

Soroptimist International Sacramento Newsletter November 2017

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President's Corner

Submitted by President Debbie Rubens



It's November and the leaves are finally starting to change. Maybe the weather will start to reflect the season sometime soon. We are off to another great year in SIS. We have had some great speakers so far and 1st Vice

President Sarah

Lee and her committee have some more exciting programs in store for our SIS year. One of our big Random Acts of Kindness is coming up with the Gifts from the Heart program and the giving of Holiday gifts to Sacramento foster youths. Don't forget to sign up and make a child's holidays brighter with your generosity. Remember these are the only gifts that these foster youths receive and hearing the heartwarming stories from

their social workers about their joy, always makes me glad that we are part of this wonderful program. It will soon be time to sign up for shifts at our See's candy store. You will want to be at our November meetings so you don't miss out on all the excitement! Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays and unfortunately I just love the food associated with it. I want to wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to all of you

and your families and friends! Gobble Gobble!



2017 Edible Gardens Tour Submitted by Cathy Diepenbrock

This year's Edible Gardens Tour, held on Saturday, September 9th, was a gorgeous day! Six gardens were featured and included a variety of interesting and inspiring designs. From a meandering garden filled with chickens and bees to a composting workshop, courtesy of Green Restaurants Alliance Sacramento (GRAS) at a local Farm to Fork restaurant, there was surely something for every gardener who attended. Each garden was enhanced with lovely floral arrangements and decorative touches from local businesses - including Talini's Nursery, The Plant Foundry, Bleu, Twiggs, Relles and Bay Buds Flowers. The weather was perfect, the Sacramento Symphonic Winds performances were delightful and the Master Gardeners offered many helpful tips to our nearly 400 patrons.

Our Soroptimist members showed tremendous support, serving as committee members and docents, helping to raise over \$10,000 in support of local organizations that meet our mission. We are grateful for another successful signature event and look forward to next year's tour!



My Sister's House High Tea - SIS





Thanks to our CEO Partners!



Aunt Bonnie Ponders Holidays Submitted by Bonnie Coleman

So what's next...Thanksgiving cooking or Christmas decorating or hosting your book group or coven? Really, I've lost my internal calendar. When I had a longer list of names and farther to send gifts I had everything bought, wrapped and mailed by December 1. (Canadian post offices tended to go on strike every Winter and, really, can you blame them?) Then, when my list contained fewer names and the distances were shorter I waited longer because everything would go on sale at the last minute. Now my list is so short that I don't even know who will still be around and speaking to me by Christmas.



Years ago I decided my husband, Bill, had all the sweaters and ties he needed, or wanted, and switched to "experience" gifts like mud baths and hot air balloon rides. That was great, but that time has passed now too. Also nowadays most of us have what we need and are busy trying to offload the rest of it onto our reluctant children, who don't want the stuff either. When I was a reluctant recipient I didn't even know it was an option to just boldly not go there.



I think it's time for us, me at least, to have another round of traditions geared for the solo people, whose family are not around, figuratively, literally or

otherwise. I just don't know what that would be. The first choice for many is for strays to gather and replicate the Holiday, with all its caloric traditions. That can be a solution or it can be painful and labor-intensive reminder of what/who's missing. Obviously we can't all descend on charity food kitchens to dish up mashed potatoes or whatever. And those of us who don't like kitchening much wouldn't be too welcome anyway.

Perhaps a spa day or a month-long immersion course in some language? Probably hard to arrange on a Holiday. People who still have people display a persistent urge to pamper, gift, and feed them. Or maybe the modern version of the Native Americans' (can't remember which ones - somewhere in the Northwest, like Washington State) "potlatch" where we gather with our friends and burn the excess stuff we have around. Just thinking about the modern permitting process for that makes my head hurt. And I already know that I'm too lazy to run a marathon and too fidgety to sit in an Ashram and meditate.

I'm ready to concede that the fault lies not in my stars but in myself, but that doesn't solve the problem. Meanwhile, if you have some good ideas send them along to me and I'll put them in the next Aunt Bonnie for the benefit of us all. God bless us every one. Oh, there's one more thing I wanted to confess but I'm traveling and Editor Janet is traveling and she needs this today she said a couple of days ago, which didn't leave me much time did it, and ...

It's Never Too Early!

To be thinking about donations, that is! Our annual Crab Fiesta is just 5 months away, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. We are currently seeking donations for our Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Wall of Wine. Past Live Auction items have included weekend getaways, sailing and lunch on a lake, and beautiful gourmet dinners. Silent Auction items have included theater tickets, gift baskets, home décor, jewelry, makeup, cookware, hardware, gift cards, sports memorabilia, etc. And if you just don't know what to donate, we will gladly accept cash donations and do the shopping for you! You can also help by donating gift basket supplies – decorative boxes, baskets, ribbons, and cellophane will all be put to good use. Please contact - Lisa Bartoe at ljbartoe@yahoo.com or (916) 508-6326. with any questions.



Pacific Grove Cottage Auction Item By Nancy Wolford-Landers

Do you know who won this live auction item at the Crab fiesta???? **Weekend at Cottage in Pacific Grove.**

The cottage is going to be sold after January 1st, so if the person has not used it yet, they need to use the auction item in December. November is already booked.

The lady who donated this auction item is ill, and that is why she is selling the cottage. But, she wanted to make sure that the winner had a chance to use the reservation before the cottage is sold. Just follow the reservation directions that were received with the winning package.

I am afraid it is: **Use it or Lose it.**

Roster Changes:

Did you get the additional page for Wendy Haydon? It was inadvertently left out of the roster. Please let Barbara Coulam know and she can get you the additional page.

Janet Galliani – new e-mail
janetgalliani@gmail.com

2017-2018

Soroptimist Offers Scholarships (SOS) and Donations

Maggie Bender-Johnson
Janet Galliani
Eva Garcia
Nilda Valmores
Elaine Pesce
Idelle Claypool
Mary Kobane
Jennifer Willis

Memorials:

\$50 from Nancy Landers for Leamon Landers (Odell's brother)
\$25 from Pat Canterbury for Leamon Landers
\$25 for Susann Handlers' brother in law

Save Mart \$201.81

Board Action Items –

- Leave of Absence approved for Kali Crawford
- For the election of 2020-2021 President of Soroptimist International the Board approved and membership confirmed submittal of ballot for Sharon Fisher, uncontested candidate.
- Service and Operating checking accounts shall be combined into one SIS account. Budgets will continue to be kept separately.
- Leave of Absence approved for Lauren Buchanan.

Officers and Board of Directors 2017-2018



President – Debbie Rubens
First Vice President – Sarah Lee
Second Vice President – Caty Diepenbrock
Recording Secretary – Carol Adams
Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Willis
Treasurer – Kathy Platz
Assistant Treasurer – Phyllis Moist
Board of Directors 2017-2019
 Lisa Bartoe
 Celia Walker
Board of Director 2017-2018
 Lauren Buchanan
Board of Directors – 2016-2018
 Paula Wright
 Rosalie Gladden
Parliamentarian (appointed) – Idelle Claypool

November Soroptimists!



Happy Birthday

Regena Boyland	November 6
Corrine Yee Joe	November 11
Jennifer Willis	November 18
Nilda Valmores	November 22

**SIS Program Schedule for
2017-2018**

Date	Speaker / Topic	SIS Member Contact
November		
11/03/17	Business Meeting	
11/10/17		Sarah
11/17/17	Merle Axelrad	Sarah
11/24/17	Dark	
December		
12/01/17	Business Meeting	
12/08/17	Grant Recipients	
12/15/17	Holiday Luncheon	
January		
01/05/18	Business Meeting	
01/12/18	Joann Tremeline or Nilda	Sarah
01/19/18	Amy Supinger, Supinger Strategies, Rising cost of higher education	Idelle
01/26/18	LYD Awards Luncheon	
February		
02/02/18	Business Meeting	
02/09/18	Multicultural Day	
02/16/18	CEO Partners	
02/23/18	Alice Jarboe	Debbie
March		
03/02/18	Business Meeting	
03/09/18	Ruthie Bolton	Pat C.
03/16/18	Women's Wisdom Art	Nilda
03/23/18	Johyne - Commercial Jet Sales	Pat
03/30/18	Dark	
April		
04/06/18	Business Meeting	
04/13/18	Debbie Jolly, Traditional Acupuncture	Idelle
04/20/18	Scholarships	
04/27/18		Sarah
May		
05/04/18	Business Meeting	
05/11/18	Foster Care	Debbie
05/18/18	Cap Public Radio	Idelle
05/25/18	Dark	

June

06/01/18 Business Meeting
06/08/18 Committee Signups
06/15/18 Celebrating Success
06/22/18 Installation