



# SOROPTIMIST OF SACRAMENTO

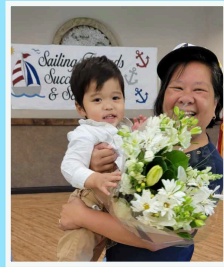
December 2023

## Upcoming Events

Business mtg 12/1  
Holiday lunch 12/22

## President's Corner

by Nilda Valmores



It's cold outside, but it's warm in your hearts!

Thank you for making the holidays brighter with our Gifts from the Heart for kids that often go without.

Thank you for making futures brighter and education and professional dreams possible by helping sell See's candy, buying See's candy, and eating See's candy.

Thank you for keeping our Sorooptimist Club strong with all the work you do with our committees behind the scenes. Your work makes sure there are tomorrows for us to do our work.

And thank you for being a fabulous friend, sister, and crewmate with old and new Sorooptimist, and hopefully celebrating 2023 and the start of 2024 at our Holiday Party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Happy Hanukkah! Happy Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa!

Nilda

### 2023-2024

#### Officers and Board of Directors

**President:**

Nilda Valmores

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Regena Boyland

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

Sona Page

Yoli Manzo

**Secretary:**

Mary Wordlaw

**Treasurer:**

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**Asst. Treasurer:**

Idelle Claypool

**Director**

Rosalie Gladden

**Director**

Jean Swenk

**Parliamentarian:**

Nancy Wolford

Landers



## Holiday Party Info

Don't forget... instead of an SIS meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, our club is having a Holiday Party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. What an excellent opportunity for our members to celebrate with each other at the lovely Del Paso Country Club. Time seems to fly this time of year.

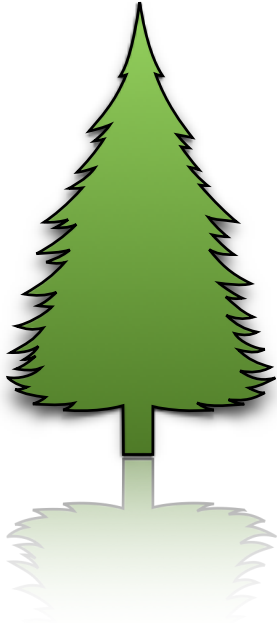
**Reservations are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you are coming to the December 1st Business Meeting, bring your check for \$50 and tell Idelle what your menu choice is.

Otherwise, you can mail a check to Idelle Claypool, 1425 Sherwood Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822 with your entree selection or send her funds by Venmo. For questions — Call Idelle at 916-730-8895.

### Luncheon Entrees Choices

Pan Roasted Airline of Mary's Chicken  
Grilled Mishima Ranch Top Sirloin  
Panko Crusted Stuffed Eggplant (Vegan)





SI Sacramento invites you to a

# Holiday Party

December 22, 2023

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Del Paso Country Club, 3333 Marconi Ave, Sacramento 95821

Luncheon Entrees:

Pan Roasted Airline of Mary's Chicken

Grilled Mishima Ranch Top Sirloin

Panko Crusted Stuffed Eggplant (Vegan)

No host wine and beer available

RSVP with entrée choice by 12/15 to  
[idelleclaypool@gmail.com](mailto:idelleclaypool@gmail.com) or (916) 730-8895

\$50 per person paid in advance

Entertainment by Sacramento Valley  
Chorus

## See's Store

By Karen Smith

We are fundraising with See's again...this time in a new location. The Lake Crest Village Shopping Center is a bustling center with excellent anchor stores. While setting up this week, we saw lots of activity and traffic. We even had a couple of customers already...if they lingered near the door, we talked to them and offered to sell candy!

A huge thank you to the See's committee: Michelle Duong, Idelle Claypool, Nancy Wolford-Landers, Lupe Vanryckeghem, Sona Page and Mary Wordlaw (co-chair with Karen). On Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, the committee plus some extra helpers (Rosalie Gladden and Kristy Fitzgerald) came together to set up the store. There are too many jobs to list, but suffice it to say, everyone pitched in, and we got most of it done on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Karen, Mary, Kristy and Mary Anne Selvage returned to stock the products on the shelves (some of the candy was delayed), and the store looks beautiful. See next page for store location and hours as well as a photo of the finished product.



How many people does it take to pull a sticky sign off the window?  
3! They pulled and pulled and pulled and ended up on the floor!



SOROPTIMIST®  
Investing in Dreams

Soroptimist International of Sacramento  
Fundraising with See's Candies

DECEMBER 1 - 24

11 am - 5 pm

Lake Crest Village

Florin Rd and Greenhaven Dr

(Next to Marshall's)



All proceeds go towards Soroptimist programs that invest in the dreams of women and girls through access to education.





### **Member Spotlight Janet Galliani**

“Can you hear me now?” Well, if you’re talking to Janet Galliani...yes, she can! Two cochlear implants over the past three years have changed everything for her. Twenty years ago, a benign tumor was found on one ear, and radiation treatment killed the hearing in that ear. Fast forward to years later and amazing technological developments, and two cochlear implants allow Janet to hear us once again. Even with the new implants, there’s still a way to go for 100% recovery since it’s necessary to retrain her brain to work with the new implants. But each day is better than the last.

Janet joined SI Sacramento in 2006. She was invited to a meeting by Mary Kobane (her broker) several years before that but didn’t join then. Fast forward a few years, and she was ready. Janet also knew about Soroptimist because her sister was a member of a club in another city. Early on, she served as secretary, but the hearing issue made that job difficult. She needed a microphone and recorder and then had to transcribe the notes. Eventually, she served as President in 2011. She remembers people saying, ‘You need to be president’ and the timing was good for her so she did.

Janet has fond memories of the Polo event that was held one year. She remembers it being a lot of work but very satisfying and very hot! She also learned a lot about polo, a sport she knew nothing about before. She enjoys working at the See’s Fundraising Store because it gives her a chance to talk about Soroptimist with customers, and she loves getting to know other members better while they are working their shift. She also enjoys the socials – the ice cream social is a favorite.

Janet worked for the State of California for 30+ years in IT (after earning degrees in accounting and IT). She started off in accounting and ended up in IT. Every 6-9 years, she would move to a different department because she likes variety. Janet retired 12 years ago, then worked for another 6 months as a retired annuitant and then said, “I’m done!”

She is enjoying retirement especially since the addition of her first grandchild, Fox ,who is 7 months old now. Janet enjoyed caring him on Thursday afternoons while her daughter worked, but he now goes to daycare, so she takes care of him now and then. She’s so happy that her daughter, Jeanine and husband, Joshua, live in Sacramento now. Janet bought an apartment in New York City because she loves the city and because Jeanine lived there! She will still visit when she can. Besides traveling, Janet enjoys knitting (her knitting group meets regularly at La Bou in Land Park) and hanging out with her sister and friends.

**A Big Welcome to our Newest Member**  
**Laurie Norris**

Laurie Norris was inducted as an SIS member on November 3, 2023. Before retirement, Laurie was a teacher at Ethel Phillips Elementary School in Sacramento. She knew about Soroptimist because another club had donated to her school. Once she retired, Laurie looked into joining a club and chose SI Sacramento! Her first introduction to us was the Ice Cream Social in August. While we're sure she likes ice cream, fortunately she likes us, too, so she turned in an application.

Laurie is from the Bay Area originally but has lived in Sacramento for many years. She started her career as a lawyer. When she became a mother, she fell in love with kids and decided to change careers and pursue a teaching credential. Over her 20+ years in teaching, Laurie primarily taught kindergarten, but she also dabbled in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

She has been retired for two years, but she volunteers weekly in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom to help a friend and to get her 'kid fix'. Laurie also volunteers at the wildlife center, and she has many pets of her own at home. Laurie and her husband have a blended family of 4 children, and she now has two granddaughters.

Welcome, Laurie!





Sunday, January 28, 2024  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Milagro Event Center by Bella Bru  
6241 Fair Oaks Blvd Suite D,  
Carmichael, CA 95608

Please join us for brunch and a celebration honoring three inspiring women who have transformed the lives of women and children in Sacramento and beyond.

**Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipient:**  
Liz Igra, Founder, Central Valley Holocaust Education Network

**Women of Valor Award Recipients:**

- Lisa Culp, Executive Director, Women's Empowerment
- Nilda Valmores, Longtime Executive Director, My Sister's House

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### **December Birthdays**

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

### **2023-24 Committee Chairs**

Project Selection: Kathy Platz/Michelle Duong (co-chairs)  
Live Your Dream: Mary Anne Selvage, Allison Suznovich (co-chairs)  
Karen Smith (asst. chair)  
Scholarships: Karen Smith (co-chair TBD)  
Blanche Edgar/Shirley Godfrey: Mary Wordlaw/Nilda Valmores (co-chairs)  
Dream It, Be It - Jennifer Willis/Denice von Are (co-chairs)  
Money Matters - Nancy Wolford-Landers/Kelly Garfield (co-chairs)  
Speakers - Regena Boyland  
Recruitment and Retention - Phyllis Moist, Karen Smith (co-chairs)  
Attendance - Pat Menz, Mary Wordlaw (co-chairs)  
Hospitality - Idelle Claypool, Rosalie Gladden (co-chairs)  
SOLT - Mary Locke  
Roster - Karen Smith, Barbara Coulam (co-chairs)  
Fundraising - Michelle Duong, Lupe Vanryckeghem (co-chairs)  
Publicity/Outreach - Patty McConahay, Sally Day (co-chairs)  
Website - Karen Smith, Sally Day (co-chairs)  
Social Media - Yoli Manzo  
Newsletter - Glorian Mengelkoch, Karen Smith (co-chairs)  
Finance - Idelle Claypool  
Laws and Resolutions - Phyllis Moist, Sally Day (co-chairs)

### **Newsletter Committee:**

Karen Smith  
Glorian Mengelkoch  
Nilda Valmores

