

# Soroptirosan



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## *Soroptimist History*



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Do you know why the headquarters of Soroptimist International is located in England?

In the late 1960's, there were three federations: Soroptimist International of the Americas, Soroptimist International of Europe and Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland. Each federation was asked to submit one city for consideration as "the" Soroptimist International headquarters. Those choices

were then sent back to each federation to vote for their city by preference as #1, #2, or #3. The European and Great Britain & Ireland federations voted for each of their cities as #1 and #2, while voting for the Americas federation city as #3. Soroptimist International of the Americas voted for their city (New York) as #1 and London as #2, so London came out as the top city.

From 1969—1976, there were various locations in London for the Soroptimist International offices. By 1976, it was determined that London was too expensive, and space was rented in Cambridge until 1986, when the final home for Soroptimist International headquarters was purchased

Did you know that Soroptimist International has relations worldwide?

- ◇ General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, United Nations (ECOSOC);
- ◇ Operational Relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
- ◇ Special List of the International Labour Organization (ILO);
- ◇ Official Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO),
- ◇ Official Relations with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- ◇ Consultative Status with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
- ◇ Accredited to the Commonwealth as a Civil Society Organization.

### **November PROGRAMS**

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** Business Meeting
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** McKenna from The Living Room
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** Marie De Santis, Women's Justice Center
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving Day

### **Inspirations**

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** Lynn Riepenhoff
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** Erin Temple
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** Mary Priest

### **December PROGRAMS**

- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** Business meeting
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Pam Wallace, Interfaith Shelter Network
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** Erin Netherda, Ursuline High School

### **Inspirations**

- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** Lee Peele
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** June Hunter-Clarke
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** Gerry Humes

# What's Happening

## November 2009

4th "Hope Works Wonders" Breakfast  
Santa Rosa Soroptimists are hosting a table at this free (fundraising) event for Catholic Charities.

18th **Service Committee meeting; 11:30am**  
@ Helen's Office

call **Fundraising Committee Meeting**  
Contact Barbara or Phyllis for the date.  
All members are welcome!

26th **Happy Thanksgiving**



27th **"Lights Of Life Tree Lighting"** at CourtHouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa. Our club will be participating, so plan to attend and have fun

We are still looking for quality Auction and "Opportunity" Items for our Night in Italy Fundraiser  
See Barbara for Donation forms

### Save the date!


Enter on your calendar now

**January** CLUB FUNDRAISER:  
**5th,** Hank Williams  
**2010** "Lost Highway"  
6th Street Play House  
**Tickets available—\$25**

**February** ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER  
**20th,** "Night in Italy", with  
**2010** pasta, wine, and lots of fun. Expect ticket price of \$35 per person.

## December 2009

8th **Soroptimist House Christmas Party—5pm.** (tentative date—call Helen or June to confirm)

12th  **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
10 AM—4 PM  
Coddington Mall, near Narsi's

25th **Merry Christmas**  
**And Happy New Year !**



### Member News

Please remember Edie Zanelli with "thinking of you" cards and occasional short phone calls.

She misses seeing us.

#### November Birthdays

14th Marj Conley

#### December Birthdays

8th Cheryl Taylor

25th Claire Bramwell

31st Malia Anderson

#### January Birthdays

12th Lee Peele

14th Nina Arrabit

19th Irene Becker-Lampson

20th Mary Priest

20th Pam Chanter

See our club newsletters in color at [www.sisantarosa.org](http://www.sisantarosa.org)

## Out in the Community



Our Santa Rosa club is attending more community events, such as a dinner hosted by NAMI and the POMO Indians of Sonoma County .

NAMI Sonoma County is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with mental illness and the lives of their families and friends.



## Club Programs



Dick Aloia shared with club members his feelings and memories of the trip he and Carolyn took to Cancun. Even though we miss her, she is always in our Soroptimist hearts



Rebecca Kendall shared both information and enthusiasm about her work at Catholic Charities as Development Coordinator.

Our club sponsors a room at their Family Support Shelter, & hosted a table at their annual fundraiser as we learned even more about their services to our community.

## October District 4 Meeting



Above LEFT: District 4 Director Sandy and other Founder Region Board members led a workshop and provided a important information to members from all 10 district clubs  
Above RIGHT; District 3 Director Bobbi displayed the Project Sierra quilt which will be raffled at Region Conference in Hawaii in May 2010.



LEFT: Our own Santa Rosa president Malia receives a club award along with 9 other presidents in District 4.

## 5th Thursday Social

BELOW: On a chilly October night, Santa Rosa members and guests enjoyed hors D'oeuvres and comfort food including meatballs, Anazasi bean soup, pasta casserole and a wonderful fresh beet salad and hot beet entree.



BELOW: Lola and June joined other members and guests who shared stories of their most "memorable" Trick or Treat event, especially "tricks."





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*Happy Thanksgiving*

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*Merry Christmas*

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*Happy New Year*



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

*To see other Soroptimist Web sites—Visit*

Founder Region Website: [www.sifounderregion.org](http://www.sifounderregion.org)

International of the Americas: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

Soroptimist International: [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

**Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting?**

**Let us know!**

**Deadline for the Jan/Feb issue is Dec. 20, 2009.**

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