It was President Helen’s new year challenge that we keep an open mind as we enter the 2012-2013 club year of community involvement, fundraising, and fun within the Club and for the members.

The Finance Committee has reviewed all of the many committees funding requests, and mailed a proposed budget to the members for review and vote at our October business meeting. Bring your questions to that important meeting as we set the goal for projects and community service for this club year.

Sometimes community projects take more than one club year to complete, like the Laguna Observation and Education Deck that was dedicated in May of the 2011-2012 club year. See July/Aug 2012 issue.

Our 2012-2013 club year started in July, and we attended the Athena House ribbon-cutting dedication which ended a 2 1/2 year community club project. It started for us with our grant of $30,000 to help meet the final funding needed to build this home for women who are turning their lives around.

Shown below: Athena House on Highway 12, one of many the bedrooms for women, and the Soroptimist dedication plaque

**September PROGRAMS**

- **Sept 6th** Business Meeting
- **Sept 13th** Speaker: Allyson Ahlstrom – Threads for Teens; The Next Step?”
- **Sept 20th** SIA convention report; Saffell award winners; “Tealing a business”
- **Sept 27th** October Board Meeting

**Inspirations**

- **Sept 6th** Sandy Frazer
- **Sept 13th** Lola Haran
- **Sept 20th** Gerry Humes

**October PROGRAMS**

- **Oct 4th** Business meeting
- **Oct 11th** Sarah Laggos, SRJC’s Dir. of Alumni Relations: engaging the community in volunteer activities
- **Oct 18th** League of Women Voters will discuss 2 or 3 propositions on November’s ballot
- **Oct 25th** November Board meeting

**Inspirations**

- **Oct 4th** June Hunter-Clarke
- **Oct 11th** Kris Huot
- **Oct 18th** Mia Kitchen


**What’s Happening**

**September**

**HELLO FALL**

3rd  **Labor Day.**

8th   26th annual “Beer in the Plaza, 2-6pm hosted by Soroptimist International of Healdsburg; $20 adults, 8 to 20 years $10, under 8 free. Tickets available at Bear Republic, Copperfields Bookstore and at the gate in Healdsburg.


10th  Help honor NAMI Sonoma County & World Suicide Prevention Day at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 pm Pre-registration mandatory! Go to http://namisonoma.eventbrite.com/

11th  Rialto Cinemas will screen part of the 4-hour series, “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide”, on Tuesday, September 11. Info to come later

14th  Celebrate 40 years with the Volunteer Center at their “Fabulous 40th Fiesta” held at Legends Restaurant at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. Call Alicia Alexander at 573-3399 x104.

22nd  Earle Fest Americana. Club members needed to help monitor tables and register bidders on Saturday. See Secretary Phyllis to sign-up.

**October**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

3rd  “Movie and Pizza Nite” documentary *Apache 8* about the fierce female firefighter unit, who protected their Indian reservation from fire and responded to wildfires around the nation. Marlow Plaza Round Table Pizza , 5:30pm; RSVP 575-315. No cost.

6th  “Catwalk for a Cure” 10th annual fashion show and luncheon benefiting the Sutter North Bay Women’s Health Center from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm at the Wells Fargo Center for The Arts.

9th  District Meeting for District III and IV in Santa Rosa at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa. Host clubs: Rio Vista and Ukiah See Treasurer Kris to register

13th  LUNAFEST Wine Country 2012 film festival that features short films by and about women focused on celebrating & inspiring women through the art of film . Proceeds will benefit the Breast Cancer Fund and the Sloan House Women’s Shelter. Tickets: $25.00, ($50.00 - VIP). Contact Erin Noland 527-7006 ext. 125

14th  **Halloween Club Social**

Join Mia and her family at 7pm for a frightfully good time.

Light snacks, hors d’oeuvres, soft drink and waters will be provided! Bring your own wine. Contact Mia for more information.
**Member News**

**September Birthdays**

- 2nd  Marie Frazer
- 11th  Patsy Daniels
- 21st  Denise Palmer
- 28th  Elaine Bacigalupi
- 29th  Ann Marie Carmody

**October Birthdays**

- 15th  Barbara Young
- 16th  Helen Sager

**Committee Meetings**

New Club Year

Club committees met in July to discuss their ideas and propose monies needed to support those plans. The Fundraising committee met mid August to discuss ideas for existing fundraisers or new events to meet those committee’s financial needs.

The Finance committee met in late August to review the estimated annual income and expenses after reviewing all committee proposals.

That committee will propose the Budget for 2012-2013 to the club for vote at the September 6th business meeting.

**Save the date!**

Enter on your calendar now

**November 28th, 2012**

6th Street Playhouse presents a family oriented Holiday Production- Actual play “title” to be announced later.

**February 23rd, 2013**

ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER

“Night in Italy” food, fun, and fundraising

**Club Programs & Events**

**“From Russia with Love”**

Member Phyllis shared the wonders of her recent river trip with club members. She visited various cities in Russia, including St. Petersburg. Her special guest was—her daughter-in-law, Mary Sue Rogers.

**Vera McCulloch & Genevieve Mott Awardees**

(left) Tamera Brattin, the Vera McCulloch Award winner and (right) Deisy Vargas, the Genevieve Mott Award winner, were honored with their scholarship checks and a Soroptimist bag.

**Dedication of new Athena House**

(top) Ribbon cutting and dedication by staff, major supporters, and local luminaries. (bottom left) Athena rooms held 2 or 3 beds, some with bunks. (bottom right) Residents of the new Athena house with Supervisor Zane and Council Member Vas Dupre in front row.
Paradise Ridge Social—August 22nd

LEFT: Sculpted exhibits and artwork like the one above line the drive from Fountaingrove Parkway. RIGHT: only the 1st level is visible as we approach the Paradise Ridge Winery. An elevator, stairs, or ramp offers access to the lower level with gardens, and a large patio with stage is on the top level.

Club members and their guests chatted at two tables on the lower level portico enjoying food, wine and a gorgeous view of the valley as the fog rolled in.

As guests danced on the large patio to a lively band, we watched from under the portico as the sun began its decline. Then, with a burst of red, oranges and yellows it disappeared below the ridge. The view and time with other members was worth every moment, and hope we consider doing it again!

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

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