



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

Log 'n Line

B-3, I-26, N-43, G-52, O-what a night!

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Special points of interest:

- Club Award goals set by SIA board.
- **HELP!!!** We need more items for Service Women!
- Live Your Dream campaign is creative way of publicizing Soroptimist.

Kicking off the year with bingo plus pasta will equals a night of fun and friendship, when our fundraising for the year begins on October 24 at the Florence Douglas Senior Center.

Following up on their promise to bring the fun into fundraisers, Kris Shirrell and Angie Thorpe with their Ways and Means committee have planned a casual evening where we will raise money while thoroughly enjoying ourselves.

For an admission price of only \$25 attendees will get a wonderful pasta dinner and a bingo card. Wine will be available at \$10 a bottle or \$4 per glass.

Dessert plates of finger food sweets such as cookies

and brownies will be sold separately.

Winners of bingo games will receive gifts valued at \$25.00. There will be playing card raffles with prizes of \$250.00 gift cards.

Members are encouraged to sell tickets in groups of eight so that friends can sit together.

As always, the success of the fundraiser depends on the participation of members. Among the areas where members may volunteers are check in, kitchen, set up, bar, selling bingo cards, raffle, and clean up.

Members are asked to donate prizes, wine and dessert items for the event. Gift cards are recommended as prize items. For consistency,

values should be \$25.00. Quality wine is also being accepted for the wine sales.

Donated gifts and wine can be dropped off at either Kris or Angie's office, both located at 840 Tuolumne Street. Instructions on where to bring dessert items will be announced later.



District Meeting to Follow Different Format

There will be fewer speeches and more participation by attendees at the district meetings this year.

Collaborative problem solving with breakaway sessions for specific officers and committees will highlight our meeting scheduled for October 19 in Fairfield.

Attendees will be divided into groups with representatives from all clubs in attendance. Each group will be asked to form a club.

The "club" will then be given real life problems to solve and asked to collaboratively come up with a solution. The types of problems

they might encounter are loss of membership or public awareness difficulties.

There will also be break away sessions for officers, committee members (such as SIA Awards), and general members. Each of these sessions will be led by a board member.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October: Just Another Word for Soroptimonth



President Carol with SIA President Alice Wells. Picture taken in Taiwan.

Ladies what a wonderful ending event for September 2008. Our home dinner was at Myrna Kingsbury's beautiful home in Green Valley. Everyone loves to go to Myrna's and what a bunch of great cooks we have in Soroptimist. Then with a great bang we are onto October.

First, it's our Club Birthday on October 20th. The Soroptimist of Vallejo was founded in 1939. We will celebrate with a cake and all the decorations for a Birthday Party and a program for Founders Day. October 24th is our Ways & Means Pasta Bingo. I can hardly wait for this fun event to occur. For more information call Angie Thorpe at 557-4817. Don't miss this exciting event!

International Goodwill and Understanding Chairman Phyllis Neely has invited our District III Director Bobbi Enderlin to give us a program on October 27th regarding Project Sierra. Then guess what we are to the end of October and the darling little trick-or-treaters are on their way. Then it's on to a busy month in November. "We

Club Award Standards Set by SIA Board

At their meeting held in Taipei during the recent federation convention, the federation board accepted the standards a club must reach in order to win a federation club award.

As in the past several years, the standards of performance reflect the Renaissance club campaign. It is divided into four areas: Program, Fundraising, Membership, and Public Awareness.

Under Program, clubs must

participate in the Women's Opportunity Award program, participate in one local service project targeting solely women and/or girls, and participate in one of the SI programs. The local service project is to be reported to the *Best for Women* magazine, program focus reports, Soroptimist Celebrating Success program or other report.

Participating at an award level in the club giving program and donating to Founder's Pen-

nies earns Fundraising points.

Clubs are to add a minimum of four members and have a net gain of one member by May 31 for the Membership requirements.

Under Public Awareness, it is understood that not all efforts to place publicity work, so clubs are asked to *try* to publicize their service three times. Participating in the Live Your Dream campaign is also a requirement.

"Standards of Performance reflect the Renaissance club campaign."

We Welcome a New Soroptibaby

A baby is the knot that ties a family together.

Sugar and spice is filling the home of Alicia and Darius Cook with the birth of their newest daughter, Aaliyah Mercedes Cook.

She made her debut on September 17 at 10:07 a.m. and tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Anita is at home in Fairfield where the whole family is getting acquainted with their new princess.



CHATting wit H Director Bobbi

Working with Clubs Keeps Director Busy and Happy

Bobbi Enderlin, our District Director, graciously agreed to share some thoughts about Soroptimist. We met at her Benicia home September 16.

Bobbi, I really appreciate your taking time to talk to Log 'n Line about Soroptimist. First, what exactly does a District Director do?

The main function is to be a liaison between the clubs and the board, to make sure clubs are kept informed and if they have any problems or issues or questions to be the go to person. One of my main responsibilities, to try to visit every club to attend meetings, social functions, fundraisers as much as I can, installations, awards. Putting on the district meeting is my other main job. I see it as a way of educating members and clubs.

What is your favorite part about being a District Director?

Definitely visiting the clubs and getting to know the members. I like seeing how different clubs operate. It is amazing how different they are. There are a lot of similarities, and we have a common goal in mind, but everybody does it a little different depending on the membership, how long they have been a club.

What do you think is the main challenge facing our local Soroptimist clubs?

Keeping new members. The current financial environment is not good for keeping members.

Several clubs have had members drop because of finances. There is a lot of competition with things to do and so we need to always be aware of how to keep our members interested and inspired, because there are other options.

Why have some clubs been so successful in attracting new members while other clubs still struggle with growth?

I think the clubs that have been successful are constantly thinking about their members, what interests their members, and what will be successful. Some examples are Rio Vista and Dixon, who both have over fifty very active members. These are both older clubs with a lot of traditions, but they don't let that get in their way of change. It may be because these are smaller, close knit towns, but both clubs really pay attention to what their members want

Some clubs have fully embraced improving the lives of women and girls locally and throughout the world while others still struggle with this. How do you feel about our mission and how do you encourage clubs to embrace it fully?

Well I *totally* embrace the mission—it is what makes us different from all the other service clubs. And I think it is important that when we say we are Soroptimist, people know what we do. It's hard for some clubs; you have to evaluate everything. Is this women and girls, does this contribute to the

mission, or is it something we shouldn't do. I believe the more we can follow our mission, the more successful we will be. And I think that is what brings most new people into the organization and keeps them here.

What are your greatest concerns about Soroptimist?

I am concerned about losing any more clubs because we lost American Canyon. I want to help low membership clubs get more members. There are some clubs with low membership and losing members every year, and it concerns me. I'd also like to encourage more collaboration between clubs, working on projects together. Members should feel free to attend meeting of other clubs. I think we could do more of that.

What is your best memory of being a Soroptimist?

Being at the International convention in Glasgow. It was such an honor to be there and it was just such an interesting experience to be with all those women from all those countries. It helps to see how we fit and how our international projects work. It's just great to meet these women from everywhere and learning how everybody does things. It's fascinating.

Thank you again for taking time to speak to us. We always love hearing from you and seeing you. We look forward to hearing you speak to our club later this month.



Bobbi Enderlin with her Soroptimist dog Gilligan.

Those Special Days...

BIRTHDAYS

- Cathy Prevolos..Oct 7
- Myrna Kingsbury..Oct 13
- Glenda Goode..Oct 20
- SIVallejo..Oct 20

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

- Helen Narron Shunk..Oct 1 1989
- Pinky Santiago..Oct 12, 1992
- Mary Ellen Ryan..Oct 18, 2004
- Anita Hawkes..Oct 20, 2003
- Lisa LeFebvre..Oct 22, 2007

So...you think you know Soroptimist?

For each division of our organization, the presiding officer serves a term whose length is set by the bylaws of that division (club, region, federation, international). How long does each of the following serve? Answer on page 4.

- A. President of Soroptimist International
- B. President of Soroptimist International of the Americas
- C. Region Governor
- D. Club President

Schedule of Events

October 2008

6—Shane McAfee from GVRD
 8—Board Meeting
 13—Business Meeting. Vote on budget. **Service women donation items due.**
 19—District Meeting, hosted by SI Central Solano. New members fees will be covered by the club.
 20—Combination Club Birthday and Founder's Day celebration.
 24—Pasta Bingo Night, Florence Douglas Center \$25.00 **Come and enjoy the fun!**
 27—International Projects with District Director Bobbi Enderlin discussing Project SIerra (see page 6).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 GVRD	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19 District Meeting	20 All about us!	21	22	23	24 Pasta Bingo	25
26	27 International Day	28	29	30	31	

Items for Service Women Still Needed

More donated items are needed for armed forces women serving in combat zones.

Particularly needed are lotions in hand held sizes, shampoos, hair moisturizer, hand warmers, baby wipes, flavoring for sports drinks, toothbrushes, saline eye drops, sports bras (all sizes) in dark colors, magazines,

puzzle magazines (crossword, word search, etc.), power bars, face moisturizer, body lotion, and other comfort items.

These are planned for Christmas stockings. If you have extra Christmas stockings, they are also being sought.

Even though Sharon

Powers has made a substantial donation of handmade pillow slips, as of the end of September donations for other items were much lower than what we have had in the past.

All items should be brought to club not later than the business meeting on October 13.



Author Anne Lamott to speak to local audience.

Anne Lamott to be at Museum

Award winning, best selling author Anne Lamott will speak at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, Sunday October 26.

The event which will run from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. is a joint venture of Imani Fellowship and the museum. Soroptimists have supported programs of both organizations in the past.

Lamott is the author of *Bird by Bird*, *Operating Instructions*, *Crooked Little Heart*, *Traveling Mercies*, and many other books. She speaks on faith, writing, and feminine issues and is known for approaching her subjects with quirky humor.

Tickets are available for \$40 at the museum bookstore. They will also have her books in stock for the event.

So You Think You Know Soroptimist???

Answer from page 3

- A. Two years
- B. One year
- C. Two years
- D. One year

Live Your Dream Campaign Offers Unique Opportunities

Live Your Dream is a public awareness campaign for clubs and members to raise awareness of SIA's mission while encouraging women from all walks of life to follow their dreams.

The mission and goals of the Live Your Dream campaign are captured on its official website. It is a fun, easy, and inexpensive way for clubs to create awareness for themselves and for the organization as a whole.

Central to the program, is a Live Your Dream pin mounted on a matching card with information about the campaign, the state of the world's women and SIA's mission to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and

throughout the world. The pin and card were designed compliments of SIA's long-time designer, Linda Joy Goldner.

For many years, the idea of women achieving their dreams, particularly through the Women's Opportunity Awards program, has been a part of the Soroptimist lexicon. Since 1998, the tagline for the Women's Opportunity Awards program has been: Reclaiming the Dream.

The idea of people reaching their dreams is a particularly powerful one. It was determined that Live Your Dream would be an inspirational name for this campaign: attractive to Soroptimists, recipients of the pin, recipients of Soropti-

mist service, potential members, the media, and the public at large. In addition, it compliments the theme already associated with the Women's Opportunity Awards program.

In addition to the pin, there are various other items on the Live Your Dreams theme available through the Soroptimist store. These include mugs, shopping bags, folders, bookmarks, and a magnet poetry frame.

The official website, www.liveyourdreamcampaign.org is an interactive site including webisodes of women learning to live their dreams, ecards, blogs, and message boards.

Information from the SIA website.



Secret Soroptimist of the Month



Yes, last month our Secret Soroptimist was that famous pin-up girl, Sharlynn Willingham.

Now, who do we have for this month?

Personal Passages

Welcome home, Honore! While she and Thom were on their extended trip across country, they visited such diverse areas as the Piedmont of Virginia and West Virginia, dipped their toes in the ocean off Kitty Hawk, marveled at the sights of Glacier National Park, and visited friends all along the way. What a trip—and on motorcycles!

For those who may have missed the announcement, we were saddened to hear that Florence Dickerson passed away. She was 100 years old and had been living in a care home for the past several years. Many of us have heard Florence tell of her experiences horseback riding in the Rose Bowl parade for many, many years.

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improving the lives of women and girls, locally and throughout the world

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501 (c)(3) organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs.

Soroptimist International of Vallejo was chartered in October, 1939, and since that time has been an integral part of the community. Numerous local programs which benefit women and girl are funded through the club. Known for it's dynamic scholarship program, benefitting girls in local high schools and colleges, the club is also a proud, enthusiastic participant in Soroptimist Founder Region Foundation which funds fellowships for women in the final years of their doctoral studies.

Picture Of the Month



Soroptimist International President Margaret Lobo visits Sierra Leone to evaluate Project SIerra, our quadrennial project. This is the second year of this project which will run through 2011. The project supports women caring for children in extreme poverty and provides a caring and secure family home for children who are alone or at risk of abandonment.

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