



Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter June 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

Dear Friends,

It's been quite a ride this year, with the virus that we all hoped would quietly disappear, but which took residence on our planet with no end in sight.

Flexibility!?? Our new middle names! And as usually happens if you view the world with a glass half full attitude, there were some very positive outcomes from these very turbulent times.

We had a chance to really get to know Wendy and have her be part of our meetings AND make the world seem just a little smaller in the process. We also learned a lot about Germany through her newsletter articles.

We had Icebreakers on Zoom that had everyone sharing individually to the whole group, which allowed us to really get to know each other.



We could come to some meetings in our 'at-home' casual clothes.

We discovered a new meeting venue – a community park building – that is perfect for us, with plenty of parking and with catering that has been wonderfully delicious!

And, finally, the two of us really got to know each other on a whole new level. We have had moments when we could not have done this job without each other. Best for women – in plural – you BET!

We are entering our very last month of Soroptimists International of Sacramento 2021-2022 and we are already looking ahead to the roles we are going to play next year as we create

a celebration for our 100th year and tackle whatever projects we choose to take on. We will be passing the leadership baton to Karen Smith and her very able Board. Fundraising will be a key topic next year and we all will want to play a part in funding our club's priorities. We encourage each of you to look at what role you want to play next year, what dream you want to help a young women accomplish and what committee would be the best fit for you. And after this year's incredible experience as your Co-Presidents, we invite you to partner with someone in your leadership role. We encourage everyone to rededicate themselves to the continued success of SIS as we transition towards the next 100 years of empowering women to achieve their dreams in a way that only Soroptimists can!

Thank you for a memorable year!

June 17th---Installation of new Leadership

Our 100th Installation is happening! You won't want to miss being part of this historic event to welcome Karen Smith and her Board as our leadership team for 2022-2023! To be held at Swanston Park Community Center during our June 17th meeting. Details to follow.



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Upcoming SIS schedule

June 6th ---Celebrating Success (Swanston Community Center) and Committee Sign-ups

**August 2nd---Summer Luncheon (Wendy Haydon visits!!!!) (Location to be announced)
By Karen Smith**

Flower Power Fundraiser

Thanks to those of you who supported the spring fundraiser. While not as successful as the fall, we did garner \$350+ in profit. The best part is that several SIS members purchased bulbs, seeds and small plants for Fern Bacon Middle School. Stephanie Smith is a teacher there and she also runs the garden club. She reports that the students are super excited to have lots of plants to beautify the school, and they have enjoyed planting them and watching them grow.

Summer Luncheon

Please save the date: Tuesday, August 2nd. We are happy to have Wendy Haydon join us from Germany. She and her husband, Werner, are taking an extended trip to the US this summer and she is very much looking forward to seeing her Soroptimist friends. Location to be determined.

2022-23 Committee Sign-ups

There will be an opportunity to sign up for committees at the Business meeting on Friday, June 3rd. We will also send a sign-up via email. Members are asked to serve on one technical and one service committee, but it's okay to join more! Serving on a committee is such a great way to get to know other members, serve our community and further the mission of SIS.

**Ice Breaker Fun!!!
Nancy Wolford-Landers**

At all of our Soroptimist meetings, we usually start things off with an "Ice Breaker" to get everyone into a friendly mood. The May business meeting, held via Zoom, was no

exception, and we learned how our members perceived themselves.

Each member was asked to pick an adjective, describing themselves, which started with the same initial as their first name. They also had to repeat the name and descriptive adjective of the person who recited before them and then call on another member to describe herself. It was great fun, and here are the members who participated that day: “Nifty” Nancy; “Bountiful” Barbara;

“Ideal” Idelle; “Marvelous” Mary; “Joyful” Jennifer; “Silly” Sally; “Relaxing” Rosalie; “Patient” Phyllis; “Chatty” Cathy; “Glowing” Glorian; “Exciting” Eva; “Kooky” Karen; “Blessed” Barbara; “Restless” Regena; “Sassy” Sara; “Positive” Phyllis; “Wild” Wendy; “Perfect” Pat; “Marvelous” Mary Anne; “Creative” Carol; “Jumping” Janet; and, “Nice” Nilda.

It was a great afternoon with some very “distinctive” members in attendance.

May Holidays in German By Wendy Haydon-Schneider

May was just full of holidays! Muttertag!
Rheinland-Pfalz Tag! Vatertag!
Muttertag (Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 8):
Mother's Day in Germany is one of many cultural imports from the US. It is not a public holiday, but because it is always on a Sunday, stores follow the normal Sunday opening



hours, which means that stores are always closed on Mother’s Day”. As in the US, on Mother's Day it is also common in Germany to give presents and pamper mothers.

Mother’s Day was introduced in Germany in 1923 - on the initiative of the Association of German Flower Shop Owners.

** Rheinland-Pfalz-Tag 2022 – 75 Jahre RLP

(Rhineland Palatinate Day - May 20th – 22nd):
on May 22, 2022, there was a parade in Mainz, Germany (Mainz is the capital city of Rheinland-Pfalz; Rheinland-Pfalz is known as



the state of Rhineland Palatinate in English). Mainz is the city where I lived for 6 years! The parade was celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Rheinland-Pfalz. The actual 75th anniversary was on May 18, 2022. On May 18, 1947, the citizens approved the constitution of the newly founded state and at the same time elected the first state parliament.

The main purpose of the three-day festival is to bring people together from all parts of the state and to contribute to the sense of togetherness. Each year the celebrations take place in a different city. The three-day festival offers a mix of entertainment and information.



We watched the Sunday parade on television. A few of the parade's participants really touched me: the US Army Europe Band, the American Square Dance group, and the band from Poland called Zdrowy Band Gorzow Slaski. I've included a photo of each of these.



**Vatertag (Father's Day, Thursday May 26th): in Germany, Father's Day ('Vatertag') Father's Day always takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday and always falls on a Thursday in May together with Ascension Day. Ascension Day translated into German is Christi Himmelfahrt. It occurred to me that the literal translation is Christ's heaven journey.

This public holiday is a day off work for everybody, and a chance for men to act like boys. It involves drinking lots of beer, riding a beer bike, and little responsibility. Because this holiday falls on a Thursday, usually the Friday following is a Bruckentag (bridge day) providing for a 4-day weekend. The holiday actually has its beginnings in the Middle Ages as a religious ceremony honoring Gott, den

Vater (God, the father). Towards the 1700s, the day transformed into Vatertag, a family day honoring the father of the household. Men would be carted into the village center and the father with the most children would earn a reward, often a large ham.



The Holiday fell out of favor for a while, but made a comeback in the 19th century as Männertag (Man Day). While celebrations are generally men only, it is not limited to fathers. Any male with Männlichkeitswahn (machismo) and a desire to indulge in their caveman side can participate in Vatertag.



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Aunt Bonnie on State of the Art Computers

By Bonnie Coleman

Some of you may remember when we would soon be a paperless society using our computers for everything, just like on all those futuristic shows. If so, I hope you didn't sell all your stocks in paper. "Soon" is still far into the future. Sure, they've made some terrific advances but all you must do to reground yourself is have a little "situation", like trying to change your network provider. It's advertised as simple; this is what simple looks in my world...every time.

First, I try to tell my current provider that I no longer want its services. It always e-mails me so I return the e-mail advising them that I am moving my stuff to another site. I assure them it's not because I am disgruntled. I am quite grunted with them in fact, I just want to bundle my services.

Next, I contact my new-to-be provider to give them the good news. They are friendly, but not really excited. Since they already have some of my business it seems easy to transfer the rest of it. Not easy but fairly quick. It doesn't work, of course so a live-person service call is in order. He is a lovely, helpful man who goes right to the edge of what he's supposed to do. It doesn't work. Or, his stuff works but mine still doesn't. We decide Apple should be involved and bring them on board (no I don't know why...never expect to...it's something to do with passwords...I don't know whose...I am phobic about passwords). Apple and I go 'round and 'round until someone gets someone to open something. The villagers rejoice. Then I get bills from both old and new providers; I have no idea who stopped or started what when. I pay them both off.

Mundane as this all sounds, in total it took half of four days, plus the service call, or about 20 hours. A body could do a lot of stuff that a body wanted to do in about 20 hours and not end up each day with a headache. One bright young lady actually admitted that computers have gotten so complicated that nobody really understands much except their own little bubble. Oh, bright, honest, forthright lady. How I wish there were more of you. Just so I wouldn't feel so lonely.



I don't know the answer. Maybe this is the start of Automated Intelligence taking over the world. Maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing. Let them deal with inter-agency communications. Let them deal with promises and warranties. Let them deal with arrival and departure times of delivery people, technicians, and the web of

support people that support the support people. I guarantee that in no time they will be begging to go back to being game-stations that also do something productive once in a while, like print a check or fire a rocket. That is the day I want to celebrate. That is the date I want to put on the calendar. That is if our Overlords will allow it...or aren't totally tied up figuring out passwords.

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

Board Action Items

- The board approved the recommendations of the Web Committee as they continue their work to improve the web page.
- The board approved the proposed budget as presented by the Finance Committee.
- The board approved the minutes of the May Board Meeting.

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, June 3 – Soroptimists Celebrating
Success
Friday, June 17 – New President Installation
August 2nd---Summer Luncheon (Wendy Haydon
visits!!!!) (Location to be announced)

June, July, August Birthdays



Georgia Presnell	June 7
Barbara Nash	June 9
Phyllis McMaster Moist	June 29
Kathleen Platz	July 2
Janet Galliani	July 6
Patricia Menz	July 6
Elaine Pesce	July 12
Cindy Patterson	July 22
Phyllis Hayashi	July 27
Rosalie Gladden	July 29
Donna Kistler	July 29
Pat Canterbury	August 6
Eva Garcia	August 10
Hyrum Gray	August 11
Debbie Rubens	August 19