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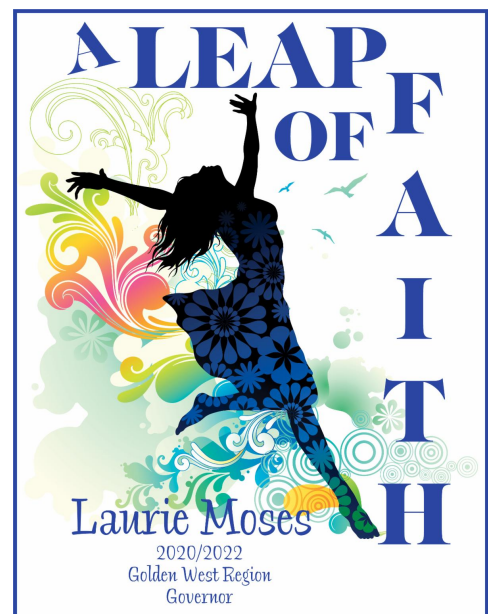
DECEMBER 2021 NEWS-BLAST



Let us celebrate this time of love, family, friends, joy and blessings...

As with most of you, this is my favorite time of year. It never ceases to amaze me to see the "spirit" of the season take root in everyone's heart which drives us to seek out ways to make life better for those around us and Soroptimists everywhere are a true testament to that "spirit".

I'd personally like to invite all of you to join us for our **Region Holiday Celebration** at our next "Come as you are" ZOOM social on **December 8th @ 6:00pm CA time and 7:00pm AZ time**, where we will have a holiday "Name that Tune" contest and other games where you can win lots of prizes and bragging rights. *You will require a paper plate, a 30 inch piece of ribbon, and a crayon or colored sharpie in order to participate.* Hope to see you there. All are welcome!



I am also pleased to announce that preparations for the **2022 GWR Spring Conference** is underway and the conference committee is so excited. Please take the **short survey** below that I have created to help them plan a stellar event. We so appreciate your input!

In closing, I wish for every single one of you... *"Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you peace, joy, and happiness...may it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year."*

Yours in Service,

Governor Laurie



SO WHAT'S NEXT?

"Live Your Dream Awards"

A big **thank you** to all clubs who have worked so hard to procure applicants for this life-changing award. We realize that this has been a challenging year. Clubs should be beginning the judging process for their applications.

The deadline for turning in your club transmittal and applications is February 1st, 2022. Clubs who hold valid but un-awarded applications OR who were not able to procure applications for their awards, are asked to please notify LYDA co-chairs Gov-Elect Margie Burke OR Esther Devall of SI Las Cruces ASAP. Below is the link to the LYDA Information on the Golden West Region website.

[LYDA LINK](#)

"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 if you have any questions or need ideas about the program.

The Dream BIG Campaign
is launched and members of GWR have begun to
sign-up and participate on a monthly basis!

A \$15M fundraising effort to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls by 2031. "Uniting behind this



campaign is critical to our reaching this goal and in sustaining that reach into the decades beyond," says Committee Chair Diane Thompson.

"The time is now for us to leave a legacy for future generations of Soroptimists so that they may create a positive impact in their own communities for the women and girls they serve. Please view and share this amazing video link: <https://youtu.be/9auNyTrONck>

Nominations for the Golden West Region Board of Directors have officially ended for the 2022/2024 biennium!

DOÑA Penny Babb and her Nominating Committee have done a wonderful job in enlisting qualified nominees to run. If any nominees have had a change of heart and have decided they would like to "*run from the floor*". watch for the deadline to do so in the 2022 Spring Conference "Call". Feel free to email DOÑA Penny if you have any questions about the requirements for the following positions:

Governor-Elect, Region Treasurer, Region Secretary, District 1 Director, District 2 Director, District 3 Director, and District 4 Director

ON AN INTERNATIONAL NOTE...



WOMEN & MIGRATION ON THE ROAD TO EQUALITY

9 DECEMBER - 9:30 A.M PST



Don't miss the last webinar of 2021! SI President Sharon Fisher will be sharing information on "**Migration**", the final topic on the 2019/2021 President's Appeal "**Road to Equality**". Soroptimist, Dr. Nina Smart will share her experiences along with the program director from our partners in Romania. Migration is becoming such an important issue with all the conflict, climate disasters and natural disasters and women and girls are once again at the greatest risk. Hear from women who have had to face migration and how our project for refugee women and their families will help them.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tdeqpqDlqGtAvmNd87dZPra6BTPV-M3Dq>



2021-2023 President's Appeal

“Opening Doors to a Bright Future”, is the Soroptimist International (SI) President’s Appeal, 2021-2023.

Headed by **SI President-Elect Maureen Maguire**, who takes up her role as President in January 2022, the Appeal, now part of the broader, recently established Soroptimist International Foundation, springs from the learnings and success of many of the SI Appeals that have gone before; uniting Soroptimists, Clubs, Unions and the five Federations, with the aim of delivering tangible benefits to some of the world’s most marginalised women, girls, and their communities.

For presentation documents explaining the 2021-2023 SI Presidents Appeal:

[Click Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Spring Conference 2022

To be held June 9th - 12th, 2022 at the beautiful Soboba Resort in San Jacinto, California.

Please take a moment to fill out the quick survey below to help us plan a meaningful and successful event:

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Check out our GWR *Storefront* to purchase a one of these beautiful
100 Year commemorative Ladies' Shirts or Totes with crystals.

**Disappointed that you didn't get
one of these fabulous
100-Year Commemorative Shirts
or Computer Totes at Fall Meeting?**

Now's your chance!

Ladies' Shirts - Sizes S-XL \$35, Sizes 2XL -



4XL \$40
(sizes run a little large)
Celebrate Soroptimist 100 Years in style with
this beautiful collectors t-shirt with 3/4 sleeves
in black.

We have a limited number of these shirts in
inventory and once they are gone, no more will
be available.

These gorgeous Computer Bags are well
made with interior pockets for laptop and files,
and exterior pocket for pens, notepads and
smaller devices. A truly great commemorative
gift or treat for yourself.

They are priced at \$45 each

All pricing has an additional \$5 charge
included in the price for shipping costs. Please
allow 2 - 3 weeks for processing
and shipping.



LAST CHANCE!
To order one of these lovely
2021 Dream Maker Pins
to help fund our region
"Live Your Dream Awards."



Please order from the **"STOREFRONT"**
from the Golden West Region Website.

"Come as you are" Region Social Zoom Meeting
Grab your favorite beverage and join us in a Holiday Celebration!

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