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“Working Together Works”

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President's Message



Our Club is well into our new Soroptimist year since we began this past July! We have had a couple of great socials already thanks to the “Social Committee” and are looking forward to more in the future. Those who attended had a great time, enjoyed good food, and got to know each other just a little bit better. Thank you to the “Social Committee” for planning these two events and to the members that made them so successful.

We are now heading into the holidays when everyone gets so busy with family activities, visiting, and holiday dinners. But that is also the time of year when we are needed the most.

Remember:

We need to bring in those canned and dried foods for the Food Bank at the November and December meetings.

We need to help with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on November 19th at Coddington.

We need to support the Catholic Charities and the YWCA Safe House with a generous Christmas gift.

Let's have fun as we support the Soroptimist House residents in December with a potluck, where we get the chance to visit with the women!

This year we are able to help some vets celebrate at the Rotary and Kiwanis annual Veterans luncheon on 11/8/2011 with our Club contribution.

These are just some of the ways we can help during the holidays!

These are the things that make the holidays great – giving to those less fortunate than ourselves who can use our “hand up”!

Your President,

Helen Sager

November PROGRAMS

- Nov 3rd** Business Meeting
- Nov 10th** Athena House, Chris Page
- Nov 17th** Interfaith Shelter Network, Sienna Cheek
- Nov 24th** Thanksgiving

Inspirations

- Nov 3rd** Lynn Riepenhoff
- Nov 10th** Mia Kitchen
- Nov 17th** Kris Huot

December PROGRAMS

- Dec 1st** Business meeting
- Dec 8th** Cal Fire, Suzie Blankenship
- Dec 15th** Holiday Party Social

Inspirations

- Dec 1rd** Alice Sanford
- Dec 8th** Paddy Coreris
- Dec 15th** Sandy Frazer

Save the date!

Enter on your calendar
February 25th, 2012
ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER
“Night in Italy”

What's Happening

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

8th **National Philanthropic Day Awards Luncheon** at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts from 11:30am - 2pm. Members are encouraged to attend to support this event
Rotary and Kiwanis annual Vet's luncheon (Our club contributed).

1st Deadline Region Nominations
Deadline Violet Richardson Award applications to club.
2nd International Day for Abolition of Slavery

12th President's Round Table

10th Deadline Women's Opportunity Award applications to club
International Human Rights Day

16th 6th Street Playhouse: Dress Rehearsal presentation of "A Christmas Story" by Phillip Grecian- Members need to sell your tickets and fill the house. See or call Paddy Coreris, 573-8488 for tickets.

15th Club program and Christmas Party. Dress in your **RED** and **Green**.



19th Bell ringing for the Salvation Army @ Coddington 10AM—6PM

25th Merry Christmas

24th



Be sure to join with other club members in our Christmas potluck with residents of our Soroptimist House.

This is a great time to learn more about the women there who are turning their lives around!

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

25th International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

Santa Rosa "Lights of Life Tree Lighting" ceremony: 5:00 - 6:30

Please bring your canned and dried **food donations** to club meetings for the **FOOD BANK** during the months of November and December!

29th SISR December Board Meeting 12 noon at Coldwell Banker

Member News

November Birthdays

14th Marjorie Conley

27th Marge Jones

December Birthdays

25th Maria (Mia) Kitchen

31st Malia Anderson

Marge Jones is recuperating nicely from her knee surgery! Keep that physical therapy up, Marge, and you'll be back on the dance floor soon.

Lola Haran's new e-mail:
lolamharan@att.net
(please note the "m")

Club Socials



ABOVE: Members Kris, Nina, Mia, Phyllis, Lola and guest Corrina Rivera had fun at our Halloween haunting.

BELOW: Member Lola greeted guests and ghouls to the club social, and member Nina was a perfect "Ghoul at Arms" to make sure everyone had fun!



Club Programs and Events



Club member and Past Soroptimist International President, Patsy Daniels, shared information about our Federation Convention in Montreal in July.



Our club (and Federation) winner of the Violet Richardson Youth Award, Allyson Ahlstrom, received a Region Whoop recognition bracelet for her achievements when she spoke to our club about her latest accomplishments and plans for the future.



LEFT: Kendra McKenna updated club members on the status of their programs at the Living Room for homeless women and children



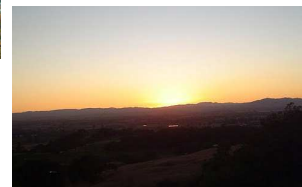
RIGHT: Gianna Cianfichi thanked the club for sponsoring her at the National Junior Rodeo. She won the prized "belt buckle" at the California state wide Junior competition.



Anne Scott, founder of the Dream Weather Foundation, and her partner Ginni Mathews described their work lecturing, hosting retreats and workshops around the country for women focusing on dreamwork and spirituality in everyday life



Members, family & friends enjoyed wine, food, the view, and each others company at **Sunset** at the Paradise Ridge Winery





Community Service and Events

Best for Women

Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa P.O. Box 933



Member Barbara volunteered at the check-in booth and joined member Carolyn later on the promenade. Neither of them wanted to tangle with one of the revelers, nor take a ride on the mechanical elephant at the Downtown Santa Rosa Handcar Regatta in September.

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TOP: Members Malia, Denise, Sandy, Phyllis and Carolyn are ready to register and watch attendees at the Earle Baum Americana Music Fest fundraiser. CENTER: There were beautiful handmade pottery and other items to watch. RIGHT: Member Sandy monitored all items along in the tent with (not shown) Carolyn, Barbara, Ann Marie, Kris and Linda.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



LEFT Members Sandy, Lucy, Marie and Nina are ready to enjoy the festivities at our sponsor table at the ACS Catwalk for a Cure fundraiser. CENTER: There were many volunteers participating in their fashion show. RIGHT: And many coed entertainment groups to encourage financial support of this annual Breast Cancer Awareness event.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Stay informed. Visit our Soroptimist of Santa Rosa Web Site for the most recent club news. http://www.sisantarosa.org@sonic.net

Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting? Let us know! Deadline for the Jan/Feb issue is Dec 29, 2011. Contact your editors: Ann Marie: chiquitauna2002@yahoo.com Carolyn: csmall@sonic.net Gerry Humes: gerryruth@gmail.com

SOROPTIMIST MISSION AND CORE PURPOSE:

To improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.