

PLAN AHEAD

The SI Palm Desert newsletter for March 2018

-Doris Churry, Editor

2nd "RACES" FUNDRAISER GREAT FUN

TRILOGY AWARDS \$5,000 GRANT



Change Means Progress

Meetings now located at RAP building for a \$600 saving annually

Lunch is catered by CV Rescue Mission which is also an SIPD Service!

Fee established for meeting and lunch of \$20 per meeting

Board of Directors Meeting now scheduled 1 hr prior to Business Meeting

High tea to be hosted for Senior women at PD Jocelyn Center -TBA

Room for 35 on our ROAD TRIP! – Outing to Ramona Pageant on May 6th;

Membership recruiting also to include "Soroptimist Supporters"

Liz Glowka will represent us as Delegate to SIA Convention this summer

February and March welcoming visiting Joan Andreas, SI Carson City

Club Express given a reprieve for foreseeable future – On thin ice however

March 21 Business Meeting luncheon will be hosted at Ella Manor's home

Shed those undergarments to benefit women at House of Hope – now

Scrapbooks to go to Palm Desert Historical Society from SI Coachella Valley

Some of SIPD to go as well – SI La Quinta held for access then donated

\$5,000 from Trilogy to fund our "Dream It Be It" Workshop



SPRING



Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 11:30 am

“Night at the Races” Diagnostic discussion

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @noon

Soroptimist Speaker Series:

The United Nations and Soroptimist, Liz Glowka

Regional Access Program, 41550 Eclectic Street

\$20 meeting fee, includes lunch



Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @ 11 am

SIPD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @noon

SIPD Business Meeting

Ella Manor's home, 45474 Garden Square, Palm Desert

\$20 meeting fee, includes lunch

MARCH





LIVE YOUR DREAM!

-President Becky

Struggling with your identity and passions is a totally normal part of the college experience, and even the people that seem to have everything figured out can be unsure of themselves. I want to let younger girls know that it doesn't matter what you think you should study, you should follow your dreams and do what truly makes you happy! My membership in Soroptimist makes me happy! Share my JOY, get excited about our Programs, invite like-minded women to join us!

One of my favorite anecdotes about people that switched their careers to follow their passions indicates there were generally four key takeaways:

1. **Don't be afraid to fall in love with something and pursue it with intensity and depth.**
2. **Know, understand, take pride in, practice, develop, use, exploit, and enjoy your greatest strengths.**
3. **Learn to free yourself from the expectations of others and to walk away from the games that others try to impose upon you.** Free yourself to "play your own game" in such a way as to make good use of your gifts. Search out and cultivate great teachers or mentors who will help you accomplish these things.
4. **Don't waste a lot of expensive energy in trying to do things for which you have little ability or love.** Do what you can do well and what you love, giving freely of the infinity of your greatest strengths and most intense loves. (Cite: Paul Torrance, *The Importance of Falling in Love With Something*)

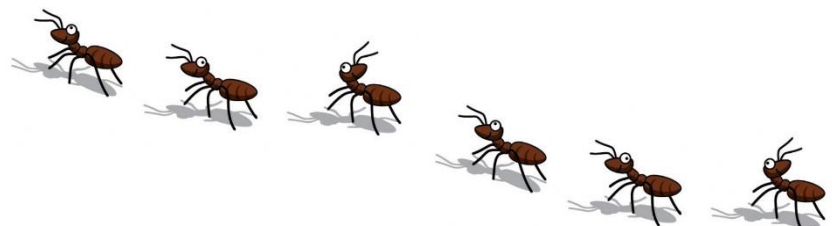


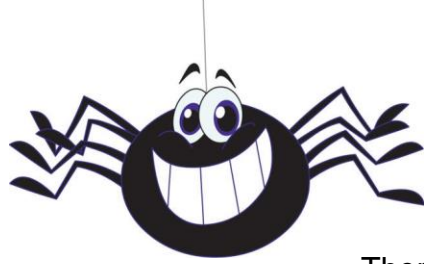
Following the above points will certainly help you find the courage to pursue your dream no matter what it might be. Don't let anyone tell you that you're not smart enough, strong enough, or good enough, because if you really care about something and give it your all, you can accomplish amazing things in life.

If you've already found your dream career or passion and want to help others, here are a couple ways you can get involved with LiveYourDream.org.

Send a Message of Support to Girls

Pledge to Help Girls Live Their Dreams!





The Travelling Soroptimist

-Susan Browne Rosenberg



One of the many benefits of being a member of our Soroptimist club is that we are members of the Five Star Accredited Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce.

www.pdacc.org

All of our members may attend any breakfast or Chamber mixer at the Chamber member prices. Last month's breakfast was held at the beautiful Eldorado Polo Grounds in the Cantina Restaurant. Just put on your name badge and join the fun. For breakfast on the second Tuesday of the month, you must pay in advance on the chamber website. \$20 covers coffee, juice and a buffet of eggs, bacon, sausage, breads, fruit and more. The mixers are \$5 to attend and no reservation is necessary.

There are four polo fields at Eldorado which provides spectacular views of the mountains in the distance. We went back on the weekend after the Chamber event with out-of-town guests. There is a match on the eastern most field in front of the Cantina that starts at 10 on Sundays and lasts until just before noon. Go early to secure a patio table or arrive at "half time" around 11 as we did and snag a table as people leave. At noon, play switches to the western most field where there are private tents set up as well as another restaurant and areas where you can tailgate.

Our Sister Soroptimist Desert Cities Club is hosting a fundraiser on March 11th at this location. Contact Pam Field for tickets and information. Jess and I went a few years ago and had a blast. There is no polo the weekend of March 3rd as they are putting on the 7th Annual Rhythm Wine & Brews event. And you all know what happens on these fields the end of April..... Coachella Fest and Stage Coach.

Get out there while the weather is fine and learn about the Sport of Kings. Take Avenue 50 to the La Quinta/ Indio border. The polo fields are spread out between Madison and Monroe. There is a parking fee at certain times of day for certain areas. Here is a link to read about how the games are played.

<http://eldoradopoloclub.com/about-polo/>



OPHELIA VALENTINE AUCTION



President Becky bought my cupcakes in a Corning Ware casserole dish. Thanks Becky!

Honoring Bev Montgomery

February 11th at Jocelyn Center in PD



Rose Mary's husband Dick outbid everyone for Rob Langford's famously popular "The Beast" flourless chocolate cake.



Liz was our host and most attendees walked out with beautiful desserts. ALL proceeds go to Ophelia; everything is donated. Thank you everyone for your contributions.



Mary Kay was a good customer and Ann Pope our auctioneer – Around 50 delights were auctioned!



Thanks Soroptimisters!

Now it's time to "deconstruct" this event and think what worked and what needs improving upon.

Ladies,

Thank you for supporting our 2nd annual Night at the Races. We had about 100 guests and after all the expenses were paid, we made a little more than \$4,000.



Leanna and President Becky



Mary Kay and Paulette

Please join us next Wednesday, March 7 at 11:30, BEFORE our meeting to discuss this event. See you there.



-Betsy and Claudia

