



SOROPTIMIST OF SACRAMENTO

December 2022

Upcoming Events

Dec 2-Business Mtg

Dec 16 - Holiday
Party

Jan 6- Business
Meeting

Jan 20-Sacramento
Police Chief, Kathy
Lester

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President's Corner

by Karen Smith

December seems to always arrive quickly, and then we wonder where the year went. Like everything else, SI Sacramento is no less busy this time of year. We are looking forward to our See's fundraising store and are grateful that Nancy's eagle eyes noticed that the "See's Coming Soon" sign was missing from the front of Loehmann's Plaza. This allowed us to secure a fantastic location next to the UPS Store facing Fair Oaks Blvd. The permanent See's store won't be ready until after the first of the year so, once again, SIS is paving the way for great sales for them. More about See's later in the newsletter, but I want to thank all the people behind the scenes who are helping to get this done. It takes a village (and then some) and there are more details to take care of than I ever imagined. Thank you to Phyllis McMaster Moist and Hyrum Gray for chairing the committee. We also could not have done it without Odell and Nancy Wolford-Landers, Idelle and Dan Claypool, Mary Locke, Kristy Fitzgerald, Kathy Platz and Barbara Coulam. And thank you to you, our members, who are working shifts and sending friends and family to buy candy. Some have even enlisted friends to work shifts with them. Thank you! *(We will need help with take-down on Monday, December 26th so please contact Phyllis if you can help.)*

Our 100th Year Celebration committee is hard at work and ticket sales will start soon. Look for more information, via email, as we get everything up and running. We will also be looking for sponsorships from corporations and individuals, so please be thinking about who you might ask. As I learn more about the history of our club, I am amazed by how quickly things took off once our club was established in 1923. We are the fourth oldest club after Alameda (which later became the SoroOptimist Club of Oakland, also known as 'the Mother Club'), San Francisco and Los Angeles. As more clubs were organized on the west coast (also Long Beach, San Jose, Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Vancouver, BC), it became apparent that meeting jointly to develop programs pertaining to all clubs was essential (each had operated separately up until this point). In 1926, a 'West Coast' meeting was held and again in 1927. It's a bit complicated, but at that time, the Southwestern Region was formed and then the first federation was established: International Federation of SoroOptimist Clubs (because of the Vancouver, BC club). The first American Federation was formed in 1928 (the American Federation of SoroOptimist Clubs) and, as you know, there are now five international federations: SI of the Americas, SI of Europe, SI of Great Britain and Ireland, SI of South East Asia Pacific and the newest, established in June 2020, SI Africa Federation. I am very proud to be a part of an organization that works toward common goals across the world. *(Source: The Past, Sierra Nevada Region, 1921-2016)*

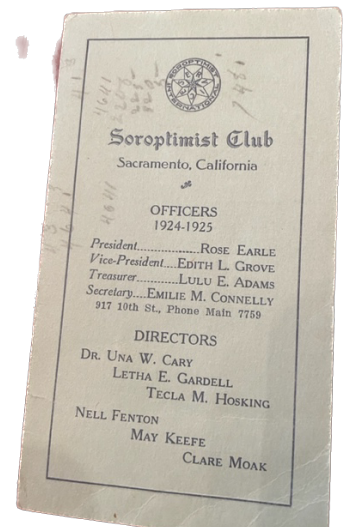
Regional News



By Idelle Claypool

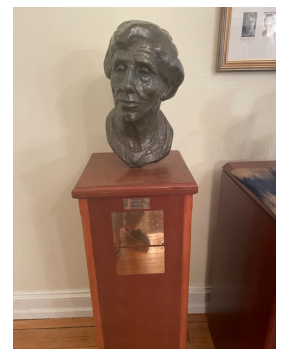
On a recent trip to Philadelphia, I was able to tour Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) headquarters, guided by Lisa Mangiafico, who among other duties, is the Archivist for SIS. She shared many historical items from our club including pins, early rosters, newspaper clippings and the 1932 SIS hosted convention program and momentos. SIA stores similar items from all of the other clubs in the Federation.

SIA owns their historical building which they were told was at one time a medical office and residence. Soroptimist history is on display throughout the building. The walls are lined with photos of early club gatherings and famous Soroptimists, artwork gifted to and created by Soroptimists, plaques and time capsules.



It still functions as an office with executive staff in the living room and staff desks, offices and file cabinets in the various rooms. There is a large conference room set up for in-person and virtual meetings.

It was fun to connect with the Soroptimist Federation and be reminded of the larger organization that we are a part of. Here are some photos that will hopefully pass on that connection to you.





Police Chief **Kathy Lester** Jan. 20, 2023 SIS Speaker

By Nancy Wolford-Landers

Be sure to attend the January 20th SIS meeting to hear the first female Chief of Police for the City of Sacramento, Kathy Lester, speak to our club.

Chief Lester joined the Sacramento Police Department in 1994 as a dispatcher, became a community service officer in 1995, and a sworn police officer in 1996.

She has worked in Patrol, Traffic, Recruiting, Internal Affairs, Criminal Intelligence, as an Executive Lieutenant, and over saw police services for the Sacramento City Unified School District. She has also led the Contracts Services Division, Personnel and Fiscal Division, the Downtown Patrol Command and the Division of Outreach and Engagement. As a Deputy Chief, she has overseen the Office of Specialized Services and the Office of Operations. Talk about having “done it all”!!!!

Chief Lester is a veteran, having enlisted in the army at the age of 17. She attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Ca. where she became fluent in Russian, and served as a military interpreter, combat medic and range master. In addition, she has been an instructor in Crowd Control, First Aid, Community Relations, Gender Awareness, and Implicit Bias. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from CSU Sacramento, and a Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University; As well as being a graduate of numerous special police science courses. She is also adjunct faculty for the Los Rios Community College District.

In addition to all of this, she is a wife and mother to three children and loves to cook, garden and fly fish. How does she fit it all in?

Come and hear about Chief Lester’s current plans for the Police Department and her devotion to the concept of community-based policing, and to the “great people of the Sacramento Community”.



Holiday Party

Hospitality Committee

December 16th is the time to celebrate the December Holidays and Soroptimist International of Sacramento is ready!!! Plan to come and have fun. We will be meeting at Swanston Park as usual. (It is so hard to line up restaurants at this time of year and with reasonable prices)

There will be great food, games, music, a raffle (bring a \$5 bill) and **Professional Entertainment**, so plan to be impressed!
Guests are welcome!!

Please see the flyer included in this newsletter and be sure to respond to the SIS R.S.V.P. when it's sent on December 13. Please note that the cost of this luncheon will be \$25.00.

**See you there and
Happy Holidays!**



My Life...So Far
By Bonnie Coleman

I have been asked by our more important ladies to write a little bio of myself, presumably as an immigrant, although those of you who were around a couple of years ago when we did it before may remember me as not much of an immigrant since my passport picture was taken at age 3 years. Still, I live to serve so here goes.

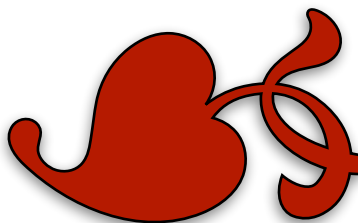
My Mother's people emigrated from Scotland to New Brunswick about a generation earlier than my Father's. My great grandfather dealt in lumber and children, siring about 8 of his own and taking in everybody else who was missing a parent or two. He was significant for educating all his children (even the girls!) through the equivalent of Jr. college, which may be why my grandfather was the local schoolteacher.

My Father's people emigrated from Ireland about the next generation and settled in the lake country of Ontario, farming and selling their bounty by boat to the rich summer people who came up from the states for island vacations. That's pretty much how it was until WW II. Then my Daddy joined the service and went to England in 1939. He ended up in the Pathfinders, a volunteer Royal Canadian Air Force outfit that made bombing raids over Germany. They were named thus because they made an initial run over the target dropping flares to light up the targets, then circled back on the end of the run to drop their own load of bombs. Yes, flares; no wonder they made it a volunteer assignment.

You can question their sanity but not their bravery because they had a 96% death rate. Of course I never heard this from my Dad. I asked him about the war once and he said it looked like 4th of July. I got it from history and some lively conversation between himself and our neighbor (who owned a bakery) and who was in the Luftwaffe and the two would trade stories once in a while. Daddy got a medal and a nice thank you note from the King (or maybe Prince?) It's still around here somewhere.

After the war, my Dad was thoroughly through with snow and vowed to move so far South that an old man who heard the word snow wouldn't know what it was. We followed the immigrant's trail (relatives) as far as the Bay Area and settled in Castro Valley. I became besties with a beautiful Sicilian-Irish-American girl who mostly grew up in my house because she had an older and a younger brother who weren't much fun for a 4 and 1/2-year-old girl to play with.

I endeavored in this bio to give you another view of my little self. Eventually I grew up, went to school, got married, became a County bureaucrat, and joined Soroptimist. There I wrote a little column that was so well-received and novel (thank you all for your kind words) that I was asked to cease and desist by two presidents...so far. For those of you that were counting the years, (the editors and I were not) that was a bunch of years ago. I missed the month that Whooping Cough hit the County but not much else.



SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

By Phyllis McMaster Moist

A reminder that our biggest fund-raiser, the See's Candy store, will be operating from December 1st until December 24th.

Store Location:

Loehmann's Plaza

(Yay! One last time since See's won't be opening their own store until January.)

2441 Fair Oaks Blvd (next to the UPS Store)

11 a.m. until 5 p.m

Thank you to all who have volunteered to take a shift or two or three. We want this last hurrah at Loehmann's to be a big one, so please complete pre-order forms for your own See's Candy shopping. Also, remind your friends to let us know when they come in to shop; we will fill out a form for them in order to track sales. Soroptimist International of South Sacramento is helping with the store and profits will be divided between the clubs. The pre-order forms help both clubs receive the profit due to them.





SIS December Birthdays

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| Cheryl Simcox | December 3 |
| Patricia McConahay | December 10 |
| Karen Smith | December 18 |

SOS – Soroptimist Offering Service

These members have donated \$50 for the right to ‘brag’ or share news at SIS meetings (as of 11/30/22). If there are future donations, they will be noted in the newsletter individually.

Carol Adams
Regena Boyland
Idelle Claypool
Barbara Coulam
Sally Day
Cathy Diepenbrock
Janet Galliani
Eva Garcia
Alice Jarboe
Mary Kobane
Karen Kouretas
Sarah Lee
Mary Locke
Yoli Manzo
Phyllis Moist
Barbara Smith-Nash
Kathy Platz
Elaine Pesce
Karen Smith
Nilda Valmores
Jennifer Willis
Nancy Wolford-Landers



Upcoming meetings and events:

January 6 – SIS Business Meeting

January 20 – SIS Speaker Meeting, Sacramento Chief of Police Kathy Lester

February 3 – SIS Business Meeting

February 17 – SIS Speaker Meeting

March 3 – SIS Business Meeting

March 4 – 100 Year Celebration, Dante Club

March 17 – SIS Live Your Dream Awards

(Please note: April schedule is changed due to spring holidays)

April 14 – SIS Business Meeting

April 28 – Scholarship Awards

May 5 – SIS Business Meeting

May 19 – Speaker Meeting

June 2 – SIS Meeting, Soroptimist Celebrating Success

June 2-4 – Sierra Nevada Region Conference, Reno

Newsletter Committee:

Glorian Martinelli/Janet
Galliani, chairs. Members:
Pat Canterbury, Bonnie
Coleman, Wendy Haydon,
Phyllis McMaster Moist.