch.

In Soroptimist friendship,

Carolyn Roberts
President 2021-2022
Soroptimist of Salt Lake



We have a link to another club besides Salt Lake City . . .

By Phyllis McMaster Moist

Our newsletter this month contains the letter sent to Cathy and I (and to all of us) from Carolyn Roberts, current President of the Salt Lake City club, giving us an update on our very own Georgia and how thrilled they are to have her! (Of course, they are!)

Coincidentally, I just discovered that I have a personal, historical link to Soroptimists International of Vallejo, through some family tree and ancestry work that I have been doing through Ancestry.com. When Nancy Wolford Landers asked me to join Soroptimists, I already knew that my father's mother had been a member, as my mother had mentioned it (this grandmother died when I was 7), but after finding her obituary in the Ancestry.com archives, I discovered that Henrietta McMaster Wilson had been President of the Vallejo club. I contacted this club and their current President, Josette Lacey, called me back to tell me that Nana Pet (as we called her) was President in 1945-1946. This would have been immediately after my father would have come home from Okinawa, a Marine Raider wounded in World War II on Okinawa in April 1945. Nana Pet passed away in 1955, but apparently there is a section of the Vallejo City History Museum that is about Soroptimists and more information about her may be there. I will keep you posted. her.

Aunt Bonnie - I Will Curate No More Forever

By Bonnie Coleman

I have been an admirer of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe since I first heard his story. He was not a military genius; he was the chief of an Oregon Indian tribe who tried to take his remaining people the few miles into Canada where they wouldn't be pursued by the US Army. Like most of the Indian Chiefs we have

records of, he was a resolute, honest, man who attempted to negotiate with a capricious US Army/Government that was treading an ever-moving line between the demands of a burgeoning population of immigrants and an ever-shifting political landscape. He traveled from his homeland to within 40 miles of the Canadian border in a series of brilliant tactical moves before being captured, transported, and relocated to an inhospitable and unfamiliar land in Oklahoma, where he and most of his followers died. Another chapter of our country's history we are not eager to remember.

This concludes the memorial paragraph of a remarkable man in a dispiriting situation against hopeless odds who continued to do the Right Thing until there were no more moves to make. It bears little on the slight situation we will now pursue. I am just drawn to thinking about Chief Joseph and what might have happened if the US Army could have left him alone to cross the border into Canada. Perhaps the brave people of the Ukraine brought it to mind. Hard to say what brings things to this mind.

I am old now. Sometimes it's fun. I grew up in a time in which we did things; we refused to do other things; whatever. We didn't curate anything unless we ran a museum. Now people curate everything that isn't, well, I don't know where they will stop until we are curating one another. It sounds to me more like what one would do to a ham and even then, one would be wrong. But I digress. Again. Actually, to digress I would have had to set a topic, which I have yet to do. Well better late than never. Let's think about our current board.

Like Chief Joseph they are honest, resolute people trying to do the Right Thing against unthinkable circumstances they never imagined, much less signed up for, in a troubled time in which it is almost impossible to rely on the past or predict the future for guidance on how to sustain and grow our little tribe. And yet, they have tried throughout the year to keep us focused on our mission, provide some productive projects, and give some opportunities for joy in this bleak time. They deserve some recognition and respect

for continuing the good fight to the end. Yeah, Board members! And yeah, readers who resolutely pursued this issue in search of a topic to the bitter end. Yeah You!

Soroptimists (and Others!) to the Aid in Ukraine

By Wendy Haydon-Schneider

I have been feeling antsy, not knowing what to do to help the people of Ukraine. I have seen that there are groups here in Germany who are collecting donated items and driving them to the border with Poland. In fact, a friend of mine named Chris delivered a van full of donated items. Here's a photo of her very full van – she drove to the city of Darmstadt in Germany, where a semi-truck was waiting to be filled before departing for Poland!



There are also websites that have been set up here where you can register with them that you have a room, or rooms, available and are willing to host the women and children who are fleeing Ukraine.

Then I saw that Eva Skårner, a Soroptimist friend from the Malmö Soroptimistklubb in Sweden, who I am connected with on Facebook. Her club is holding a fundraiser to raise money to aid

Ukraine's people. The fundraiser started the last weekend in February and is continuing!! Eva says, "Thank you to all you generous people who donated to our fundraiser this weekend. 20,000 has been sent to our sister club at the Ukrainian border. They are making an emergency effort to help all the refugees coming from Eastern Ukraine. The fundraiser continues and we gratefully receive all help. To all you friends from outside Sweden, who also want to contribute to our aid actions for the Ukrainian refugees and victims, please donate to

<https://www.soroptimisteurope.org/donate/disaster-relief-fund/>

We are grateful for every penny, so our local clubs in western Ukraine and in neighboring countries (Poland, Moldavian and Romania) can continue their work". Soroptimists TOGETHER against violence and war ❤️🙏 Please note that Eva gave me her permission to share this donation opportunity with you.

Translation of the Swedish post below:

Soroptimists Together supports women and children in Ukraine Support us via Swish 123 530 02 64 or scan QR code



Fundraisers

By Karen Smith

Two more online fundraisers with See's Yumraising and Flower Power will be held soon.

See's Spring Yumraising started in late February with the last date to order March 25th to receive by Easter. [See's Yum-Raising - Soroptimist International of Sacramento SIS - SIS Soroptimist Int'l of Sacramento \(yumraising.com\)](#)

Flower Power spring sale will start on April 1st with orders shipping on April 1. The website closes on May 15. The website link will be shared via email.

The two fundraisers will run concurrently for a couple of weeks. We'll start with See's first and then add on Flower Power. We hope that you will share the information with friends and family. Besides giving them an opportunity to support a great cause, it puts a public face on the work that we do with SI Sacramento.

Officers 2021-2022

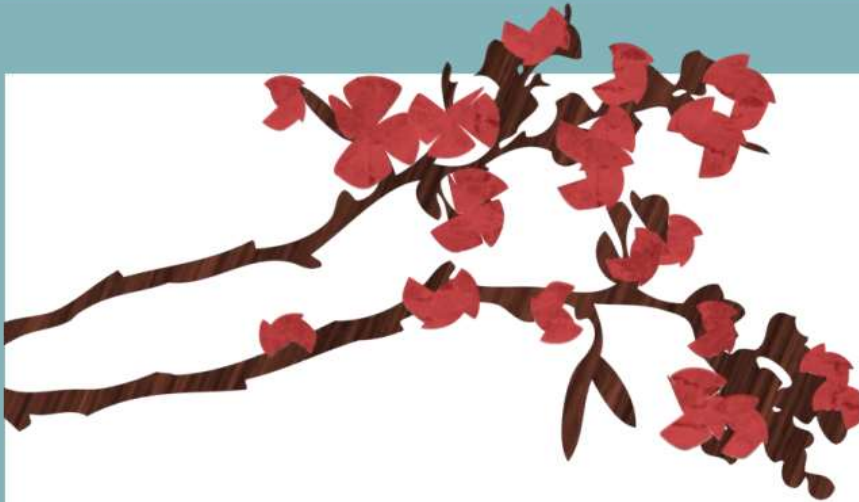
Co-Presidents-Phyllis Moist &
Cathy Diepenbrock
First Vice President – Karen Smith
Second Vice President-Carol Adams
Secretary-MaryAnne Selvage
Treasurer-Kathy Platz
Assistant Treasurer-Maria Trejo
Board of Directors 2020-2022 –
Mary Locke
Board of Directors 2021-2023-
Minisha Trivedia

Donations

Eva Garcia for Richard Canterbury
Elaine Pesce for Richard Canterbury
Regena Boyland for Richard Canterbury
Rosalie Gladden for Richard Canterbury
Carol Adams for Richard Canterbury
Barbara Coulam for Colleen Heck's mother,
Carolyn Murphy
Jennifer Willis for Richard Canterbury
Wendy Haydon for Richard Canterbury
Cathy Diepenbrock for Richard Canterbury
Idelle Claypool for Richard Canterbury
Phyllis McMaster Moist in memory of Richard
Canterbury
Sally Day in memory of Richard Canterbury
Debbie Davis donation in lieu of buying
Flower Power
Rosalie Gladden made a donation to the general
fund in honor of her sister, Rose D'Antonio
Corrine Joe for Richard Canterbury

Upcoming SIS Meetings

Friday, March 4 – Business Meeting
Friday, March 18 – Live Your Dream Awards
Friday, April 1 – Business Meeting
Friday, April 22 – SIS Scholarship Awards
*(Please note this is the 4th Friday due to Good
Friday and Easter)*
Friday, May 6 – Business Meeting
Friday, May 20- Paula Salinger and Heather
Tiffie, Capital Pro Bono
Friday, June 3 – Soroptimists Celebrating
Success
Friday, June 17 – New President Installation
(tentative date)



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
SACRAMENTO INVITES YOU TO A

SANGRIA SOCIAL

MARCH 24, 2022

5:00 PM

HOSTED BY IDELLE AND DAN CLAYPOOL
ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED WITH RSVP

Snacks and sangria to be provided
Fully vaccinated guests welcome