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United, We Can

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President's Message



What a year 2009 has been. There have been some pretty sad times in our club this year and I have to say I am so proud of how we rose up as a club, working together to strengthen our club and our community. We have thought outside of the box and come up with new and exciting ways to breathe life into our club. We have done some truly amazing things ladies and you should all be so proud.

So here is the 2009 Year in Review.

We gave monies to many deserving causes:

\$10,000 SRJC Nursing Program for a Pyxis Medstation

\$15,000 Sutter VNA & Hospice for children's bereavement programs

\$3,000 Active 20/30 for Kidspre shopping

We have given toys for children, riding lesson to a very special little girl, support to the women of our transitional house, and help to keep families safe and together.

We have also offered our Support in the way of sponsorships to great organizations and events including Catwalk for a Cure and the Joy to the Children's Gala.

We helped to make the Christmas Tree Lighting a huge success and are looking forward to doing more next year.

I remind you of these accomplishments so we can look forward to 2010 knowing where we are going, because we know where we have been. I challenge every member of our club to remember why you became a Soroptimist, whether we see you every week or we don't see you as often but know that you support us in your own way.

Think about your first year in our club – about the projects which excited you and the events you wanted to attend. Then think of a woman you know who reminds you of yourself back then and invite her to accompany you to lunch, just as a Soroptimist did for you. Because I truly believe that membership in this club is the best gift I was ever given.

Your President

Malia D. Anderson

January PROGRAMS

- Jan 7th Business Meeting
- Jan 14th Jeannie Griffiths, District 4 Fellowship Director and Ethel Balbi Masters award winner Sabrina Coyle-Johnson
- Jan 21st Diana Curtain or Kay from Chops Teen Center
- Jan 28th Board Meeting

Inspirations

- Jan 7th Gerry Humes
- Jan 14th Lola Haran
- Jan 21st Gwen Hall

February PROGRAMS

- Feb 4th Business meeting
- Feb 11th Erin Netherda, Ursuline High School
- Feb 18th Speaker Sally Lewand and "Lego Ladies," the young ladies we helped sponsor who won 2nd place.
- Feb 25th Board Meeting

Inspirations



- Feb 4th Sandy Frazer
- Feb 11th Marj Conley
- Feb 18th Carolyn Small

What's Happening

January

- 5th CLUB FUNDRAISER:
Hank Williams-"Lost Highway"
6 th Street Play House
52 West 6th Street, Santa Rosa
- 11th Service Committee Meeting: 11:30 am at
Helen Sager's office: 571-5512
- Jan 11th** is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.
- President Obama issued a proclamation declaring **January** as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.
- 14th Ethel Balbi Masters award winner presentation at club meeting. Meet our awardee Sabrina Coyle-Johnson, and also hear our District 4 Fellowship Director, Jeannie Griffiths.
- 19th & 21st Open House fundraisers for S.A.Y. (Social Advocates for Youth)
Coffee House: 1/19 from 12-1:15pm
Tamayo House: 1/21 from 12-1:15pm

February

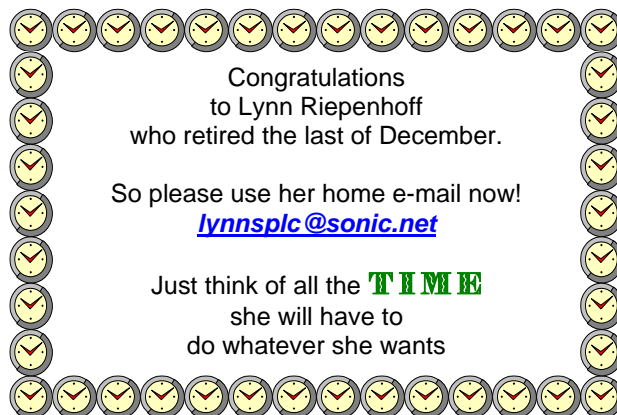
- 14th **Happy Valentines Day!!** 
- 18th Come hear Sally Lewand and "Lego Ladies," the young ladies we helped sponsor, give a presentation at club. Hear how they won 2nd place at the First Lego League Tournament held Nov 28th at the NASA/Ames Center in Mountain View.
- 20th ANNUAL CLUB FUNDRAISER
"Night in Italy"
Scottish Rite Center
600 Acacia Lane,
Santa Rosa, CA
Come join us!! 

Member News

January Birthdays

- 12th Lee Peele
14th Nina Arrabit
19th Irene Becker-Lampson
20th Mary Priest
20th Pam Chanter

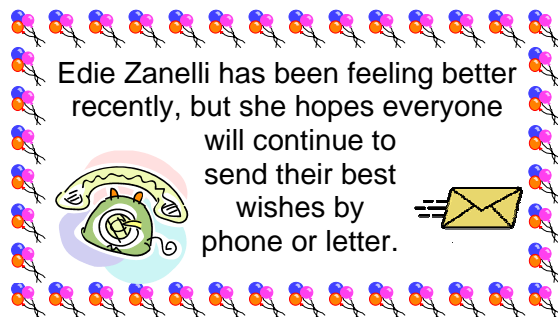
NO February Birthdays



Also congratulations to the Healdsburg High School students who participated in a "Human Trafficking Awareness" project by creating films.

The students will soon show their films to the public & we will let members know that date.

Thanks to Monique Lessan, Helen Sager & other Service Committee members for making this happen!



Community



Members Helen and District Director Sandy were surprised to learn even more about the many programs offered by Catholic Charities at their "Hope Works Wonders" breakfast. One of those programs is the Family Support Homeless Shelter where our club has sponsored a room since they first opened their doors



Member Erin, left, educated our club about the importance of a Pyxis Medstation for the Santa Rosa Junior College nursing program. Most hospitals use these to track and dispense patient meds, and our Junior College students were at a disadvantage when seeking jobs.

Not anymore! President Malia and Service chair Helen, far right, helped present a \$10,000 check to the Nursing school at the SRJC to help purchase this equipment.



Several Soroptimist club members watched on stage as President Malia and Phyllis presented a \$15,000 check to the Sutter VNA & Hospice for their Children's Bereavement Program.

For our club, this was the highlight of the Santa Rosa Christmas Tree Lighting event!

Club Programs



Kendra McKenna explained to club members how the women of Sonoma County can utilize the "Living Room" while they look for jobs and try to live normal lives when they no longer have a home.

Members made their Christmas party special by bringing new "teddy bears" to be given to the Children's Village. Some children are orphans and others are temporary wards of the Court, but **all** siblings are "kept together."

President Malia handed a Christmas "thank you" to our favorite waitress at Sam's Restaurant, Candy, who took such good care of our club during the year.



Santa Rosa Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting

Our club was instrumental in keeping the annual ceremony alive when the downtown merchant's committee disbanded.

After all, our club purchased these Bunya Bunya trees in 1967, donating them to the city as a centennial gift for the 1st tree lighting 42 years ago!

There were many merchant booths with food and information, and a candle for everyone after the tree was lit.



Our club staffed an information booth and our member Lucy Barnett was Hostess of Ceremonies for the event.

The Sonoma County Children's Choir brought the Christmas spirit to everyone in the town square.





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New Year
&
Happy
Valentine*



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