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GIVE SUNSHINE

March/April, 2009

President's Message



Give sunshine - especially if it is liquid. What a pleasure this rain has been.

My thanks go out to all who assisted and attended the Night In Italy. We had a great turn out and wonderful food and prizes. It was amazing to see what we can do when we all work together for a great cause.

Our next major activity is our Saturday of Service, March 7th, where Soroptimists from all over the world join together on one day with service projects that improve the lives of women and girls. It is a unique opportunity to raise awareness about Soroptimist as an international organization of "women helping women."

We have an incredible event planned - take the women from the YWCA Safe House and treat them to a pampering at the Santa Rosa Beauty College. All participants will have their hair shampooed and styled and will then receive a pedicure. Afterwards they will be given makeup advice by Carolyn Aloia. What a pleasure to give them a day of luxury which we are sure they will enjoy. In the meantime the children will be treated to cooking, games and general good times. We are all very excited to be able to share with others.

The Awards Luncheon will be at the Flamingo on March 26th. All members need to be there and bring guests to share this occasion, to let our community know about our organization and to honor the awardees. Please contact June Hunter-Clarke with any questions.

Also, we will be forming the nominating committee for our next year's slate of officers. I encourage each of you to step up to be an officer. It is a great honor and an opportunity to make a difference to our organization and to our community. I know it has been a pleasure for me to serve all of you.

Your President,

Barbara Young

March PROGRAMS

- March 5th** Business Meeting
- March 12th** St Patrick 's Day Social
- March 19th** No club meeting
- March 26th** Annual Soroptimist Award Luncheon at Flamingo Resort and Conference Center
- March 31st** April Board meeting, 6pm

Inspirations

- March 5th** Kris Huot
- March 12th** Barbara Young
- March 19th** no meeting
- March 26th** June Hunter-Clarke

April PROGRAMS

- April 2nd** Business meeting
- April 9th** To be announced
- April 16th** Karen Tappin, SI Healdsburg, and Laura Moss, American Cancer Society, with updates on our District 4 Breast Cancer Awareness Program (BCSAP)
- April 23rd** May Board meeting, 6pm

Inspirations

- April 2nd** Lucy Barnett
- April 9th** Erin Temple
- April 16th** Carolyn Small

March Birthdays

- 16th Carolyn Small
 21st Phyllis Rogers
 24th Kay Ritter
 27th Terry Ziegler

April Birthdays

- 1st Lola Haran
 10th Brenda Condiotti
 29th Margaret Dixon

Making a Difference for Women,
 Violet Richardson Ward Award
 Women's Opportunity Award

Please join us for our annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 26th, from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Flamingo Hotel. Cost is \$35 per person.

Call June Hunter-Clarke at 546-2300 ext 217 for your meal choice and reservation.

This year we will be including the Violet Richardson Award for service by youth along with the Making a Difference for Women and Women's Opportunity Awards.

Making a Difference honorees are Bonnie Wood and Linda Swan (The Living Room)

Women's Opportunity Award winners are Jessica Birrer and Tecia Rose.

Our Violet Richardson Ward honoree is Guadalupe Ramos.

We congratulate all of these women who give back so much to their community.

Ways and Means

Congratulations to Chair Carolyn Aloia and her committee along with all the other hard working members who made our annual "Night in Italy" and fundraiser a success.

◀ **Upcoming Events** ▶

March

- 7th Soroptimist Saturday of Service — Members needed to work with children from the YWCA Safe House to help with reading, crafts, and other entertaining activities.
- 8th International Women's Day
- 8th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15th Revised Club Bylaws which are due to the Region Laws & Resolutions Committee
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 19th No club meeting
- 26th Soroptimist Awards Luncheon, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Flamingo Hotel. Tickets \$35.00.

April

- 12th Easter Sunday
- 23rd May Board Meeting
- 30th No club meeting on 4th Thursday

**May**

- 1-3** Founder Region Conference, San Ramon Marriott. Check the Region Web Site www.sifounderregion.org for recent updates regarding Registration costs and tentative agenda.

Federation Conference:
Soroptimist Women's Leadership Institute
Ingredients for Personal and Professional Success
 July 3—4, 2009
 Chicago, Illinois, USA
 Westin Michigan Avenue

Review the program and workshops before you register at <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/meetings/leadershipmain.html>

Programs



Jan 15th: Past member Gabriella Ambrosi, Chief Operating Officer of Sequoia Senior Solutions, discussed serious concerns for seniors including how to safely get up from the floor after a fall



Feb 26: Art Ibleto, the Pasta King, fascinated members with his life story of how to stay young by keeping busy. He is starting a new venture in his 80's with his own winery

Night In Italy—Feb 28



Our Soroptimist Story Board was displayed along with the Silent Auction Items so our guests can see what we do



The Green Silent Auction table is still open, and guests evaluate their latest bids just prior to the closing bell



Member Edie with her neighbor Faye enjoying the Night In Italy festivities



Member Monique chats with Janice from Soroptimist International of Windsor as they enjoy the food and wine



President Barbara and June watch the audience and spot the final winners at our Live Auction



"The two Lucy's." Member Lucy, seated, keeps track of the bidding so Auctioneer Lucy can keep it rolling

Soroptimist House Valentine Party



Soroptimist (transition) House residents welcomed our members for a potluck Kat, Kathy and Anne shared their own stories of what the house meant to them



SISR members Sandy, Carolyn, President Barbara, June and Helen visited with the women and shared past Valentine experiences



After the meal and dessert (delicious cupcakes), small valentine gifts were shared with the residents. And yes, that is member June at left helping unwrap!!



House manager Anne was pleased with one of her gifts, a notebook with an attached pen. They also have two house cats who were in another room during the event.

Club Valentine Party



Gerry Humes was inducted as a new member at the club's Valentine Social February 12. Gerry specializes in Genealogy



Sam's Restaurant was festively decorated for the club party. Members were supposed to bring a picture and tell about a special Valentine in their life.



Edie shared her story of true and long lasting love with other club members. She misses her husband and best friend.



Marj shared two pictures of the special Valentine in her life. Members agreed that he was handsome.



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*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*



Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting?

Let us know!

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