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November 2020 **NEWS-BLAST**

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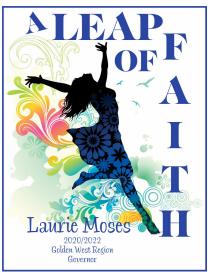
Challenging all Golden West Region CLUBS!

From Governor Laurie Moses

Greetings Members of the Golden West Region!

As we approach the end of 2020, I would like to issue a "Governor's Challenge" to all the clubs of the Golden West Region to develop, illustrate and share with us their own "Club Road Map" for the 2020/2022 biennium. Some suggested items for your "Club Road Map["] are:

• Increase the number of women and girls your club serves - providing additional "Live Your Dream" awards and holding "virtual" or "inperson" "Dream it, Be It" programs by: (action)



- Grow and retain members, creating an enjoyable and civil member experience by: (action)
- Gain greater recognition promoting your club's impact thru the "Dreams" programs by: (action)
- Increase funds raised to support the "Dreams" programs by: (action)

• Recommit your support and contributions to SIA's "BIG Goal" to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls by: (action)

DEADLINE for submission is **December 15th**, 2020. Please email your *"Club Road Map"* to Governor Laurie at LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com. Prizes and awards will be given to best and most creative submissions. Engage your club and have fun with this! (Click on "Region Road Map" below)

Barring a few technical difficulties, our Virtual FALL MEETINGS last month were a big hit! It was so good to see so many familiar faces and share with all of you the changes and events coming our way in order to navigate these challenging times. We are so fortunate as a region to have such talented board members, pillars and committee members to guide us. Thank you to all who presented at these meetings. Our ever-efficient GWR Secretary Pat Box has uploaded all of the presentations and script to our GWR website. Click on this link to go straight to Fall Meeting Page.

Our District **Micro Donation** competition was a huge success and we raised a total of **\$1975.00 for our Region LYDA Winners.** The winning district will get a special prize at our 2021 Spring Conference, AND will be announced shortly on our Region Facebook page. Be sure to check out **GWR FB PAGE** to see if your district won.

Ahhh November - it is a time of reflection, giving thanks and showing our gratitude to the wonderful people in our lives...something we as Soroptimists strive to do every day. I am so very grateful and blessed to be surrounded by so many passionate, talented and dedicated women...in our region board of directors, our committee members and pillars, our clubs and members, and the women who came before us leaving behind a legacy of inspiration, joy, dignity and appreciation of self-worth. I owe so much to all of you and am thankful every single day that you are in my life and the lives of the women and girls that we serve.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Governor Laurie



Submit your "Club Road Map" to Governor Laurie by December 15th! (Click on flyer to the left)

SIA President and Past GWR Governor gave an inspiring speech via video at our District 1 and District 2 Fall meetings.



Click on Video to view



"Dream Maker" pins are still available!

Golden West Region's Annual Fundraising Campaign! Every penny of your \$100 donation goes directly to cash awards for the 2021 region "Live Your Dream" Award finalists. PLUS, one of these beautiful pins will be mailed to you!

Click on the storefront link below and you'll be taken to the GWR Website "<u>Storefront</u>" to purchase yours.

#SIVOICES WEBINAR ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON THE ROAD TO EQUALITY

5 November

With Patricia Vargas - Founding Member, Clobal Network of Women's Shelters Sarah Gallardo - Executive Director of Sarah Speaks Up Cigie Penalosa - Covernor-Elect of Philippines Region



Are you ready for SI Voices Webinar #5? "ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE on the Road to Equality" on Thursday November 5th!

Hear from 3 inspiring speakers:

- Global Network of Women's Shelters to hear about DV globally during COVID.
- Sarah Speaks and her story as a survivor of DV.
- SI Philippines Region creating safe spaces to report DV to local police throughout the country.

10:00 AM AZ time/ 9:00AM CA time. Please register in advance for this meeting at: Register Here

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Don't forget to join us Wed, November 11th at 6:00pm (CA time) 7:00pm (AZ & NM time) for our "Come As You Are" Region ZOOM meeting.

We will be featuring a training and discussion about "Virtual DIBI Events" with special guests - Linda Poindexter, Program Pillar and Laura Pauli, Dream It, Be It Chair. In order to reach the SIA"BIG Goal" of impacting half a million women and girls by 2031, our region needs to be at 100% participation in the DIBI program. We encourage a DIBI chair from EVERY club to attend. Click on link below to register: REGISTER HERE

"Come As You Are" meetings take place on the2nd Wednesday of each month, so grab your "favorite" beverage and join us. Links to meetings will be listed on the region website: www.goldenwestregion.org

WANTED:

A few good women... to run for the nominating committee in your District.

Please fill out the nomination form below for the *2021-2023 Nominating Committee* for yourself or someone you wish to nominate (be sure to get her permission) and return to Dee Foster no later than December 1st, 2020.

Nomination Form

