



SOROPTIMIST OF SACRAMENTO

April 2023

Upcoming Events

April 14 – SIS Business
April 20- SIS social at Idelle's house
April 28 – Scholarship Awards
May 5 – SIS Business
May 19 – Speaker on Climate Change, Regina Banks
June 2 – SIS Meeting, Soroptimist Celebrating Success
June 2-4 SNR in Reno
June 16 2023-24 Board Installation

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President's Corner

by Karen Smith

We've been talking about it and planning for months...the 100 Year Celebration of Soroptimist International of Sacramento. After much anticipation, March 4th finally arrived, and what a success it was!

It did my heart good to see that beautiful room filled with family and friends who came to support YOU, our wonderful SIS members. Every single one of you was represented in some way. We even had a few members that could not attend due to prior obligations, but friends or family supported SIS by attending or donating.

I was personally very excited to see the historical displays, curated lovingly by Sarah Lee and Regena Boyland. Thank goodness for members who have saved various artifacts over the years. Walking into that room was almost overwhelming. I loved how the items were displayed by decade starting with the 1920s. I just wish I had more time to look at and digest everything. I took some photos and a few videos, but I know I missed so much.

Overall, there was such a happy feeling all evening and smiles everywhere. When Mark S. Allen arrived, he greeted us warmly and thanked us for inviting him. From the moment he took the microphone, he brought an atmosphere of fun to the evening, and he certainly had a way of encouraging donations for the dessert auction and Fund a Dream.

I had a sneak peek of the video, created by Pat McConahay and Nate King, so I was very excited for it to premiere that evening. I felt even more proud to be a member of SIS while listening to the testimonials of members and one of our scholarship recipients. So touching! The dedication to our special Georgia Presnell was just perfect.

The best part for me was that it was FUN! My guests had a great time, and they loved hearing more about SIS and our mission.

The 100 Year Celebration was a huge success in more ways than one. We are proud of that!

If you are curious about the total proceeds from the 100 Year Celebration, Rosalie Gladden and Idelle Claypool have written a wonderful article which provides all of the 'behind the scenes' news about the evening. Well done, all!



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

By Rosalie Gladden and Idelle Claypool

The call to “GET THIS PARTY STARTED” was heard, and Soroptimist International of Sacramento, Inc. (SIS) members stepped up to make it happen!

Idelle Claypool, Rosalie Gladden and Karen Smith visited several venues and found the perfect spot - the Dante Event Center. A committee was formed to accomplish the activities required for a successful event. The cashiering would be handled by Phyllis Moist and her capable team of Hyrum Gray and Alice Jarboe. Nancy Wolford-Landers offered to be the event Treasurer. Everyone was on board and excited to begin.

President Karen secured the designer for the 100 Year logo, and Hyrum Gray created a beautiful flyer. SIS was ready to “spread the word” and Cathy Diepenbrock sent invitations to organizations, friends of SIS and other Soroptimist clubs. Sally Day updated the website. President Karen set up the Ticketleap site for ticket purchases. We were ready to begin.

Since this was going to be a celebration and fundraiser, all members would be reaching out to the community for sponsorships and donations. It was time for Karen, Idelle, Rosalie and Nilda Valmores to prepare sponsorship and dessert donation letters. We also wanted to showcase the 100-year history of SIS, so Regena Boyland and Sarah Lee waded through the volume of items in the storage space looking for the perfect items to organize and display. What glorious displays they created! In addition, Rosalie obtained a commemorative message from Governor Newsom and a proclamation from Mayor Steinberg and the City Council. Thanks to Nilda’s outreach, State Senator Angelique Ashby provided a proclamation.

To familiarize event guests with SIS and to encourage Fund A Dream bidding, an audiovisual presentation was created by Pat McConahay and Nate King that perfectly captured SIS history, its mission, and various programs. Many members gathered at Idelle’s home to add personal testimonials about what it meant to be an SIS member. With Pat’s media experience and the personal contacts of Susann Hadler and Kathy Platz, we received more publicity than ever.

Valley Community Newspapers, Inside Sacramento, Sacramento Magazine all included articles about our club and its 100 Year Celebration. Pat even made a television appearance on Studio 40 Live.

In the meantime, Corrine Joe and Mary Kobane contacted bakeries to seek donated desserts and coordinate delivery. Those mouthwatering desserts were included in a slide presentation by Mary Wordlaw along with a list of sponsors and donors. Barbara Coulam prepared signage to identify the desserts/bakeries and packets of dishes and forks for serving.

Now it was time for Idelle and Rosalie to prepare the event program. Thanks to the generous offer by SIS member Cheryl Simcox to print the programs, there was no cost to SIS and a lovely program was ready to share. Additionally, Janice Labadie, a former SNR Governor, offered to

prepare the floral centerpieces at her company, Strelitzia, at cost. Those florals were the perfect finishing touch.

The event crew was identified. Minisha Trivedi oversaw the AV presentations. She also assisted Sona Page with table set up including the stemless wine glasses with the 100 Year logo. Barbara Nash, Pat Canterbury and former member, Vickie Lee, were the smiling faces at the door registering guests and handing out meal tickets. Pat McConahay, Cathy Diepenbrock, Sally Day and Mary Anne Selvae were spotters, making sure the auctioneer saw every bid from the audience. Mary Wordlaw and Regena Boyland recorded the bids during the fast-paced dessert auction. Dawn Cornelius and Debbie Rubens accepted the challenge to record the Fund A Dream donations. With our photographer snowed in at Lake Tahoe, Yoli Manzo stepped in to take photos. What a team!

Mark S. Allen made sure that it was a lively and entertaining evening. And, as a last-minute auction item, he even generously threw in an axe-throwing party (along with the last slice of cake from one of the earlier winning tables). All in attendance agreed that the event was fun, and SIS members were proud to be a part of this 100-year-old organization.

Special thanks to the following sponsors: Gold Sponsors - Mr. David and Dr. Jean (Prinvale) Swenk; Decade Sponsors - John and Phyllis Moist, Guild Mortgage, Raley's Family Stores, City Councilmember Katie Valenzuela. Supporting Sponsors - Regena Boyland, Phyllis Johnson, Patricia Brown; Idelle and Daniel Claypool; Debbie Davis, Lyon Real Estate; Eric Guerra, Vice Mayor City of Sacramento; Phyllis Hayashi, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Realty; Mary Kobane; Idelle Claypool and Rhonda Holmen, Lyon Real Estate; Dr. Cindy Petersen; Rosalie Gladden and Elaine Pesce; Nancy Wolford-Landers and Odell Landers; Christine Bara and Toni Smith; Karen Smith.

Thank you to all members who helped make this celebration a huge success. The room was filled with friends and family, and that's because of you and your support of SIS. We raised funds through sponsorships (\$17,000), the dessert auction (\$3,100) and donations (\$10,000). There was a small profit on tickets sales after expenses were paid (\$1,000) for total proceeds of approximately \$31,000. We are proud of our club, and it was such a wonderful opportunity to highlight the work of SIS while having fun! What a wonderful evening!





LIVE YOUR DREAM

By Rosalie Gladden

On March 17th, Soroptimist International Sacramento, Inc. (SIS) had the pleasure of providing Live Your Dream (LYD) financial awards to seven worthy women. To qualify the applicant had to meet the following requirements: be a woman with primary financial responsibility for herself and her dependents; demonstrate financial need; be accepted, enrolled and attending a high school equivalency, vocational, technical, or undergraduate degree program; and, not hold a graduate degree.

SIS received 22 eligible applications. This confirmed the enormous need in the community. The LYD committee carefully considered the needs of the applicants and agreed that it was appropriate to provide more than the typical five awards.

2023 Awardees

Michelle Epting is a widow with three dependents. Her income will be reduced when one of the children turns 21 and loses his survivor benefit. She has struggled and at one time lived in her car with her children. After graduating from American River College in 2024 with an AA in Human Services, she hopes to be employed in social work with an emphasis on mental illness. Michelle's mother accompanied her at the luncheon and is so proud of her daughter's accomplishments.

Erin Gottis is a very talented graphic designer who spent 20 years as a Special Education Aide. She will complete her AA at Sacramento City College this spring and continue studying graphic design at CSUS. As a mother of a child with Type 1 diabetes and severe asthma, she creates illustrations in the hopes of making the world more accessible for children with disabilities. Erin has also published two online photo journals for non-profits and designed cards and banners for children with diabetes. At the meeting she shared that one of her illustrations will be published in a medical journal.

As a single mother with four children ranging in age from 4-12, **Darlene Grace** is in the St. John's Program for Real Change. After her partner died, she was homeless for a year. Darlene has been recognized by the program for her participation and drive to succeed and has completed the Money Matters courses. Once she graduates from the St. John vocational program, she must find a home. The financial award will help her with this transition.

Vanessa Olivares-Barragan is a single mom with two children. In addition to attending CSUS as a Women's Gender Studies major, she works 30 hours per week. Her next goal is to complete a Master's degree in counseling with a specialty in career counseling. Vanessa hopes to work with low-income children, families and students. Despite facing many challenges, she is the first in her family to earn a college degree. She was accompanied by her father who was obviously proud of his daughter.

A domestic violence survivor that has risen above obstacles to become a student, **Nataly Reyes** is a sociology major at CSUS. She was in her final semester when she was 6 months pregnant and had to quit school. Now, with a 3-year-old child, she works 40 hours per week in addition to her studies. She is the first in her father's family to attend college. Her mother accompanied Nataly and confirmed that she is very busy but determined to succeed. Nataly wants to ultimately become an immigration attorney.

Tarrina Watson is currently in employment training at St. John's Program for Real Change. While she works in catering service at Plates, she wants to earn a degree in Early Childhood Education. Tarrina was close to completing her degree at a community college in Oakland when life's challenges interrupted her ability to continue her education. Now that she has found confidence, she is hoping to return to school to provide a better life for her two young children.

Sheila Wells was accompanied by her son at the LYD presentation. The impact of the LYD award was evident as Sheila stepped up to the podium. She is a student at Nightingale College pursuing a degree in nursing. In addition to the rigorous coursework, Sheila works 50 hours per week at three different jobs. She has battled many obstacles to achieve her goal to earn her degree in 2025.

These women deserve all the encouragement and assistance that can be provided. SIS is glad that they will have the financial assistance that a LYD award provides. We wish them well, and hope to stay in contact with them.





Member Spotlight Corinne Joe

Corinne Joe started her Soroptimist life with SI Sacramento, joined another club for a few years, and then came back to us in 2006. When Corrine joined in 1981 around the same time as Mary Kobane. She said that 'back in the good ol' days', it was important for companies and non-profits to encourage their employees to join service clubs, and they backed that up by providing time off for meetings. Corinne was encouraged to join SIS by her boss, the nursing director at Sutter who was already a member – Carolyn Gamm.

Corinne had a long and varied career starting as a therapeutic dietician back in the 60s. After a 16-year career as a dietician, she returned to school for a graduate degree and entered hospital administration. She developed a dietetic program for Sutter Hospital and then helped develop an internship between Sutter and UCD to encourage more students to go into the field. This trainee program for UC Davis later was accepted as a full internship with the American Dietetic Association.

Her experience as a dietician and hospital administrator positioned her well for other roles, and her time on the board of the Sacramento Children's Home led to the position

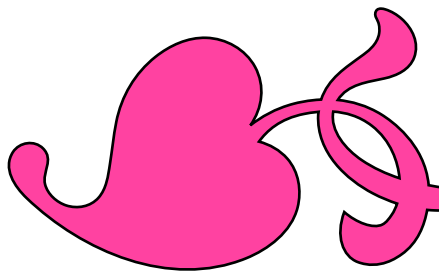
as Chief Operating Officer of the Sacramento Children's Home where she served for six years. She retired in 2006 but still shared her wealth of knowledge for four more years as a consultant. She finally *really* retired in 1970. Corinne's success in hospital administration is impressive enough, and she also accomplished this as the first Asian (woman OR man) in the position.

Corinne and her husband Stan were married for 60 years before he died in May 2020. Serious health issues required him to live in a care facility for 18 months, but she wanted him to be home for the end of life, so she cared for him (with the help of caretakers) for the last year and a half of his life. The last months were difficult, but she doesn't regret this time with Stan. She also missed SIS during this time as it wasn't possible for her to be active, but she is finally feeling like she's able to be involved again and she's happy to see SIS friends more regularly.

Stan and Corrine have a daughter and a son. Her son and family live close by, and she has two grandsons aged 13 and 11 years old. Her daughter lives in El Dorado Hills with her four grand dogs.

Corinne remembers when SIS met at the Tuesday Clubhouse on L Street and the Old Mansion Inn. She never missed a Friday meeting, but Fridays were difficult for her work schedule which required her to plan for the weekend for those who worked or were on call (including her). Health care doesn't ever take a break! Because of this, she moved over to SI Greater Sacramento in 1986 because their meeting schedule fit better with her work schedule. She served as President of SI Greater Sacramento during her time there. After retirement, she rejoined SIS in 2006. She has always believed in advocating for women and children so here was the perfect platform to do that. Over the years, Corinne belonged to many organizations and served on the board for some, like St. John's Program for Real Change which was started by her church, St. John's Lutheran.

Corinne loves the inclusive nature of SIS and how we work together to further the mission. She has fond memories of events like the Cadillac Dinner and the Edible Garden Tour and likes working with others to makes things happen. She also feels that it's a plus that Soroptimist is now a global organization and she's proud of the idea that we are part of something larger. We are so happy that Corinne is part of SIS!





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SIS Scholarships to be Awarded on Friday, April 28th

By Pat Canterbury and Wendy Haydon

The Scholarship Committee met on March 27th via Zoom to discuss the five applications which we received for scholarships. The Committee agreed that all of the women were worthy recipients, and voted to award scholarship money to each of them. The total amount awarded will be \$18,000. The five deserving women are invited to our Scholarship Award Celebration on Friday, April 28th at the Swanston Community Center when they will receive their award check. Please join us on April 28th to meet and hear from them!

In the May newsletter, we will include information about each of the scholarship winners.



Call to 47th Annual Sierra Nevada Region Convention – June 2-4, Reno, Nevada The West at its Best...for Women

By SNR District Director 3, Sarah Lee



Please join us for the SNR 47th Annual Convention in June at the Atlantis Convention Center, Reno (June 2-4, 2023). Click below for all the information! President Karen will be attending as will I and hopefully some of you!

[SNR 47th Annual Convention - Reno June 2-4, 2023](#)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Coulam April 7

Nancy Wolford-Landers April 30

Memorial Donations

In Memory of John Moist (Phyllis's husband)

Corrine Joe

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In Memory of Kathy Platz's Father (Jack Schwartz)

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Newsletter Committee: Glorian Martinelli/
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Canterbury, Bonnie Coleman, Wendy Haydon,
Phyllis McMaster Moist.