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2017-2018

“Promote Character through Service”



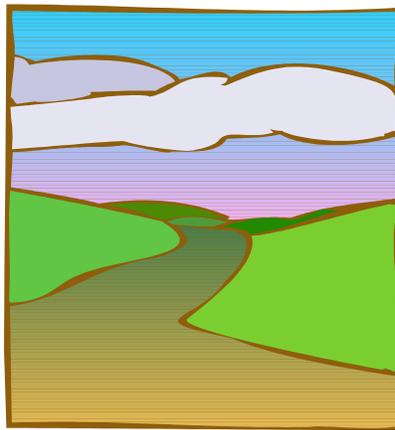
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First in our thoughts is Member Milissa Checchi and Family. "Soropti-Mister" Steven passed away on October 4. Members were notified by e-mail as soon as we heard the sad news. I thank Members for their heartwarming responses of "thoughts and prayers for Milissa and Family" and offers of "what can we do to help"? Services were held on October 26 at Calvary Chapel Chino Valley. Milissa sent the following message to be shared with Members:

"Thank you for all of the prayers and well wishes at the passing of my husband, Steven. We had 27 years of love and laughter, and I am so thankful that he is out of pain, and that he passed quietly in his sleep. He is with his maker now, and GOD is keeping us close."

Leslie, Sue, Andrea, Amy, and I attended District 1 Fall Meeting on October 7. As always, the program was interesting and informative, reinforcing the Soroptimist mission of focusing our service on women and girls. Aside from serious business, it was fun to meet and greet Soroptimists from District 1 clubs; reacquainting with "old" friends and making new ones. And, I had the pleasure of highlighting our Prism Award Luncheon in the area of Public Awareness.

LYD applications are due in to Chair Leslie by November 15. Thank You Leslie for a great job of organizing the workshop at Chaffey College and the application process.

This year, for our Holiday Gifts Project in partnership with the OMSD Collaboratives, instead of filling and wrapping individual shoeboxes, we allocated funds to purchase gift cards to donate and gave members the opportunity for additional donations of money, gift cards, or gift items. We hope this process will make it easier for the Collaboratives to have the appropriate items to fill the needs of students.

SI M/IV keeping busy with plans for Holiday Luncheon (which will also be a Recruitment event); supporting Promise Scholars at the Reindeer Run; Chair Natividad securing a March date for Upland Library Read-In; Chair Sue planning April 18 Prism Award Luncheon; seeking nominations for Award recipients. All in a day's work !!

Whatever your Thanksgiving plans are, please take time to count your blessings, share hugs with family and friends, and say a prayer for those in need. And..... have a



"Promote Character through Service"

President Virginia

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MEETINGS.....

>-(**1st**) Wed., Nov. 1 - 12:00 N: **Business Meeting.** OPARC, 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair (west of Benson - just north of Moreno - on SE corner Olive & Vernon)

>- Mon., Nov. 6 - 6:00 PM: 2017 **Fall "Fun-Raiser" Committee Re-Cap Meeting.** at Virginia's

>-(**4th**) Tues., Nov. 28 - 12:30 PM: **Board Meeting.** Page One Cafe

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> Thur., Nov. 2 - 7:30-9:00 AM: Ontario-Montclair YMCA **Veteran's Prayer Breakfast.** Chino Basin Water Conversation District

> Nov. 3-4-5: Montclair **Yard Sale Week-end**

> Nov. 3-4-5: Ontario **Yard Sale Week-end**

> Sat., Nov. 4 - 12:00 N-4:00 PM: OPARC **Turkey Bowl.** Chaparral Lanes, 400 W. Bonita, San Dimas. Teams of 4-6 @\$35 per bowler

> Sat., Nov. 4 - 4:30-7:00 PM: AAUW **Wine Tasting.** Chaffey Community Museum of Art

> Sun., Nov. 5: **Daylight Saving Time ends**

> Mon., Nov. 6 - 6:00-10:00 PM: Foothill Family Shelter Outback Steakhouse (530 N. Mountain Ave., Upland) **Fund Raiser.** Tickets \$20 available at Foothill Family Shelter

> Wed., Nov. 8 - 9:30 AM-1:30 PM: Bonnes Meres Auxiliary of Children's Fund **Annual Auction & Luncheon.** National Orange Show Events Center, San Bernardino

> Sat., Nov. 11: **Veterans Day**

> Mon., Nov. 13 - 7:30 PM: Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band Performance **"Veterans--Our National Treasure."** Chaffey HS Merton Hill Auditorium

> Thur., Nov. 23: **Thanksgiving**

> Nov. 25: **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

> Thur., Nov. 30 - 6:00 PM: City of Montclair **Tree Lighting Ceremony & Visit from Santa Claus.** Montclair Youth Center, 5111 Benito St.

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2017 SIA Club Mailing

Excerpts from the electronic mailing correspondence sent to all Clubs from Soroptimist International of the Americas:

What's New in Program: We put out the call to increase our collective impact and our members are answering the call! 2016-17 was another successful year of reaching more disadvantaged women and girls through our life-changing Dream Programs: 1,467 women received over \$2 million in funding through the Live Your Dream Awards. More than 12,000 girls participated in Dream It, Be It.

What's New in Membership: *All Aboard the MemberSHIP Campaign*--Congratulations to clubs and regions who participated in the 2016-17 campaign to retain current members and increase new members and clubs. We gained 3,953 new and charter members and 18 clubs were chartered or reinstated! Because members are so important to a bright future for Soroptimist, we will be continuing the campaign this year to help increase our collective impact! Clubs still have access to all the great resources and information under the key areas of the campaign website. Members can access the materials by visiting <http://bit.ly/siamembership>. Here you'll find generational information to help target prospects, customizable promotional pieces, recruitment tips, articles, and so much more! As an organization of and for women, we know there is more we can do to improve the lives of disadvantaged women girls. Recruiting and retaining more clubs and members who are committed to working on our mission. Let us sail together so we can continue making progress and strengthening our clubs!

What's New in Fundraising: *SIA Fundraising--Working as One.* We are excited for the upcoming Club Year! It is because of the commitment to our Dream Programs that we are reaching thousands more disadvantaged women and girls this year. Thank you! Let's not forget though, that women and girls--simply because of their gender--continue to be at a disadvantage in every country throughout the world. Unfortunately, an estimated 20 million women and girls within SIA's territorial boundaries need our help. Thankfully, we know that the best way to lift up communities and nations is to educate those women and girls. And, our Dream Programs provide this opportunity. To continue to make a difference, we ask that clubs: Make Soroptimist a primary cause of choice; Give 10% of funds raised to the Dream Programs; and, Help share with members and non-members alike how SIA's Dream Programs effect change in the world through the gifts of individuals, foundations, and corporations as partners in our cause. By focusing our efforts and working together, we will help that many more disadvantaged women and girls live their dreams.

What's New in Public Awareness: Reflective of our new logo policy, Soroptimist has developed *Branding & Style Guidelines* to help clubs become the best brand warriors they can be. This guide provides information on how to build a strong visual identity, the correct way to incorporate the logo into publicity materials and how to speak with proper Soroptimist style! *New SIA Website!* Soroptimist's new website is on the horizon! Set to launch in December, the new site will feature Dream Programs and highlight the impact we have on women and girls around the world. Stay tuned for the big reveal in the coming months.

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GOLDEN WEST REGION DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING

"ONE MISSION"

Soroptimists Together Achieve Results

October 6-7

Presented by--Rene Myers, District 1 Director

Hosted by SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire

Fall Meeting Chair--Carol Roddy

President Virginia, Leslie, Sue, Andrea, and Amy attended Fall Meeting on Saturday, at El Prado Golf Course, Chino. As a new member Amy attended the New Member Breakfast, hosted by Governor Penny Babb.

The day's agenda included:

- >-Welcome--District 1 Director Rene Myers, SI Baldy View
- >-Flag Salute - Jan O'Neill, SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
- >-Introductions
- >-Welcome--Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills City Council Member
- >- First-time Attendees Recognition
- >-STARs in Our One Mission - Governor Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley of the Sun
- >-Keynote Speaker - The Hero Inside - Deborah Johnson
- >-Dream Programs - Betsy Kreger, SI Palm Desert
- >-Club STARs: SI Chino Valley, SI Rim of the World, SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
- >- Lunch
- >- Connecting the STARs: Governor-Elect Lori Reed, SI Phoenix
- >- FUNdraising to Meet our Mission - Vanessa Liesen, SI Lake Havasu City
- >-Club STARs: SI Riverside
- >-Call for future leaders in our One Mission - Donna Young, SI Chino Valley
- >-Membership - Governor-Elect Lori Reed
- >-Club STARs: SI San Bernardino, SI Baldy View
- >-Get in the Network--Public Awareness - District 3 Director Laurie Moses, SI Parker
- >-Club STARs: SI Corona, SI Montclair/Inland Valley
- >-Call to 2018 Spring Conference; Bid for 2018 Fall Meeting--SI Riverside; Opportunity Drawings; Adjourn / Soroptimist Pledge

SI M/IV received SIA certificates for participation in the Live Your Dream Awards and SIA Collective Impact programs.

Great Meeting! Thank You District 1 Director Rene, Meeting Chair Carol, and Governor Penny on a job well done!

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Sue--President Virginia, Leslie, Amy, Andrea and I attended District 1 Fall meeting on Saturday. Thank you to SI Chino Hills for hosting the day-long event. The theme of the day was--One Mission! GWR Governor-elect Lori Reed (SI Phoenix) shared the Soroptimist four pillars--membership, fundraising, public awareness and programs. These four pillars are to be directed to our "one mission" -- to improve the lives of women and girls in our local communities and throughout the world. A couple highlights for me were seeing and talking with DONA Gladys Weems and our very own President Virginia's presentation to the group on our Prism Award Luncheon--very impressive, professionally delivered and heartfelt! Great job!

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Amy--I was very excited to be invited and recognized as a New Member during Fall Meeting. During new member breakfast, I met members from other clubs and learned that every club has a different personality and contributes to the Soroptimist mission in their own way. It was a good way to get a session on Soroptimist 101. This is where I learned about the Dream It Be It program--I am tempted to take on, but have to be mindful of what is on my plate. I just can't help wanting to help others as I feel I was born to do. I also had a chance to hang out with members from our club and got to know them better. This furthered my

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commitment and interest in this organization, specifically this club. From time to time you hear people tell you to surround yourself with the people you want to be. I am doing it and feeling very fortunate and blessed. Thank you Soroptimist Montclair/Inland Valley members for being awesome human beings.

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SECRETARY SAYS

Oct. 4 Business Meeting--13 Members present--President Virginia, Pat, Kris, Judy, Amy, Milissa, Cindy, Andrea, Amber, Sue, Zoe, Leslie, Diane. President's "Ice Breaker". Fines & Brags. Call to Order--12:20 PM. Pledge to Flag--led by Sue. Inspiration--Pat. Correspondence--circulated folder. Minutes--Sept. 6 minutes accepted as presented. Treasurer--report for period ending Sept. 30. Committee Reports--Meals on Wheels goody bags--Oct. (Natividad), Nov. (Diane); Public Awareness--Oct. Newsletter; Membership; Sunshine. Unfinished Business--Sept. 9 Casino Night Financial Report; Live Your Dream; 2018 Prism Award Luncheon; Holiday Gifts Project; Chaffey Clothes Closet. New Business--Awards Honoree Selection; Feb. 3 Yard Sale; Dec. 6 Business Mtg. & Holiday Luncheon; reschedule Jan. 3 Business Mtg. to Jan. 10; Golden West Region--Fall Mtg., Officers Check List Oct.; Dec. 9 Reindeer Run Opportunity Drawing ticket sales; "60-Second" SOLT--Founders Day. Announcements--Member Oct. b'days & anniversaries; 10/23 Board Mtg.; 11/1 Business Mtg. Adjourn--1:05 PM.

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MEALS ON WHEELS GOODY BAGS

Meals on Wheels goody bags for Oct. were coordinated by Natividad Vasquez-Silva with assistance from "Soropti-Kid" Sophie.

Natividad & Sophie assembled 12 bags, delivered to the Sr. Center on Oct. 19. Each Halloween theme bag contained a handful of assorted candies, pencil, writing mini pad, fun stamp, and goggly eyes for fun. A beautiful poem--"The Colors of Fall" by Diane & Daniel Henderson--was also included. With an extra "good wishes from their caring friends" - SI M/IV

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Format for delivery of monthly goody bags:

- >- Contact - Lynn Sloan - (her cell phone # is listed in your Member Roster Booklet, or get it from Virginia)
- >- Call (or text) Lynn to get specific # of goody bags needed
- >- goody bags need to be dropped off at the Montclair Senior Center on a Thursday - (any Thurs. of the month) - to be delivered along with meals, next day--Friday

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Monthly goody bag assignments for 2017-2018:

- July - Virginia
- August - Cindy
- September - Pat
- October - Natividad
- November - Diane
- December - Sue
- January - Judy
- February - Milissa
- March - Amber
- April - Denise & Kris
- May - Roberta
- June - Leslie



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Reminder--if you find that you need assistance with assembling goody bags and/or getting them to the Senior Center, please contact Virginia or another club member. We are always glad to lend a helping hand.

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SUNSHINE CORNER

HELLO NOVEMBER

The name November is believed to derive from "NOVEN" which is the Latin name for the number nine. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the Snow Moon according to the Pagan beliefs and the period described as the "Moon of the Falling Leaves" by Black Elk. November Facts

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Happy Birthday

- ❖ Nov. 7 - Rich Riley
- ❖ Nov. 17 - Leslie O'Hare Sorensen

Happy Anniversary

- ❖ Nov. 20 - Arlette & Jesse Garibay (2010)

In Memoriam

It is with heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of "Soropti-Mister" Steven Checchi on October 4. Please keep Milissa and Family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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Please notify me if someone needs a card to cheer them, is suffering from an illness, just thinking of you, experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one. Sending a card or making a phone call, may just be the ray of sunshine to brighten their day.

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- T**-hanks for the time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather
- H**-for the harvest stored away, home and health, and the holiday
- A**-for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart
- N**-for neighbors, and November, nice things, new things to remember
- K**-for kitchen, kettles, and kin expected soon
- S**-for sizzles, sights and sounds, and something special that about

THANKS for joy in living and a jolly Thanksgiving

--Ailien Fisher - All in a Word

Pat Bascom, Sunshine Chair

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LIVE YOUR DREAM: Education & Training Awards for Women

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream (LYD) Award assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

On October 25, SI M/IV hosted a LYD workshop at Chaffey College. About 10 women, eligible to apply, attended the workshop to learn more about LYD and to begin work on their application in the computer lab. Completed applications are due in to LYD Chair Leslie Sorensen by November 15. Applications will be judged by a panel of 3 non-Soroptimist judges.

Following the judging, the LYD Committee will review the recommendations and present the top choices to the club for consideration and funding. LYD awards will be presented at the April 18, 2018 Prism Award Luncheon.

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Members Leslie, Sue, Virginia, and Kris attended the workshop at Chaffey to offer support to the applicants. Thank You Ladies!

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HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT

For the last two years, as our "Holiday Shoeboxes" Project, SI Montclair/Inland Valley members purchased gift items and assembled, filled, and wrapped individual shoeboxes for donation to the OMSD Collaboratives (Montclair Community and Family Solutions) for children identified as homeless.

This year, in an effort to simplify the process and to make it easier for Collaboratives Staff to have appropriate (age, size, girl/boy) gift items for distribution not only to the children but to families in need, we decided rather than each member individually purchasing items (clothing, toys, toiletries, gift cards, etc.), assembling and filling shoeboxes, and wrapping them, that as a club, we would allocate funds and purchase gift cards to donate to the Collaboratives, so that staff could easily purchase gift items as needed. Members were also given an opportunity to make monetary donations to add to the club's allocation, or donate gift cards, gift items, wrapping paper and ribbon.

We all enjoyed and had fun filling shoeboxes, but in some cases, the boxes needed to be unwrapped and opened as a safety measure to make sure items were appropriate for the age indicated on the box.

Thank You to all Members for approving the Club's allocation of funds and for their additional generous donations this year. As the shoeboxes did in the past, this year's project will again make the holidays more cheerful for lots of OMSD children.

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MONTCLAIR HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Food baskets will be available to families that live in Montclair and meet specific income guidelines. To be considered, applicants must complete an application. Applications will be accepted on November 1 & 2 from 3:30--6:00 PM, at the Montclair Community Center. Families wishing to apply who have a child that attends a Montclair elementary or middle school should contact the school office for additional program information.

Donations for the food basket program will be accepted at the Human Services Department (Recreation Center), 5111 Benito St., from Monday, November 13 through Thursday, December 14 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (Please no outdated, dented, bulging, perishable or open cans or packages.)

Adopt A Family: A donation of \$50 will feed a parent & child; a donation of \$75 will feed a family of 4. Donations can be made any time prior to December 15.

For more information on making a donation, contact Michelle Castillo at 909-625-9451 or mcastillo@cityofmontclair.org

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SI M/IV has participated in this program for over 7 years. At the October Board meeting, the Board approved an allocation of club funds to continue our support of the program.

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & GIFT EXCHANGE

Wed., December 6 - 12:00 N - at OPARC

SI M/IV's Annual Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange will be held the 1st Wednesday in December, in conjunction with our scheduled Business Meeting, at our regular meeting location--OPARC (Briggs Room).

After a short Meeting, we will adjourn to a light lunch (sandwiches, salad, iced tea, dessert) served, at a minimal cost to members. Members are encouraged to invite Guests and Prospective Members. Participation in the gift exchange will be optional for all who attend. To participate, you are asked to bring a wrapped holiday gift (value up to \$20).

More information and an invitation/information flyer are coming. In the meantime, if you have any Guests and/or Prospective Members, please submit name & mailing address so that we can send a personal invitation.

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OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A NEW CAR

An Opportunity Drawing for a chance to win a 2017 Kia Soul (donated by **Allstar Kia**) will be part of the December 9 Ontario 5K Reindeer Run event. All proceeds will benefit the early college and career access program--Promise Scholars. Tickets are available for purchase--\$10 each--from SI M/IV Members or at the OMSD Credit Union.

SI M/IV Ticket Chair **Andrea Erickson**
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CHAFFEY COLLEGE CLOTHES CLOSET

Reminder-- collection of women's & men's clothing for the Chaffey College "Dress for Success" Clothes Closet is SI M/IV's ongoing project for this club year. We are glad to accept items from Members & "Soropti-Friends" at any time. Sue & Virginia are available to deliver items to the College.

In addition to women's items, there is a great need for men's clothing, (jackets, shirts, ties, etc.) so help is GREATLY appreciated. Men's business casual clothing items are especially needed; i.e.--casual slacks, khakis, polo shirts, short-sleeve shirts, sweaters.

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CLUB PHOTOS

Members, as you take photos at club meetings, events, activities, Meals on Wheels goody bags, please remember to send photos to Milissa (for Facebook posting) and to Denise. Also print copies for Milissa, who will be doing the Club Scrapbook this year.

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SI M/IV MEMBERS.....

SAVE THESE DATES.....

> Sat., Dec. 9 - check-in 7:00 AM/Dash 8:00 AM/5K 8:30 AM: Ontario 5K **Reindeer Run**. Citizens Business Bank Arena, Ontario. Proceeds benefit Promise Scholars. Registration is now open - www.ontario5krun.com

> **Note--Note--Note:** Due to the holidays, SI M/IV's regular 1st Wednesday Business Meeting in January has been changed **from** Wed., Jan. 3 **to Wednesday, January 10**; same time = 12:00 N, same place = OPARC. Please be sure to make this change on your 2018 meeting calendar !

> Sat., Feb. 3: SI M/IV **Yard Sale**. Ontario location TBD.

> Tues., March 6 - 6:00 PM: Upland **Library Read-In**. Chair Natividad Vasquez-Silva

> Sat., April 14 - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM: Ontario **Library Read-In**. Ovitt Family Community Library. Chair Milissa Checchi

> Wed., April 18 - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: **27th Annual Prism Award Luncheon**. Chaffey College Chino Community Center. Chair Sue Ovitt

> June 7-9: Golden West Region **Spring Conference**. Pala Casino Resort & Spa, Pala, CA (Temecula area)

> October: GWR **District 1 Fall Meeting**. Host Club SI Riverside
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NOTABLE NOTES

✓ *"One can easily judge the character of a person by the way they treat people who can do nothing for them."* -Proverb

✓ Montclair Medical Clinic has a **new location**: 5050 San Bernardino St., Montclair; (in the Lally Medical Group site.)

✓ **PVW** (formerly *Pomona Valley Workshop*) has officially changed its name to **Anthesis**.

✓ Ontario-Montclair SD's two departments--Montclair Community Collaborative and Family Solutions Collaborative--have been merged into **"Family & Collaborative Services Ontario & Montclair."** The new name reflects the cohesive delivery of services and collaboration by these two organizations.

Oct. 5, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

✓ Attending the Oct. 24 **Chaffey College Report to the Community** - Sue & Gary Ovitt, Virginia & Rich Riley, Leslie Sorensen

✓ Virginia & Rich traveled to Palm Springs for a **Charles Phoenix** presentation. Charles Phoenix is an American pop culture humorist, historian, author best known for his "Retro Slide Shows" which showcase his collection of vintage film slides capturing mid-century American life and culture, accompanied by his comedic commentary. Mr. Phoenix provided the fun entertainment for SI M/IV's 2010 Fall "Fun-Raiser"

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✓ Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band Performances. 7:30 PM--Chaffey HS Merton Hill Auditorium (unless otherwise noted). Mon., Dec. 18 - Holiday Festival. Ontario Convention Center
For more information: www.SHOWBAND.net

✓ SI M/IV Member Amy Chang's Triathlon adventure:

I recently did a triathlon relay event with two friends at Bonelli Park, San Dimas. I did the 1-mile swim, a friend did the 25-mile bike ride, and the other friend did the 6.2-mile run. I thought I was prepared after 10 weeks of training, but I guess swimming in the pool in my own lane is not the same as swimming in the lake with 20 other people. I did swim two times in the coves of Long Beach, but still not the same. I made the classic mistake of doing something I did not train for...run into the lake at the start with everyone else. When I got into the water to swim, my heart rate was up from the run so my breathing was fast and I was not able to get a rhythm going; so kept drinking water and choking. As I see the pack swimming further away, I was discouraged and wanted to quit. I thought, "I can't quit, my friends are waiting for me, so they can do their leg of the race." I had to reset my mind...I told myself, "One stroke at a time, just like in the pool. I've trained for this. Pretend it's just another training day in the pool." Finally, I made it to the other end of the lake and on my way to swim back to the finish line. This is when another obstacle surfaced.

Suddenly, the water was choppy. I'm thinking, "Where is all the wave coming from?--I'm in a lake." So I drank more of that nutritious lake water, but I am more calm at this point. I had to reset again to exaggerate the rotation of my body to get my mouth above water for that precious air. Then, I felt water plants tangling on my arms and legs. I take them off and they get back on me over and over again. I kept telling myself that I am on the home stretch. I can see the last buoy I have to go around before the finish line. Just keep going and my leg of the race will be over. I thought I was the last swimmer for sure, but then I saw another swimmer, which gave me more energy as I am not last if I just stay ahead of her. I powered up and passed her. Once on land, I feel exhausted and can't move. It may also be because of my tight wet suit. I've gained 15 pounds since I bought the suit so I look like a fat cat woman...ha-ha-ha! In the end, I survived--though I was almost knocked out by a tree branch while waiting for my friends to do their leg of the race. It was another good experience. Reminded me that triathlon is a mental tough sport. It also gave me the realization that humans are lazy. I've done the entire triathlon before so I know I can do it. This time I only did the swim part and felt tough. Guess we only rise up to the expectations we set for ourselves. My self reflection tells me I can be better. Just need to aim higher.

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DATES TO NOTE

- > Fri., Dec. 1 - time tba: Ontario **Annual Tree Lighting**. Ontario Town Square
- > Sat., Dec. 2: **Christmas on Euclid** Experience
- > Sun., Dec. 3 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Assistance League of the Foothill Communities **39th Annual Christmas Tree Brunch**. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Ontario. Silent Auction, Live Auction, Special \$5 drawings, Entertainment, Door Prizes. \$110 per person by Nov. 10; \$125 after Nov. 10.
- > Sun., Dec. 3 - 3:00 PM: Chino Hills Community Foundation **Holiday Home Tour**. Registration at Chino Hills Community Center
- > Sat., Dec. 9: **5K Reindeer Run**. Citizens Business Bank Arena
- > Tues., Dec. 12: **Hanukkah** begins at sundown
- > Thur., Dec. 21: **Winter** begins

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- > Mon., Jan. 1: 129th Tournament of Roses Parade
- > Jan. 11-12-13: **Southwest Conference Against Trafficking** (SWCAT). Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center, Ontario, CA. Register - www.swcat.org
- > Jan. 25 & Jan. 27 - 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM: Claremont/West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund **English Tea**
- > Sat., Feb. 3: **SI M/IV Yard Sale**. Time & Ontario location TBD
- > Sun., Feb. 4: Super Bowl
- > Sun., March 4: 90th Academy Awards
- > Sat., March 24: Claremont/West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund **Day at the Races**. Santa Anita Racetrack
- > Fri., March 30 - 6:30 AM check-in/8:00 AM Shotgun start: Promise Scholars **Golf Tournament**. Los Serranos CC, Chino Hills
- > April 10: SI Riverside **70th Anniversary Celebration & Salute to Service**. Mission Inn, Riverside
- > Thur., April 12: Chaffey College Foundation **Alumni of the Year & Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner**
- > Sat., April 14 - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM: **SI M/IV** Ovitt Family Community (Ontario) **Library Read-In**
- > Sat., April 21 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM: Claremont/West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund **Home Tour**
- > June 7-8-9: GWR **Spring Conference**--"Soroptimists Soaring!"
- > July 30-Aug. 2: SIA **45th Biennial Convention**, Yokohama, Japan

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Sept.: SI **Quadrennial Convention**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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SI MONTCLAIR/INLAND VALLEY 2017-18 MEETING SCHEDULE *

Meeting location (unless otherwise noted):

OPARC--(Briggs Room) - 9029 Vernon Ave., Montclair
(west of Benson - just North of Moreno - on SE corner Olive & Vernon)

December, 2017

>- (1st) Wed., Dec. 6 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting & Holiday Luncheon/Gift Exchange

January, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., Jan. 3 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting -- to Jan. 10

>- Wed., Jan. 10 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

>- (5th) Wed., Jan. 31 - time/location TBD - Social Activity

February, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., Feb. 7 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

>- (3rd) Wed., Feb. 21 - 12:00 N - Program Meeting

March, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., Mar. 7 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

April, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., April 4 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

>- (3rd) Wed., April 18 - 12:00 N - Program Mtg- Prism Award Luncheon

May, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., May 2 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

>- (5th) Wed., May 30 - time/location TBD - Social Activity

June, 2018

>- (1st) Wed., June 6 - 12:00 N - Business Meeting

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Board Meetings--scheduled for the 4th Tuesday each month, 12:30 PM, Page One Cafe, Ontario Library. Board Meetings are open to all Club Members.

* meeting schedule subject to change
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The "Valley Viewpoint" is published once a month and distributed to members prior to the 1st Wednesday Business Meeting. It is also mailed at that time to those people/agencies on the Club's mailing list. Club members, community representatives, and neighboring Soroptimist Clubs are welcome to submit articles, items of interest, or information on upcoming events regarding their organization. Items will be edited and used as space permits.

December Newsletter items can be submitted at any time -

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The deadline for the **December** Newsletter is Wed. Nov. 15.

For more information, call Virginia, 909-983-5938.

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