



SOROPTIMIST OF SACRAMENTO

November 2022

Upcoming Events

Nov 4- Business Mtg

Nov 18- Speaker

Meeting -Elaine
Faber, Author

Dec 2-Business Mtg

Dec 16 - Holiday

Party

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President's Corner

by Karen Smith

Where did October go? It all seems like a blur to me, and I guess that's what happens when you spend most of the month away from home. I had a lovely trip to Eastern Europe (river cruise down the Danube) and then Austria, but it feels just as good to be home. Now I'm playing catch-up!

I was sorry to miss the Halloween Party but I hear that it was a fun event. Thank you to our hospitality committee for putting together a lively luncheon with decorations and fun activities.

The 100th Year Committee has held one very productive meeting and another is planned for November. Sub-committee chairs have been recruited, and while the committee is heading up the planning, we are depending on all of our members to help out so that the event on March 4, 2023 will be a big success! Please don't hesitate to reach out to the chairs, Rosalie Gladden and Idelle Claypool, about how you can help, and we know you'll be responsive when sub-committee chairs reach out to you.

As I am a fairly new member here (since 2013), I am learning so much about SIS history as I dig through various resources. Thank you to Susann Hadler for writing up this information about an SIS charter member on our website:

Blanche Edgar Girot — Over the years, many prominent members of the community have been a part of SIS. However, one very noteworthy citizen was Blanche Edgar Girot. Blanche was president of SIS in 1930, but her contributions to our club touch SIS and the community to this day. She chartered 104 clubs throughout the world. Her motto was "Attendance is the price of membership and service is the means of enjoyment of that membership." She gifted some land to SIS in 1965 and the proceeds of the sale have allowed SIS to fund the construction and current upkeep of the School House in Old Sacramento, the Pirate Ship in Fairy Tale Town, and the Arts and Crafts Room at the Thomas P. Raley Boys and Girls Club to name a few.

Blanche's legacy continues to this very day and we are thankful for all of her contributions, not only to SIS but to the larger Soroptimist organization.



November Speaker Meeting - by Pat Canterbury

Elaine Faber has written a new cozy mystery involving our favorite senior spy, Mrs. Odboddy. After a summer of heat, forest fires, or deciding which propositions are the best for our future, now we just wish to relax with hot cocoa, a furry friend (dog or cat) and listen to Elaine discuss Mrs. Odboddy's latest adventures. Elaine had us in stitches when she spoke at SIS three years ago and this latest Mrs. Odboddy is by far her funniest.

Hope to see everyone Friday, November 18. Elaine will have copies of her books for sale for \$12.00 each (check or cash) Invite your friends for a very lively and fun luncheon.

Bio: Elaine Faber, an award winning author who lives in Elk Grove, CA with her husband and two house cats. She is a member of three writers' groups and has led two writers' critique groups. She has published nine cozy mystery novels, an anthology of short cat stories, and has short stories in twenty-one independent anthologies. Elaine's humorous WWII historical fiction, Mrs. Odboddy's mystery novels, have been finalists in three annual book awards.

Save the Date!

SIS 100th Year Celebration

March 4, 2023

Dante Club, Sacramento

Lunch Meeting RSVPs

A huge thank you to Mary Wordlaw who is handling the lunch RSVPs this year.

Please note:

1. Emails will be sent from Mary's email address (the name in your inbox will read 'John & Mary Wordlaw').
2. The email regarding lunch RSVP will be sent by noon *on the Sunday before the meeting*.
3. It will be sent again on Monday evening to those who have not responded. Even if you cannot attend, please respond NO.
4. It seems that some people are not receiving group emails. We're not sure why this is happening. Please make sure that you have Mary's email address (johnmarywordlaw@gmail.com) in your contacts. This may help.
5. If you think you are missing emails, please check your spam folder.
6. If you have not received the email, please request it directly from Mary Wordlaw, and she will resend.
7. It is impossible for Mary to follow up with each individual member to make sure they are receiving emails. Please don't hesitate to ask her If you have not received and she'll be happy to re-send it to you.

Thank you so much for your help on this. With 45 members, it's a big job to make sure that we receive the correct number of lunch orders for the caterer on time. If everyone responds, we are assured that all have received the information.

You are needed for the SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER!

By Phyllis McMaster Moist

**Shift sign-ups will be available at our November 4th Business Meeting
and in a subsequent email link.**

**The store will be open from December 1st until December 24th (or
whenever we run out of candy, whichever comes first).**

Store Location: Lake Crest Village Shopping Center

I-5 and Florin Rd (Nugget Center)

994 Florin Rd.

Hours of the store: 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Available shifts: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**We also need members who can be available with a key to open and/
or close the store.**

**Please be generous with your available time and sign up for at least 2
shifts---or more! It's a great way to connect with other members of
our club.**



SIS Member Spotlight

Patricia E. (Pat) Canterbury

Pat Canterbury has been a member of SIS since 1988. We thank her for sending in a few snippets about herself so we could get to know her better. Pat was concerned that her piece was too long but we wanted a few more details, so below includes Pat's original piece with added details by Karen after a lovely phone conversation.



Back in the day, I was very involved with politics and belonged to a women's voter organization. Our group would interview candidates and then support them financially, and I interviewed Nancy Wolford-Landers when she was running for Sacramento County Auditor Controller and was impressed by her work. After that, I kept running into Nancy at various events and believe it or not, she told me about SIS! She told me a little about it and said that she thought I'd make a great member and she invited me to the Hat Luncheon, an annual event back in the old timer's days when everyone would wear a fancy hat to a luncheon. I had to buy a new one because my hats weren't exactly fancy.

Because I admired Nancy's dedication to the community, I was happy to attend that SIS meeting and I was welcomed immediately, although I was sure I was way different politically than all those at my table on that first luncheon. Who knows but it didn't matter. We were all there for the same reason. We discussed where to put our funds and knowing that Soroptimist supported women and girls, I said I was going to join this group. As an analyst for the state of California, I was one of the first women of color who was not a secretary, and I retired as Assistant Executive Officer of the Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors. Being involved in an organization that represents ALL women was important to me, and at that time, SIS had a small handful of women of color. I am happy that our club has continued to increase its diversity over the years.

I was the first African-American President in 2000. I was supposed to serve a couple of years earlier, but I was working on a novel and I knew I didn't have the time to devote to it, so it was pushed back a couple of years. During my term, the city of Sacramento adopted red pandas at the zoo, and SIS had a sleepover there. I also remember that we volunteered to pick up trash along the American River Parkway. We were going to volunteer to adopt part of a freeway but decided that it would be too dangerous. In those

days, we only had to worry about rattlesnakes and raccoons on the parkway. I still have the trash pick-up stick in my office.

Way back in the day, attendance counted for SIS meetings. We weren't fined if we didn't attend, but it was frowned upon if you missed, and attendance reports were sent in to the district and region. I can boast that I had perfect attendance that first year and for many years until Covid hit. But Soroptimist moved on from focusing on perfect attendance because it recognized that many women held powerful positions in their careers, and it wasn't always possible to get away for lunch every single Friday. I was fortunate that my California State government supported my attendance for SIS meetings, but I'm glad that Soroptimist recognized the important role of women in the workplace. Even after many years of retirement, I try to attend all SIS meetings.

Besides my career and Soroptimist, I'm a writer, traveler and kitty lover. I've been fortunate to be included in over 30 anthologies, with a new short story arriving in August '23. I've published eight novels (children, middle grade and adult mystery) and about 16 children's picture book manuscripts. I represented the United States at the 1985 World's Women's Conference in Nairobi, Kenya where my speech on *Women and the Family Farm* is archived in Library of Congress.

In 1987, I traveled "by myself"; I was in a group of 30 folks from Chico State to travel to China and Mongolia, but I knew no one before it started. I was literally by myself with a tour guide in Peru in 1989. When I showed up at the airport at 1 am, I thought I'd meet 25-30 people, but there was one man at the airport and he said "Mrs. Canterbury, I'm your guide. Let's go." I asked where everyone else was and he said they cancelled because of guerrilla warfare happening in the country. I knew nothing about it! But I went and we had a grand time! In addition, I've been to Cuba, six countries in Africa, all of Europe as well as the old Soviet Union by car. And of course, I've been to all 50 States,

I'm a fourth generation Sacramentan, a university graduate with degrees in political science and government, and a master weaver (although I have gotten a little rusty working on the loom). Barbara Coulam and I both own Gilmore looms, the Picasso of looms!

And many of you know that I'm a kitty lover. My Mysti lived until she was 23 years old! Richard and I were lucky to find Kilmousky who has been a fantastic companion, especially after Richard passed away, but Kilmousky crossed the rainbow bridge a week ago. Happily, I'm now the owner of a 6-month old female, who I adopted from the SPCA and named Uhura. I haven't had a kitten in years and she's very entertaining, but she gets into everything!

Being a long-time member of Soroptimist International of Sacramento, I am so excited to celebrate our 100th anniversary. I'm amazed that I have been a member for over 34 years and I look forward to many more.

Service for Carol Adams' husband, Cary

Saturday, November 5th at 1 p.m.
(reception to follow)

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2140 Mission Ave
Carmichael

November Birthdays

Regena Boyland	November 6
Jennifer Willis	November 18
Corrine Yee Joe	November 22
Nilda Valmores	November 22
Phyllis Johnson	November 24



SOS Contributions

Carol Adams	Mary Locke
Regina Boyland	Yoli Manzo
Idelle Claypool	Phyllis Moist
Barbara Coulam	Barbara Smith-Nash
Cathy Diepenbrock	Elaine Pesce
Janet Galliani	Karen Smith
Eva Garcia	Nilda Valmores
Alice Jarboe	Jennifer Willis
Karen Kouretas	Nancy Wolford Landers

Newsletter Committee:

Chairs: Glorian Martinelli/Janet Galliani

Members: Pat Canterbury, Bonnie Coleman, Wendy Haydon, Phyllis McMaster Moist

If you have contributions to the newsletter, please email it in a Word document to Glorian at ggmartinelli@comcast.net by the 25th of the month.