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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

## SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimists transforms the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

## SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- GENDER EQUALITY: Women and girls live free from discrimination

- **EMPOWERMENT:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION:** Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:** Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Janet Payton  
2017-18 SIR President

2017 was an amazing year and I want to thank all of you for your many contributions and hours of hard work that resulted in last year's projects and events all being a huge success.

A big thank you goes out to Annamarie Megrđichian for hosting our annual Christmas Party in early December at her beautiful home. Although I was not able to attend, I heard through the grapevine that the party was fun and festive and that the food was amazing.

As we head into 2018 with our "Stop Trafficking - Start Acting" public awareness event in January, "Valentine Dessert Auction" in February, "Live Your Dream - Dream It, Be It Conference" in March and our "70th Anniversary Celebration and Salute to Service" dinner in April, I know that all of you will be working hard to make each of these events a huge success.

Thanks for all you do!

### **DEDICATED HEARTS**

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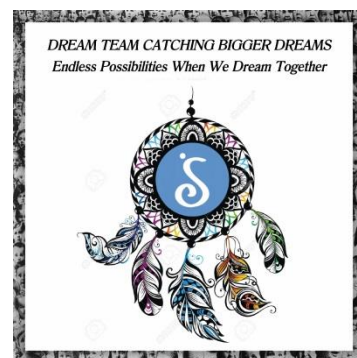
*Dedicated hearts like yours  
are not so easy to find.  
It takes a special person to be  
so generous and kind.*

*To care so much for your fellow  
man is a quality all too rare.  
Yet you give of your time and  
talents for all in need to share.*

*So thank you for being a  
volunteer. We're privileged  
to work with you.  
We want you to know how  
appreciated you are, not just  
today, but the whole year  
through.*

I'm honored to be your President  
and know that 2018 will be our  
best year ever!

Janet Payton  
SI Riverside President



## JANUARY 2018

**January**

### 2 **BOARD MEETING**

11:30 AM, Pacific Premier  
Bank, Raincross Room, 8th  
Floor, 3403 Tenth Street,  
Riverside

### 9 **BUSINESS MEETING**

12:00 PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 4845  
Brockton Ave, Riverside

- 11 **NATIONAL DAY OF  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS**
- 18 **STOP HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING - START  
ACTING**  
6:30-9:00 PM, Mt. Rubidoux  
Seventh Day Adventist  
Church, 5320 Victoria,  
Riverside
- 23 **PROGRAM MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 4845  
Brockton Ave, Riverside

## FEBRUARY 2018



- 6 **BOARD MEETING**  
11:30 AM, Pacific Premier  
Bank, Raincross Room, 8th  
Floor, 3403 Tenth Street,  
Riverside
- 6 **NATIONAL DAY OF ZERO  
TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE  
GENITAL MUTILATION**
- 8 **VALENTINE DESSERT  
AUCTION**  
Riverside Convention Center
- 11 **NATIONAL DAY OF  
WOMEN AND GIRLS IN  
SCIENCE**
- 14 **V-DAY - GLOBAL DAY TO  
END VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN**
- 27 **BUSINESS MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 4845  
Brockton Ave, Riverside

## DATES TO REMEMBER



March 3, 2018  
**LIVE YOUR DREAM -  
DREAM IT, BE IT CONFERENCE**  
Riverside Community College  
April 10, 2018  
**SI RIVERSIDE RECOGNIZED BY  
THE CITY COUNCIL**

April 12, 2018  
**SI RIVERSIDE 70TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
AND SALUTE TO SERVICE**  
Mission Inn, Riverside

June 7-9, 2018  
**GOLDEN WEST REGION  
SPRING CONFERENCE**  
Pala Casino Resort and Spa  
Pala, California

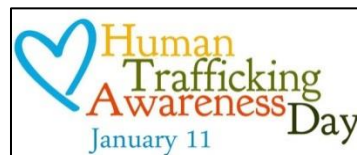
July 30-August 2, 2018  
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
OF THE AMERICAS  
CONVENTION**  
Yokohama, Japan

July 18-21, 2019  
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting. Lunches are approximately \$16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis. For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

## JANUARY 11, 2018 NATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11th. This observance was started in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

In 2011, President of the USA Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Slavery was officially abolished in the USA by the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865, however, its forms still exist to date. And the present-day USA is the source, transit and destination country for modern slaves: children, women and men.

These people can be of foreign nationalities or the citizens of the USA but they are all subjected to injustices of human trafficking including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage.

Many mass campaigns are organized to observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. This helps raise public awareness of modern slavery. Creation of a number of organizations supporting and preventing human trafficking helps protect some vulnerable members of our community.



**SOROPTIMIST  
INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT'S APPEAL  
2017-2019**



## **The Muihoko Women Group in Kenya and the SI President's Appeal**

The first of five projects to be supported on five continents, the 2017-19 SI President's Appeal, "Women, Water and Leadership," is to fund the Muihoko Women Group in Kenya, formed in 2005 with the aim of improving the economic and social livelihood of its membership of 22 women.

Kenya has a population of 46 million and those who live in rural areas are dependent on subsistence agriculture for their food and livelihood. Women constitute 60% of these subsistence farmers. The water supply to these areas is scarce and the women require education and vocational training to manage their farms effectively and to ensure continued food security. Focusing on the region of Mitimongi in Nakuru County, this Appeal project will enhance women's capacity in leadership, food security, water utility, clean energy and economic development.



*SI President together with one of the members of Muihoko Women Group*

The Muihoko Women Group began working with the Soroptimist International Union of Kenya (SIUK) in 2010, supported by Women for Water Partnership (WWP) on a water and sanitation project, to increase access to clean harvested rainwater and improved sanitation.

During this time, the women were able to purchase some land and build a training center with a classroom and a Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) toilet, together with a crop demonstration plot. Currently growing maize, grains and beans on their communal farm, the Group has run several training programs and community activities at the center, additionally purchasing solar lanterns, reducing the costs of fuel lighting and lowering levels of pollution. As a result of the water and sanitation project, a second women's group was formed, known as Muihoko B Women Group, consisting of 30 members who also produce food, mainly for household consumption.



*"Increasing your income as a women small holder farmer is quite a challenge in the Kenya*

*region of Mitimongi in Nakuru County" says Soroptimist Marlène van Benthem who recently visited this Appeal project in Kenya. "The soil is so dry that the women can only rely on rainwater harvesting. This President's Appeal project is a fantastic cooperation of Kenyan Soroptimist experts, supporting women in all aspects of the value chain; from sowing seeds to selling the crops on the market. The women need financial support in setting up this agriculture cycle successfully and to share their knowledge with other women farming groups".*



*Women Farmers*

On the ground, the project will be coordinated by Soroptimists Rose Mwangi and Asha Abdulrahman, from SIUK. A pilot project is already underway with 74 women farmers. These women each own at least one acre of agriculture land including a water tank available for rainwater harvesting. They have organized themselves in a cooperative with a chair and treasurer and have a bank account for savings to purchase the necessary inputs.

### **Activities:**

- A water tank will be installed to improve the availability and access to clean water to the women and community.
- The current training center will be suitably updated, giving the community the opportunity to expand their current activities.
- The "demonstration plot" will be secured and the center

will be equipped with appropriate technologies and tools to ensure the women have what they need to offer relevant training programs.

- Suitable seeds and fertilizers will be provided to each of the women farmers involved in the project, sufficient for minimum one acre of land.
- The Mwhiko Women Group, supported by SI Union of Kenya and local stakeholders, will identify and recruit 22 additional women farmers to be trained. After a soil analysis all women will complete a 2-3-day on-site training on the model land and will then be able to prepare their own land and begin planting so that their agricultural cycle is not disturbed.
- Good quality training programs will be established and a training curriculum set up following initial interviews where a baseline on the women's existing knowledge will help to design the program and decide on the starting level for the participating women.
- The women will attend a comprehensive farm clinic course for six days at the Egerton University in Nakuru where they will learn more about business farming options and learn hands-on skills on a wider range of topics in relation to crops and livestock, insurance, production techniques, processing and marketing skills.

It is hoped a total of 2,000 persons will achieve increased food security through properly cultivated selected crop in 396 acres and 126 multi-story gardens. A minimum of 374 women farmers will improve their economic situation as a result of using best practices and

appropriate technology. After Mwhiko, the project will be copied to other communities within Kenya under the supervision of the SI Union and Clubs in Kenya and hopefully in neighboring countries as well.



*An interview with one of the initial 74 farmers, where a baseline on the women's existing knowledge will help to design the training program for participating women*

Marlène concludes: *"What a challenge to join hands as Soroptimists and make this happen. Moving to commercial farming and selling goods at the market would increase food security and standard of living. However, these women cannot produce crops on a bigger scale without the knowledge, education, technology and training required to do so and it is here that the President's Appeal will make a difference".*

The SI Union of Kenya (SIUK) has 12 clubs and 156 members and will be working on the project with four SI clubs: SI Nakuru Club, SI Milimani Club, SI Karen Blixen Club and SI Maseno Club on the first project for the 2017-2019 President's Appeal, 'Women, Water and Leadership'.

From the Soroptimist  
International webpage:  
[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

**BEST** for Women

## DECEMBER 5, 2018 SI RIVERSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Many thanks to Annamarie Megrdichian and her husband Gerry for opening up their home for our annual SI Riverside Christmas Party. Outdoor lights were sparkling everywhere on our arrival and inside Annamarie's home, the Christmas decorations were bountiful and beautiful.

Annamarie served a wonderful and delicious buffet dinner. She requested that members not pay for the dinner but instead make a donation to our Live Your Dream Conference scheduled for March 3rd at Riverside Community College. A whopping \$200 was donated that night.

We ended the evening with a fun ornament exchange with members trying to steal ornaments that they loved.

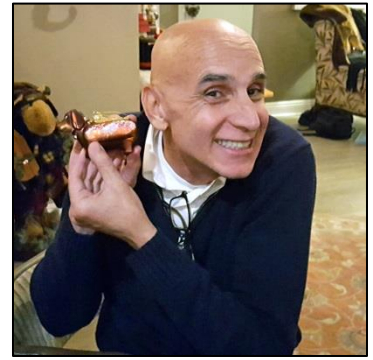
It was an amazing night of fun, frolic and Soroptimists bonding with other members and their family and friends. This party definitely earned four thumbs up!





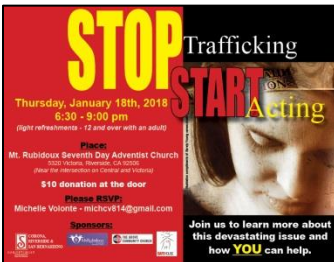






**JANUARY 18, 2018  
STOP TRAFFICKING  
START ACTING**

## *Stop Human Trafficking Start Acting*



### **11 FACTS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

1. Globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90.
2. Trafficking primarily involves exploitation which comes in many forms, including: forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.
3. According to some estimates, approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation and 19% involves labor exploitation.
4. There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
5. According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are

female and half are children.

6. The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14-year-old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.
7. California harbors 3 of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas on the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.
8. The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from Texas than any other state in the US. 15% of those calls are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
9. Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
10. Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.
11. The International Labour Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55%) compared to 9.5 million (45%) men.

Soroptimist International of Riverside has united with Soroptimist clubs in Corona and San Bernardino and with Operation SafeHouse and other non-profits to host a human trafficking awareness event.

The event will take place on January 18, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 5320 Victoria, Riverside.

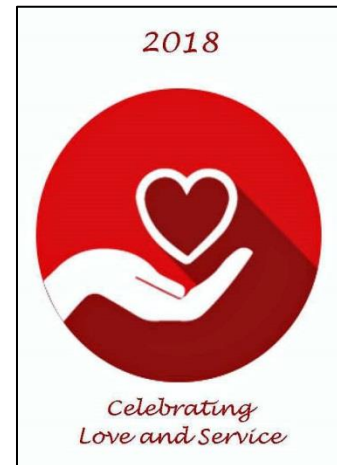
The goal of the event is to educate the public to recognize

indicators of human trafficking and provide information on what we as a community can do to fight against this heinous crime.

Non-profits will be present to explain what services are available to victims of human trafficking and offer volunteer opportunities for those who want to help.

Vickie Hightower  
Human Trafficking Event Chair

**FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
VALENTINE DESSERT  
AUCTION**



As we enter 2018, I am reminded of the incredible work achieved by Soroptimist International of Riverside last year and that the Valentine Dessert Auction is just around the corner. Let the success continue!

The committee has planned another fun event taking place at the Riverside Convention Center on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

A registration and sponsorship form is available on our website:

[www.soroptimisttriverside.org](http://www.soroptimisttriverside.org)

It can be printed and mailed with your payment to Soroptimist International of Riverside, P.O. Box 1631, Riverside CA, 92502, Attn: VDA. Please signify VDA on your check memo line. And



that's how simple it is to join the party.

The Bakers are rolling up their sleeves and starting their designs for this year's theme, "Celebrating Love and Service." This year's judging panel will include two prominent community chefs, Marla Cohen and Maria Sanjurjo-Casado and a special judge from our own ranks, Carolyn Kegarice. They will be joined by the winning bidder of last year's "Guest Taster" Auction, Tiffany Brooks.

Our Live Auction items have always included a wonderful variety of unique and memorable opportunities such as vacation home stays and dining experiences. This year we are pleased to include a home concert by a Barbershop Quartet from the renowned Inland Sound Chorus. Smiles abound with Inland Sound!

Great things come in small packages and that's what you will find at the Small Gift Table with items to please the eye and the sweet tooth including items for those who require sugar-free treats.

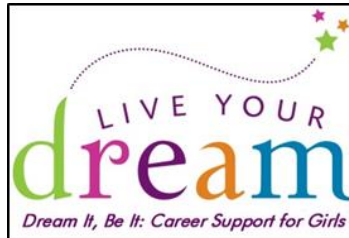
A wide variety of over 30 Silent Auction Baskets have been made ranging from movie nights to spa days, golf goodies to gourmet foodies and everything in between. Come find out which ones speak to you.

52 cards in a deck + 52 bottles of fine wine = Wine Auction and 52 weeks of wine adventures. Bon appetit!

See you at the Soroptimist International of Riverside Valentine Dessert Auction on February 8, 2018.

JoAnn Moore  
Event Chair

## MARCH 3, 2018 LIVE YOUR DREAM DREAM IT, BE IT CONFERENCE



I cannot believe that 2018 is upon us and our Live Your Dream Conference for our 7th and 8th grade girls will be coming up quickly.

We will resume our planning meetings this month and invite any interested parties to join us. If you are not able to make the meetings but would like more information, please feel free to speak to Jeanne Hatcher or myself. We welcome your assistance in making our club's signature event a success.

The gorgeous backpacks have been ordered and our own Anh Nguyen is handling the "Backpack Patrol" and is accepting items in 150 increments to add to these backpacks for all attendees. She has sent out a list to provide members with ideas should they like to donate something for the bags. Please consider being a part of the "Backpack Stuffing Party" when it is announced. A team of members putting together the backpacks is fun and makes the job go quickly.

Our panels have come together quite nicely and we will have a full day of education and future thought provoking events for all the girls in attendance. Please watch your e-mail for meeting announcements. I look forward to sharing more very soon.

Annamarie Megrdochian,  
LYD Conference Chair

## APRIL 12, 2018 70TH ANNIVERSARY AND SALUTE TO SERVICE DINNER



Our entire committee, which consists of all of the past presidents plus a few others, has been working consistently to make this event a very special one.

As the 70th birthday of Soroptimist Riverside is on April 10, 2018, we have chosen to celebrate with a dinner on Thursday, April 12th, at the Mission Inn Galleria room.

This celebration will be combined with our annual Salute to Service event and we will be honoring the winner of the Gold Key Award, the Student Volunteer Award and, of course, the Live Your Dream Education and Training Award.

Our banquet committee will be meeting next week to determine the menu and our entire committee will meet after the business meeting on January 9th.

We expect many local officials to attend and we are thrilled that our keynote speaker will be Alice Wells, Past President of Soroptimist International.

More information and details will be forthcoming as we continue the planning process. Meanwhile, mark your calendars!

Lynn Seccina  
Chair

## INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING INC.



Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc. mentors and trains former foster and homeless youth to become self-sufficient, responsible adults and to make positive life choices through the pursuit of higher education. For over a year, Soroptimist International of Riverside has supported the Inspire house located on Luther in Riverside by providing hot meals, treats, gifts, groceries and supplies and anything else that comes to mind.

In December, SI Riverside members really opened their hearts to the deserving young women residing at the Luther house. For our SI Riverside Christmas party, we all brought gifts for the Luther residents to have for Christmas. The gifts consisted of anything our members thought a young woman would enjoy – bath products, gift cards, perfume, cozy throw blankets – the list is endless. Carolyn Kegarice went a step further and brought Christmas stockings and filled them for “our” young ladies.

Casey Angulo and her family really went above and beyond in adopting the Luther house for Christmas. The Angulo family bought and decorated a Christmas tree and also helped hang Christmas lights. Casey and her family gathered up and delivered all the gifts donated by our members. But the Angulo family didn't stop there. They also brought the Luther residents a full Christmas meal (turkey and all the trimmings) from Marie Calendars and homemade cinnamon rolls for Christmas breakfast. Thank you so much

Casey and the Angulo family for your generosity and loving spirit during this busy time of year!



As always, the Luther house is in need of everyday items such as cleaning supplies, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper), personal hygiene items and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The girls are very busy with school and work, so please call the Resident Assistant Breana at (303) 501-0312 and she will coordinate with the girls to make

sure someone is home to accept your donation.

Vicki Hightower  
Inspire Chair

## MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN



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Soroptimist International of Riverside (USA, California) and Soroptimist International of Erlangen (Germany, Bavaria) have developed an exchange program to give young women from both cities the opportunity to have new experiences by staying in the respective partner city. The goal is to help advance personal and professional development of young women.

In 2018, SI Riverside is providing a participant the opportunity to visit Erlangen to get to know the lives of professional women through job shadowing and personal get-togethers and conversations with members of Erlangen's Soroptimist club.

The applicant should be between 20 and 25 years old, demonstrate an interest in the German culture, live in Riverside or surrounding areas and identify themselves with the ideals of Soroptimist International.

The program offers a stay of two weeks in the respective partner city which is planned for June



2018. The data in the application must be truthful and accurate. The application form must be legible and filled out completely in order to be considered. A resume and letter of recommendation must also be attached.

If you know a young lady who fulfills the requirements and shows an interest in this wonderful opportunity, please ask her to fill out the application and send it to SI Riverside, P.O. Box 1631, Riverside CA 92502. The application due date is January 15, 2018.

The Mentoring for Young Women Committee will be evaluating and selecting the candidate by February 1, 2018. Family members and relatives of Soroptimist members are not excluded from participating.

An application can be downloaded from the SI Riverside webpage at the following address:

<http://soroptimistriverside.org/projects/mentoring.html>

### FRIENDSHIP LINK EHRENBURG, GERMANY



Dear SI Sisters from Riverside,

Thank you very much for the nice Christmas card and letter. I read it out loud at our Christmas dinner last week and everybody was delighted to hear about you and your busy next year.

We are looking forward to hear, share and maybe attend your great events as well as host another young talent in Erlangen

again next year. Getrud will be coordinating both on my and the SI Club Erlangen's behalf.

As we will be celebrating a round birthday as well, I wanted to also cordially invite you to the festivities we are still planning for our 20th anniversary on June 23, 2018. Main event will be a charity Jazz concert for our "Strong Girls" project we just kicked off this year. If you can make it here, we'll be happy to organize a special program around it.

Many events are ahead of us in the coming year. I personally wish you now a calm and merry Christmas time and a happy new year so you can start full of energy into 2018!

Yours,  
Christine Faigle  
SI Erlangen President

### SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



Members of Soroptimist  
International of Riverside

attended the Golden West Region Spring Conference on May 18-21, 2007. This conference was the very first conference held on a cruise ship lovingly dubbed the "S.S. Golden West Region" with the theme of "Get on Board with Soroptimist."

Attendees wore special hats to the Awards Luncheon where the Making a Difference for Women Awards, the Violet Richardson Awards and the Women's Opportunity Awards were presented to the winners.

A highlight of the conference was a workshop on the Renaissance Campaign. Members learned that programs of service, fundraising, membership and publicity are so intertwined that it is difficult to have an active club without all four programs in place.

At the evening reception, SI Riverside was recognized for its special wrapping project at the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Christmas store to help ADV mothers and children shop for each other.

### SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



### THE VALUE OF SOROPTIMIST MEMBERSHIP

Members join and stay involved with Soroptimist for various reasons so it's important to know what they value.

Why are values significant? Members will decide to continue their membership only if they feel

their Soroptimist experience is meeting their expectations for helping to improve the lives of women and girls and they are receiving value for their time and money. Through a survey, Soroptimist discovered the top five qualities members value the most from their Soroptimist membership:

1. Personal connection to the mission.
2. Friendship and fellowship.
3. Opportunity to volunteer in the local community.
4. Being with other like-minded women.
5. Being part of a global organization.

These five values are critical because they are what members have told us is important to them. It's what they want when they join. It's what keeps them coming back for more.

Now that you know these values, use them to build stronger relationships in your club. Make note of how each value can add to the vibrancy of your club. Then use them to grow membership AND help retain current members!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



*Carol Allain - 10th*  
*Vickie Wheeler - 24th*  
*Susan Exon - 28th*

## JANUARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



**Glenda Richards**

**1-1-1973**

**Judy Pekarek**

**1-8-1985**

**Jeanne Hatcher**

**1-9-2001**

**Kathy Michalak**

**1-11-2011**

**Lisa Williams**

**1-11-2011**

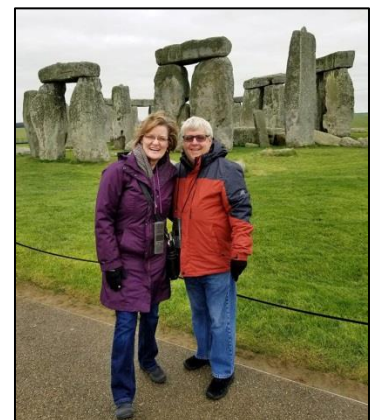
## MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



*Pam Bradford posted:*  
*"My Awesome Family"*



*Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post by Kari Clizbe Haloviak: "Happy Birthday to the most beautiful woman I know! You radiate goodness and kindness and I adore you. I can only strive to become half the woman you are. You're godly, funny, generous, my dearest friend, my confidante and my awesome mom. I'm constantly blessed by you. Love you, birthday girl."*



*Jana Cook updated her cover photo with Bill Cook at Stonehenge Stone Circle.*



*Debbie Ferraro was tagged in a post by Chelsea Lea Storm-Larsen: "So grateful to have"*



*spent Christmas surrounded by family, dogs and sand."*



*Susan Exon posted: "Dan Bergstrom and I wish you a wonderful, blessed Christmas."*



*Edith Gingerich is interested in the 6th Annual Riverside Tamale Festival on April 21st.*



*Vicki Hightower posted: "Look at my beautiful Delta."*



*Charlene Hildebrant shared a memory from two years ago: "Found this gem and had to post it. We had so much fun in San Francisco for his graduation trip with Kyle Somsen and Tracy Somsen."*



*Caroline Leach updated her profile picture.*



*Annamarie Megrđichian posted: "Nothing like shopping and sampling Bundt cake at the Harley Davidson store!"*



*Kathy Michalak posted: "Tomorrow we will gather for the*

*first family Christmas celebration without mom. This photo came up in my feed this morning. Five years ago. A year after we lost my youngest brother Dan in a tragic workplace accident and just months before we lost Mike (the bearded one in this photo) to cancer. Having a tough time today."*



*Anh Nguyen is interested in seeing Sierra Boggess at the Palm Springs Art Museum Annenberg Theater on February 17th.*



*Michelle Paradise posted: "Merry Christmas with some of my favorite people."*



*Kathleen Parra posted: "Hawaii pancakes for this morning! Merry Merry Christmas!"*





Janet Payton posted: "Some fun with grandkids. Christmas tree shopping and cookies."



Judy Pekarek shared a photo from "So That's the Buzz."



Karin Roberts posted: "Christmas 1953. 20 month old Karin wasn't happy at all. Also my parents face impressions tell you a lot...She won't stop crying soon."



Linda Robertson posted: "Santa said I'm at the top of his good girl list. Celebrating with good friend Robin."



Lynn Scecing posted: "Under the mistletoe with my honey, even if the beard is fake."

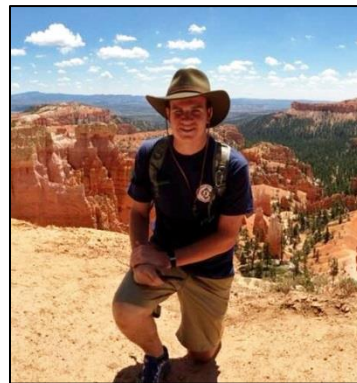


Tillie Soliz was tagged in a post by Carla Soliz: "Last night at our

annual Christmas dinner at the Mission Inn."



Colleen Walker posted: "My very talented daughter Jamie Leigh and son-in-law Nick performed at the Christmas Extravaganza at Palm Canyon Theater in Palm Springs this evening."



Lisa Williams posted: "Happiest birthday wishes to our favorite oldest son. We love you so much Brett Williams!"

## OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS





*From Karin Roberts:  
"Lynn Scecina and her husband  
Mike, Vickie Wheeler and a  
friend and David and I attended  
a wonderful Christmas concert at  
Magnolia Center Church of  
Christ in Riverside performed by  
the Inland Sound Chorus. All the  
wonderful Christmas songs  
starting with Silent Night and  
finishing with a powerful  
Hallelujah. Elevated us into the  
Christmas Mood."*

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