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## SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWS-BLAST

Soroptimist Golden West Region – 2020/2022 Board of Directors



**SOROPTIMIST means "Best for Women"**

**Join our Celebration ~ 100 Years of Awesome!**

**Happy September!**

Time to hit the ground running! Live your Dream Applications, Soroptimist Celebrating Success, and All District Fall Meeting registration...OH MY!

Hopefully most clubs have already set up their "portal" for online applications and have begun distributing applications and running their media campaigns for their **"Live Your Dream"** Awards. ALSO, be sure that either your "Live Your Dream" Chair or someone from your club attends the "Come as you are..." Region Zoom Meeting on **September 8th at 6:30 PM** to be sure that your award campaign gets off to a good start.

The Deadline for the **"Soroptimist Celebrating Success"** Award is **September 30th**! You may not be aware that **Program Pillar Linda Poindexter** has been exchanging GWR applications with the "Desert Coast Region" and judging each other's applications. This has been an incredible experience for gathering new ideas and we can't wait to hear what Linda and the other Pillars have learned from this. See below for information about submitting your projects and success stories.



And finally, we are so excited to be holding our first in-person region event, the **"All District Fall Meeting and 100-Year Celebration"**! Be sure to click on this link for our **CALL** for all the wonderful events we have planned for this special once in a lifetime event. **Deadline for registration, room reservations AND commemorative items in the STOREFRONT is Sept 14th.** Please also be sure to fill out the **"Club Intent to Participate Form"** and return to Conference Chair **Mandy Mann** ([mandym.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:mandym.gwr@gmail.com)) prior to **Sept 14th** as well.

Although, budget restraints kept us from being able to hold the conference virtually (via zoom), we are planning on doing a Facebook LIVE event during the highlights in the 3 sessions - the **"Pennies from Heaven"** Gala on Friday night, the **"100 Year Panel Discussion"** on Saturday afternoon and **"100 Year Celebration" 1920s Retro Party** Saturday night. We are unable to cover the 4 District Fall Meetings as they run concurrently, but we will have all the presentations, scripts and handouts on our website immediately following.

The **100-Year Celebration and All Districts Fall Meeting** will follow the official COVID-19 Guidelines which are defined as our country's health agency guidelines e.g. CDC and/or local and regional safety and health protocols, requirements and mandates for social gatherings (masks, distancing, size of gathering, etc.), whichever is more rigorous. Our required COVID-19 compliance coordinator is **Mary Ann Smith**, Facilities Coordinator.

**As of today**, the *We-Ko-Pa Resort* is not requiring masks for fully vaccinated persons (guests, patrons, employees, or otherwise). However, please note that non-vaccinated persons are still required to wear face masks on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and at the Casino Resort. Please be sure to click on this link for the **Resort Policies**. Please also be aware that this is a NON-SMOKING resort with smoking permitted in designated areas only.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and can't wait to see you at the event that will finally bring us all back together in strength and in fellowship. **The ALL Districts Fall Meeting and our fabulous Celebration of 100 Years!**

Yours in Service,

**Governor Laurie**

**LINK**  
**to SCSA**  
**Form**

**They MUST**  
**be turned into**  
**our Program**  
**Pillar**

**Linda**  
**Poindexter-**  
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**by**  
**September**  
**30th, 2021**





**Deadline September 30th**

We all had to pivot a bit over the last club year. Learning how to do things a bit differently has no doubt been challenging. Did you have a really great project during the last club year (2020-2021)? Well, now it is time to share your success through the Golden West Region Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award Program. Why take the time to revisit last year? Here are some good reasons:

- ★ Showcase the efforts and achievements of your club
- ★ Share your creative ideas with other Soroptimists
- ★ Inspire other region clubs to implement their own version of your project
- ★ Demonstrate the Collective Impact of our organization
- ★ Receive well-deserved glory and honor if your project is selected as one of the top three GWR entries in each Pillar area (fundraising, membership, program, and public awareness)

Don't wait another minute. Download the 2020-2021 entry form and instructions from the GWR website! Submit a form for everything you do so we can celebrate the GWR collective impact. Don't forget to include pictures of your event. Yes, multiple entries in each Pillar area are highly encouraged! **We no longer use Program Focus Reports, so this is our tracking system for all you do!** All entries are due by **September 30, 2021**.

The region will judge the entries and announce the three top 2020-2021 projects in each pillar area in **January 2022**. The announcement of the first place GWR project in each pillar area will be made during the GWR Spring Conference in June 2022. Clubs with "winning projects" will be asked to provide a poster display at spring conference to share project details and outcomes with conference attendees, and may be asked to participate in a workshop to share information about their project. The first place GWR project entries will be submitted to SIA for further judging. The four-overall federation-level best project winners will be announced at the SIA Governor's Roundtable in Summer, 2022.

Here's a recap:

**GWR Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award Program 2020-2021**

- Application forms and instructions available on the GWR Website: [www.goldenwestregion.org/MemberResources/CelebratingSuccessAwards](http://www.goldenwestregion.org/MemberResources/CelebratingSuccessAwards)
- GWR Application **DEADLINE: September 30, 2021**
- Eligible projects are those started or completed during the 2020-2021 club year
- Submit multiple entries in each Pillar category
- **Submit completed applications to:**  
**Linda Poindexter, GWR SCS Chair 2020/2022** - [Lindap.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Lindap.gwr@gmail.com)  
6848 Grand Ave, Yucca Valley CA 92284/760.567.6014

Clubs that turn in submissions for each area...  
Program,  
Fundraising,  
Public-Awareness,  
Membership,  
...Are entered into a drawing to win \$1,000 for their LYDA recipient from SIA.

## SO WHAT'S NEXT?

Kids are back in school! So It's time to start planning your club's

### "Dream It, Be It" Programs for Girls!

Click on this [LINK](#) for information on how to host and see what's new and exciting in the "Dream It, Be It" Program. Be sure to reach out to our DIBI Chair, Laura Pauli at [lpauli@aol.com](mailto:lpauli@aol.com) if you have any questions or need ideas about the program.

## AND DON'T FORGET...

SIAs "Virtual 100-Year Anniversary Celebration" - You can still register for SIA's virtual anniversary event on **September 25 and 26**. SIA members from around the globe will gather at this dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. Registration: [LINK](#)

Soroptimist International's "100-Year Celebration" - October 1-3, 2021 - a 3-day virtual

Registration IS OPEN on the GWR Website!  
DEADLINE for ALL registration of attendance, meals, rooms, exhibit  
tables and commemorative sales items is **SEPT 14TH**.



SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 9TH, 2021  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

1921 2021  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

JOIN US...  
FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF A LIFETIME...  
HONORING OUR  
"BRIGHT PAST" AND OUR  
"BRILLIANT FUTURE"!

COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM  
DINNER: 6:30 PM  
CUT A RUG: 7:30 PM  
CHARLESTON LESSONS  
ATTIRE: 1920 RETRO

IT'S GONNA BE THE  
"CATS PAJAMAS"!

The Celebration  
we've all been waiting for!  
The 2021 ALL-Districts  
FALL MEETING  
and 100-Year Celebration  
"Bright Past, Brilliant Future"

Yes, we are doing things a little differently this year. Friday night will be the "Pennies from Heaven" Social Event, Saturday morning we will **BREAK OUT** into our districts for information and awards from our District Directors, Saturday Lunch we have a **panel discussion** on the "Future of Soroptimist" AND Saturday Night we will have a wonderful Soroptimist "1920s Retro Party".

Clubs and members are being  
asked to curate a

"historical collection of  
gently used or unused  
Soroptimist items"

displayed in a basket to be  
auctioned off at our

"Pennies from Heaven"  
fundraiser Friday Evening.

Please access the  
"Club Intent to Participate"



Form, fill out and return to our  
Conference Chair, Mandy  
Mann

[Mandym.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Mandym.gwr@gmail.com)

**ALL by September 14th**



**Pennies from Heaven Fundraisers**

Gather your members to join in the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by creating a "Historical Collection" of Soroptimist-themed or Soroptimist-related to donate in a club basket.

Let your imagination roar with ideas from the past like: gently used and loved Soroptimist apparel, jewelry, bags, pins, promotional items or even re-gifts for others to enjoy,  
OR make up a collection of all things that Soroptimist love!

Also, let those "purse pennies" collect - bring them with you and you'll have a chance to "let them rain". The club who wins the biggest haul will win a prize and bragging rights.

Proceeds will offset the cost of this special event, plus provide a special "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" boost to our LYDA finalist(s). Please fill out and send in your club's "Intent to Participate" form to Conference Chair, Mandy Mann.

Check out our GWR Storefront to purchase a 100 Year commemorative T-Shirt  
or purchase advertising in our FM/100 Year Program. ["Storefront Link"](#)  
Pay tribute to someone special with a KUDOS. ["Kudos Form Link"](#)



**100-Year Commemorative T-Shirt**



**Fall Meeting KUDOS to Someone Special!**

Honor Someone Who Made a Difference  
Give Thanks to Club Members  
Announce a Club Event  
Highlight Member who Achieved a Personal Goal  
Welcome New Members

Fill in the box below for \$10

KUDOS:


Submitted by  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check out to GWR  
Mail your payment and this Kudos form by  
September 14, 2021 to:  
Mandy Mann  
PO Box 10305  
Glendale, AZ 85318

**Fall Meeting KUDOS to  
Someone Special! \$10**

Sizes S-XL \$30, Sizes 2XL - 4XL \$35  
Celebrate Soroptimist 100 Years in style with this beautiful collectors t-shirt. 3/4 sleeves in black. Order processing and payment must be received by September 14, 2021. Pre-Orders for pick up at All Region Fall Meeting & 100-Year Celebration on October 8-9, 2021 ONLY.

No T-Shirts will be sold at conference. (NOTE: For those not attending this event, please arrange for a club member to pick it up.

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- Announce a Club Event
- Highlight Member who Achieved a Personal Goal
- Welcome New Members

Our Storefront also has advertising opportunities in our beautiful "100 Year Program" to be distributed at the conference.

## Want to wish Soroptimists & friends everywhere a "Happy 100th Birthday"?

Make a 15 second video of your club sending it's best wishes and we will make a montage to present at the "100-Year Celebration" as well as make available on our website and share on Facebook and Instagram!

Send to Public Awareness Pillar Aurora Feehely - [Auroraf.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Auroraf.gwr@gmail.com)

## "Come as you are" Region Social Zoom Meetings are back!



September 8th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM will be the first "Come as you are" Region Social and Zoom Meeting. Our first discussion will be about what's new and timely for our "Live Your Dream Award" Program. Governor-Elect Margie Burke, SI Phoenix will be leading the charge as well as Esther Devall, LYDA Region Chair from SI Las Cruces. So grab your favorite beverage and join us in a relaxed setting to talk about new and exciting ideas from others in our region.

**Mark Your Calendars! All are Welcome!**

Check the Region Calendar of Events on the GWR Website for Zoom link information.

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