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United, We Can

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President's Message



The Best Part of being President of our Club is the opportunity to grow. What does that mean? Well, when I joined this club just over five years ago I had no idea what kind of leader I would be. All I knew was that I had ideas and passion but needed a good way to express them.

I have never been a quiet "sit in the back" kind of girl, but neither have I jumped up to the front of the room.

Being your club president has given me the opportunity to grow into a leader, not only in the club but in the community.

As we get ready for club elections, I challenge each of you who has never served on the board or who has not served in many years to consider that NOW is a great time to "jump back in."

We are a club that has so much to give to the community and to share with each other. We have had wonderful Board members who gave so much of their time and their passion to what our Soroptimist club has accomplished.

If you think that serving on the Board is not for you, then think about serving on a committee — better yet, serve as a committee chair. There are many committees and projects where we could use **your** ideas and passion.

If it were not for the chance to serve on committees and on the board, I would never have become President. Why? Because I was not sure I was capable of doing the job.

I look forward to continuing to "grow" as a member and a leader this next year. Come Grow With Me!

Your President

Malia D. Anderson

March PROGRAMS

- Mar 4th** Business Meeting
- Mar 11th** Sara Randall with PDI non-profit dental surgery center will share how they provide treatment for children from low income families with severe tooth decay
- Mar 18th** Annual Awards Luncheon 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel
- Mar 25th** Board Meeting

Inspirations

- Mar 4th** Carolyn Small
- Mar 11th** Lucy Barnett
- Mar 18th** Awards Program

April PROGRAMS

- Apr 1st** Business meeting
- Apr 8th** Speakers Andrea Skrypka and Selma will speak about the UKRAINIAN DIABETES PROJECT
- Apr 15th** to be announced.
- Apr 22nd** Board Meeting

Inspirations

- Apr 1st** Lola Hara (her birthday)
- Apr 8th** Barbara Young
- Apr 15th** Erin Temple

What's Happening

March

- 16th Service Committee meeting at Helen's office, 11:30 am at 411 Russell Avenue
- 16th Dinner at Soroptimist House ; call Sandy, Gerry, or Lucy for info. 
St. Patrick's Day theme
- 18th Soroptimist International Annual Awards Luncheon, 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek, 170 Railroad Street, Santa Rosa; \$35. For invitations or to RSVP call Erin.
- 20th Saturday of Service: Members—bring your enthusiasm and your friends with strong shoulders to **build and fill** a sand box at The Living Room, 636 Cherry Street. Call Helen or Gerry for more info or to help.
- 20th (Community) – Expanding Your Horizons – 18th Annual Conference @ Sonoma State to encourage 7th and 8th grade girls to consider careers in science and non-traditional areas .

April

- 1st  **APRIL FOOLS DAY**
Happy Birthday Lola!
- 10th (Community) – Social Advocates for Youth “O SAY Corral” fundraiser. Tamayo Coffee House is open 24 hours a day and provides short-term shelter, food, counseling, and referrals for youth and their families. Call President Malia right away if you want to attend this event
- 25th (Community) – Sonoma County Museum's 25th Anniversary Spring Gala, 5-9 p.m. @ John Ash's Vintners Inn. A special room at the museum honors Song Barbeau, a long time Soroptimist club member.
- 30th 04/30 thru May 2nd – Founder Region Conference in O'ahu, Hawaii.

Member News

March Birthdays

- 16th Carolyn Small
21st Phyllis Rogers

April Birthdays

- 1st Lola Haran
29th Margaret Dixon

Congratulations to club members Pam, June and Erin whose company, Vantreo Insurance, was honored by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce
Erin accepted their award at a special presentation

Region Conference Deadlines

Mail completed Registration Forms **by April 2** w/check payable to Founder Region Conference 2010, **c/o** Debbie Thompson, PO Box 6, Klamath, CA 95548

Use your conference reference #'s

- ◇ To reserve hotel room by **March 12**
- ◇ And your flight reservations with Hawaiian Air as soon as possible

Federation Convention: July 7-10

Our Federation Biennial Convention is in San Francisco. On-line registration is available on the “Members” section of the website at www.soroptimist.org on the “Meetings/Conventions” page. Forms must be postmarked by May 7, 2010, to qualify for early registration rates. After that date, the registration fees increase 20 percent.

Community



Meeting the "Crab Queen"



Truly a "Crab Cake"

Soroptimist International helped sponsor "next year's" Kids Spree event organized by the Active 20-30 club with a \$3000 donation.

Our club members were treated to a sponsor table at their Crab 4 Kids fundraiser and had a great time eating crab meat and a crab made of cake.

Fundraisers



President Malia welcomed members and many guests to the 6th Street Playhouse presentation of Hank Williams: "Lost Highway"

Night In Italy



Our major fundraiser this year had lots of great live and silent auction items: hand made quilts, stays at the Hilton and Kenwood Spa, one of a kind marble sculpture, and a "box of mystery", which member Pam is investigating after winning with her live bid. Even the Youth Group from St. Marks Lutheran Church agreed it was fun to the very end, as they helped clean-up, including the removal of decoration balloons.



Club Programs



Our \$3000 Ethel Balbi Masters Award winner Sabrina Coyle-Johnson told club members about her Masters program of study, and is shown here with her daughter and husband.

Member Lola was surprised when she was honored by the club with a Founder Region Fellowship pin, representing a donation of \$1000 to the Fellowship Foundation.



Kay Marquet, Executive Director, and Diana Curtain, Program Director, shared with club members how "Chops" works. It is Santa Rosa's premier teen club, designed by and for teens.



Ursuline High School students Erin Netherda and co-worker Kimberly Defors presented their project helping **children** in Namibia to club members. They are establishing a 501c3 service organization, and other students at Ursuline are so excited they want to get involved too



New member Alice Sanford was joined by her four sponsoring club members during her induction.

Our club sponsored the **9** girl



"Lego Ladies" team who won 2nd place for Team Work at the NASA Robotics competition in Mountain View. Each elementary school team member participated in a PowerPoint presentation at a club luncheon meeting.



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St.
Patrick's
Day*



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Founder Region Website: www.sifounderregion.org

International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org

Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org

Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting?

Let us know!

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