



# SOROPTIMIST OF SACRAMENTO

January 2023

## Upcoming Events

Jan 6- Business  
Meeting

Jan 20-Sacramento  
Police Chief, Kathy  
Lester

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### President's Corner

by Karen Smith

Welcome 2023! I'm sure I'll always remember this year as being extra special since it's the 100<sup>th</sup> Year of SI Sacramento. Over the past few months, I've had the opportunity to tell lots of people about my involvement with Soroptimist. When I tell them that our club is almost 100 years old, they are usually amazed. It's also fun to tell them that SIS is the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest club in the world since we are an international organization. We've been talking up the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration since September and now we kick it into high gear as we get closer to March 4, 2023. We hope to see you at the Business Meeting on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for a fun kick-off.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all the historical artifacts from SIS over the years. Sarah Lee is chairing this committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration and she reports that the storage unit was filled with all kinds of amazing things. Besides getting them ready for display at the celebration, she will also ensure that they are preserved and stored in a way that will keep them safe for many years to come.

Much of December was spent at our See's fundraising store which was quite successful. Since it had been three years and since we're still dealing with the pandemic and since prices have gone up so much, we had no idea whether it was going to be a good year or not. Besides great sales, many people were reacquainted with or introduced to our club and the work we do. In fact, several are even interested in membership, so we gave them our contact information and we hope to hear from them. This effort reminded me of how important it is for us to do fundraising, not only for the money generated for the club and its mission, but to get the word out about Soroptimist. While it was quite a busy month, it was very gratifying to be visible within the Sacramento community. You'll find more specific news about See's later in this newsletter, but thanks to all of you who helped to make this year a success.

Happy New Year to all and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> to SIS!

## **LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!**

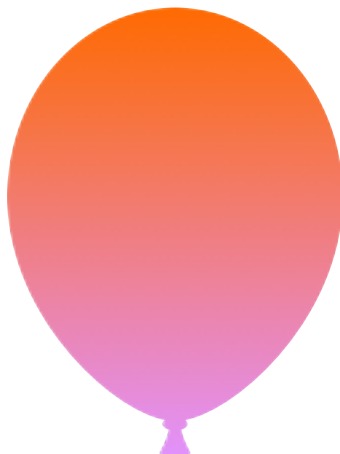
SIS kicks off the party at its January 6th Business Meeting.

Sure, there will be business to discuss, but there will also be a festive atmosphere in the room with the possibility of a few surprises. You definitely don't want to miss it!!

Learn how to purchase your tickets for the March 4th 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration, and get ready to reach out to possible sponsors. (You can find the sponsorship forms at the end of the newsletter.)

**This is an amazing milestone that needs to be celebrated.**

**GET YOUR 100 YEAR CELEBRATION TICKETS NOW!**



Join us in  
Celebration of

100 YEARS  
1923-2023



**INVESTING IN THE DREAMS  
OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**MARCH 4, 2023**

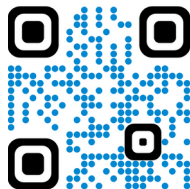
**DANTE CLUB**

2330 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD  
SACRAMENTO 95825

**TIME**

COCKTAILS 5:00  
DINNER 6:30

**BUY TICKETS AT  
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## Police Chief **Kathy Lester** Jan. 20, 2023 SIS Speaker

By Nancy Wolford-Landers

Be sure to attend the January 20<sup>th</sup> 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.”

Member Spotlight – Nancy Wolford-Landers



## Spotlight - Nancy Wolford-Landers



*Odell and Nancy with two sons Dan & Steve and Dan's wife, Nhy, and granddaughter, Taylor and her husband, Zeb. Missing is son Mike and his wife, Sharon, who were off starting their 5-month sail in the Caribbean.*

I had the pleasure of talking with Nancy and finding out more about her background, personal life, and connection with SI Sacramento. From what I have gathered, many of you are SIS members because of Nancy. She is a great recruiter for our club and with her almost 40-year history of membership, it's clear that SIS is near and dear to her heart.

Nancy is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Sacramentan, and she lives in the very house where she grew up in East Sacramento on 41<sup>st</sup> Street. Actually, there's an even more interesting story to that. Her parents were the first owners of the house when it was built in 1922 (Nancy was born a few years later). Her aunt and uncle bought the house next door, so everyone was near each other. Nancy's father was in real estate so was greatly impacted by the Great Depression as were so many. So, both families moved over to D St. and lived with Nancy's grandparents to ride out the Depression, and they moved back to 41<sup>st</sup> St. when Nancy was 2 years old. Eventually, Nancy married and moved out but inherited the house with her siblings when her parents died in the early 80s. It was a rental for years, but Nancy bought it out right in 1995, had it remodeled and moved in in 1996. She and Odell married in 1997 and they've lived happily ever since on 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

Nancy has three sons from her first marriage: Mike, Steve and Dan. Steve, Dan and their families are close by, and Mike and his wife are currently sailing in the Caribbean. She has one granddaughter who recently married. Odell has a son and three daughters so there is always lots of family around. In fact, when I visited her, I commented on the lovely Christmas decorations, and she told me her niece had come to decorate. So nice to have family helping out.

As you know, Nancy has been very involved with SIS for many years. She joined in 1983 when she was invited by the city clerk after she was elected controller. In those days, people had to be

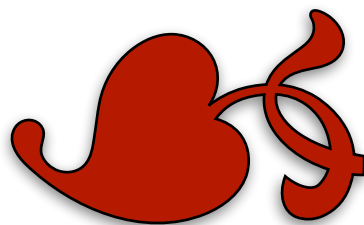
invited and then were evaluated somehow before being asked to attend a meeting. In those days, the club was focused on community service so there were lots of different projects. She had fond memories of the early days when Georgia Presnell put on the fancy Cadillac dinners. She was shocked that the price of a ticket was \$150 (which included your chance to win a Cadillac) but they always sold out the 300 tickets and it was a night to remember with fancy clothes and a dance band. A few years later, a Polo event was held at Rancho Murietta; her son played on a polo team so everyone enjoyed the match, an auction and a meal. Odell and Nancy had a trailer then and would go out 2 days early to set everything up. When I was at the Development Retreat in Reno, someone saw my nametag and mentioned going to the Polo event. Small world!

In her working days, Nancy was an account auditor and a budget analyst, and she was elected as the first female controller for Sacramento County in 1982 and served for four terms. She retired before the end of her fourth term and was proud of what she had accomplished for the county.

When asked about her interests, she mentioned that she used to love gardening but 'it's hard to get down there now'. Yes, I agree! She's a member of a book club and loves to spend time with family. Nancy is a deacon at her church, Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Nancy and Odell love to travel and the two memories that stand out are Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China, but they have been on many wonderful trips (several with Road Scholar). She said that it's hard to pick a favorite one because they are all different and every place has something special.

SI Sacramento means so much to Nancy. Our club has been a part of her life for almost half her life. Besides her strong belief in the mission and the work Soroptimist does, she has gained a broad circle of friends. She has stayed around for all these years because she has gotten as much out of it as she has contributed. Being an active member has given so much back to her. We're glad the city clerk invited you so many years ago, Nancy!



## **Dream It Be It**

by Regena Boyland

The Dream It Be It committee is looking for volunteers who are available to assist by presenting portions of the DIBI curriculum.

Following are the dates, lead presenters and topics of the curriculum. (Please note, the times for Days 2 and 3 need to be confirmed by the Lead Presenters.)

If you are interested in helping, please reach out the Lead Presenters for each day. We would love to add more people to our team!

### **Day 1:**

**Date: February 1, 2023**

**Time:** 12:30pm - 3:30pm

**Lead Presenters:** Phyllis Hayashi/Regena Boyland

Session 1: Discovering your Dreams

Session 2: Exploring Careers

Session 3: Creating Achievable Goals

### **Day 2:**

**Date: February 8, 2023**

**Time:** 12:30pm - 3:30pm (to be verified)

**Lead Presenters:** Phyllis Moist/Nilda Valmores

Session 4: Rising Above Obstacles

Session 5: Turning Failure Into success

Session 6: Balancing Your Stress

Session 7: Putting Your Dreams Into Action

### **Day 3:**

**Date: February 15, 2023**

**Time:** 12:30pm - 3:30pm (to be verified)

**Lead Presenters:** Nancy Wolford-Landers/

Session 8: Money Matte



## **SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER**

### **By Phyllis McMaster Moist** **Our final hurrah at Loehmann's Plaza**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone in the club who worked a shift or two or three in order to make our first big fund-raiser since the pandemic a success. In all, 80% of our club members were able to work at least one shift. With a total of 48 shifts, that was very helpful.

As we all know, Nancy Wolford-Landers spearheaded the See's store 14 years ago and procured various locations at Loehmann's Plaza. While we thought it wouldn't be possible this year as a real See's store was supposed to be in business in time for the holidays, delays made it possible for us to get a fantastic spot right next to the UPS Store. While we thought we were lucky to be next door to them, the UPS Store told our member, Pat Canterbury, that we brought business to them! So, it's a win-win for everyone.

Since it had been three years and prices were up, we weren't sure how successful a fundraising store would be. Because of that, we were a bit more conservative on our initial order so that we weren't stuck with too much candy. It turns out, though, that people love their See's, no matter the cost! So from the very first week, it was clear that sales would be strong. We went back to the See's store several times to get items as they sold out. As the month went on, product was becoming increasingly harder to get and since most of our stock was sold out, we closed the store on Wednesday, December 21st. We will sell the leftover (but still fresh) goodies at club meetings or contact Phyllis to put items on hold (See below for details) First come, first served!

While final numbers are not in yet, we can estimate close to \$12,000 in proceeds for SIS and about \$1700 going to Soroptimists International of Sacramento South for their help. SISS is a very small club, so it's nice to have such a great partnership with them. Another win-win.

Karen and I always knew that the See's store was a lot of work. Nancy, Mary Locke and Idelle Claypool had told us that. But you really don't get it until you do it. So, our hats off to all three of them for the years of service and dedication that they have put into running this fundraiser. All we can say is WOW!

Special thanks to a few others that helped out behind the scenes:

Kristy Fitzgerald for her help on set -up day and her fantastic retail knowledge, along with Mary Wordlaw. They were rock stars on more than one day since the candy was delivered late. Also, thanks for Kristy for helping with the takedown.

Thanks to Nancy Wolford-Landers, Idelle Claypool and Mary Locke for all of their advice and help with too many details to list. Their knowledge was invaluable.



Thanks to Odell Landers and Dan Claypool for helping with set-up and take down. The truck and Subaru were most helpful!

Mary Kobane took too many boxes to count over to the recycling bin. Thanks also to those of you who broke down boxes while you were there.

Thanks to Hyrum for sending back-ups when he was too sick to work or help with set-up and for working shifts/closing. Also, thank you to Karen's sister for helping out Hyrum's friend with the corner sign during a rainy and blustery day while Nancy supervised. We might be crazy but that sign helped a lot!

Thanks to EVERYONE who helped by working a shift, buying candy and sending in friends/family to buy candy. All of your efforts helped!

Please email Phyllis at [pmcmastr@comcast.net](mailto:pmcmastr@comcast.net) or send a text to 916 804 3635 if you would like to purchase any of the following. I will bring it to club on January 6th. Please bring a check made out to SIS.

2 packages of dark chocolate balls \$9.50 each  
2 single sugar free-milk chocolate bars \$3.50 each  
1 box of sugar free dark chocolate covered walnuts \$26.00  
9 boxes of Walnut Square Awesome bars \$16.00 each  
5 boxes of Nut and Chew Awesome bars \$16.00 each  
2 boxes of Peanut Brittle Awesome bars \$16.00 each  
2 boxes of chocolate lollipops \$27.00 each  
2 boxes of assorted lollipops \$27.00 each

9 single lollipops, 7 vanilla, 2 chocolate \$1.25 each  
3 single peanut brittle bars \$2.50 each for the individual bars  
9 single nut and chew bars  
8 single walnut square bars



## SIS January Birthdays



Bonnie Coleman	January 1
Cathy Diepenbrock	January 1
Sarah Lee	January 3
Susann Hadler	January 6
Karen Kouretas	January 15
Yoli Manzo	January 17
Paula Wright	

### 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 Award

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

April 14 – SIS Business Meeting  
April 20- SIS social at Idelle's house  
April 28 – Scholarship Awards  
May 5 – SIS Business Meeting  
May 19 – Speaker Meeting  
June 2 – SIS Meeting, Soroptimist

June 2-4 – Sierra Nevada Region  
Conference, Reno

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



Soroptimist International of Sacramento (SIS) is celebrating 100 years of helping women and girls live their dreams. We hope you can join us for this special event.

**Soroptimist International of Sacramento**

**100 Year Celebration**

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Dante Club, Sacramento

**Will you consider a sponsorship?** Your partnership will help Soroptimist International of Sacramento continue to provide critical support for women and girls.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization whose mission is to provide women and girls with access to the education and training needed to achieve economic empowerment. Our focus is education because educated women and girls are less vulnerable to sex traffickers, more likely to leave a domestic violence situation and not return, able to access healthcare, less likely to live in poverty and able to raise stronger healthier families.

SIS is proud of its 100 year history and many accomplishments in the Sacramento region. Our club participates in the Soroptimist signature Dream programs which include:

**Dream It, Be It** – career mentoring and life skills program for girls at Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy (SAVA) in Sacramento

**Live Your Dream** – financial awards for female head of households bettering themselves through college or vocational school

**Dream Scholarships** – annual scholarships of \$20,000 for at least five deserving women who are continuing their education despite obstacles

**Dream Grants** – support for community organizations aligned with the Soroptimist mission

Please help us continue investing in the dreams of women and girls with a sponsorship to raise additional funds at the 100 Year celebration. We anticipate that 250 Soroptimists and friends, civic leaders and elected officials will attend. All donors will be acknowledged at the event and in the event program.

Please review the attached sponsorship list, and let us know if you have questions. SIS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

For questions, contact Karen Smith at (916) 390-0095 or email at [kmsmith22@gmail.com](mailto:kmsmith22@gmail.com)



**Sponsorships and Benefits**  
SIS 100 Year Celebration

Please select your preferred sponsorship level:

**Centennial Sponsor - \$10,000 (one only)**

- Title naming rights: "Soroptimist International of Sacramento 100 Year Celebration presented by [Your Company]"
- Opportunity to address the audience at the event
- One VIP table for 10, premium position
- Full page ad in event program with premium placement inside cover
- Logo or name prominently displayed on all marketing materials, event program and website
- Verbal recognition by master of ceremonies, name featured on screen during event

**Platinum Sponsor - \$7,500**

- One VIP table for 8, premium position
- Half page ad in event program
- Logo or name prominently displayed on all marketing materials, event program and website
- Verbal recognition by master of ceremonies, name featured on screen during event

**Gold Sponsor - \$5,000**

- 6 event tickets
- Quarter page ad in event program
- Logo or name displayed on event program and website
- Verbal recognition by master of ceremonies, name featured on screen during event

**Silver Sponsor - \$2,500**

- 4 event tickets
- Quarter page ad in event program
- Logo or name included on event program and website
- Verbal recognition by master of ceremonies, name featured on screen during event

**Decade Sponsor - \$1,500**

- 2 event tickets
- Eighth page ad in event program
- Logo or name included on event program and website
- Verbal recognition by master of ceremonies, name featured on screen during event

**Supporting Sponsor - \$500**

- Logo or name included on event program
- Name featured on screen during event



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**SPONSORSHIP DONATION FORM**

Donor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (payable to SIS): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact Karen Smith (see below for contact info).

Proceeds raised support Soroptimist International of Sacramento's mission to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Please scan the completed form and email to: [kmsmith22@gmail.com](mailto:kmsmith22@gmail.com) or call Karen Smith at (916) 390-0095

**Donation deadline is February 1, 2023**