



# Soroptirosan



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## *Club Scholarships and Awards*

New members as well as the general public often ask about the scholarships and awards offered by Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa. Although we started with just a few awards, these have grown over the years.

Two Soroptimist Awards are offered by most clubs in the Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation, which includes North and South America, Japan, Taiwan, Puerto Rico, Korea and the Philippines. Clubs may offer an award of recognition rather than money.

Violet Richardson Award (our club: \$250 donation to charity of choice) of the winning young lady (14-17) to recognize her outstanding community service.

Women's Opportunity Award (our club: \$3,000 ) Award for a woman who is head of household pursuing a higher education to provide for her family.

The following Awards and Scholarships are offered only by our own club, Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa.

Genevieve Mott Award ( \$1,000 ) A Santa Rosa Junior College scholarship for student with 2.0 GPA carrying minimum of 12 units.

Vera McCulloch Award ( \$3,000 ) Academic scholarship for student in Founder Region with 3.5 GPA and difficult course of study.

\*Claire Saffell Music Award ( \$1,000 each ) Award for up to two students entered in the Santa Rosa Junior College music program – musical audition is mandatory.

\*Carolyn Aloia Youth Achievement Award ( \$250 each ) Award for one Nueva Vista High and two Ridgway High School students who have shown extraordinary effort completing their high school graduation requirements.

Ethel Polhemus Balbi Masters Award ( \$3,000 ) This scholarship is for a student already accepted in a Masters program within Founder Region.

All awards except the two awards above preceded with an “\*” require Santa Rosa club members to review applications and select the awardees.

Club members who participate in these selection reviews have a better understanding of the current needs of our students and our community.

## **March PROGRAMS**

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** Business Meeting

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** To be announced

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** To be announced

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** Board Meeting

Please suggest program speakers for March and April. You may be asked to contact and coordinate with them.

## **Inspirations**

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** Marie Frazer

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** Gerry Humes

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** Lola Haran

Please sign-up for inspirations for meetings in March and April

## **April PROGRAMS**

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** Business meeting

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** To be announced

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** To be announced

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup>** Board Meeting

Please suggest program speakers for April and May. You may be asked to contact and coordinate with them.

## **Inspirations**

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** Carolyn Small

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** Nina Arrabit

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** Paddy Coreris

Please sign-up for inspirations for meetings in April and May



## Member News

### March Birthdays

16th Carolyn Small

21st Phyllis Rogers

### April Birthdays

1st Lola Haran



Program speaker Cat Cvangros brought two SAY staff members to our 2-09-2012 meeting

## Club Programs and Fundraiser



LEFT: Speaker Cat Cvangros, SAY's Development Director explained to club members more about what Social Advocates for Youth does for the homeless teens on Santa Rosa streets.

CENTER and RIGHT: Members Kris and Lucy were honored with a Fellowship pin representing a \$1000 donation each by our club to the Founder Region Fellowship program for scholarships to women who might not otherwise finish their last year of doctoral studies. Pins were presented by Linda Simon, District 4 Fellowship Director (far right) and President Helen (center)



What will be Tested? Air Leaks, Combustion Safety, Duct Leaks Heat Loss via Thermal Imaging



Speaker from PG&E's "Energy Upgrade California" program explained how to have your house tested & receive incentives and rebates while increasing your home efficiency. 1-12-2012



Suzie Blankenship of Cal Fire (far left) and Cyndi Foreman, Fire Prevention Officer (far right) stand with members Marj and President Helen holding the check for \$10,000 our club gave to the Sonoma County "Safety Pals" program for interactive education of children about fire safety. 1-19-2012



LEFT: Fundraising committee club members meet at Chair Barbara's home to work out the last details of our Night in Italy fundraiser. 2-12-12  
RIGHT: Chair Barbara discusses with all club members at the last meeting before the fundraiser what they will need to do to make this a successful event. 2-16-2012



As everyone is finishing their dinner at our Night in Italy event, Karen Blum, seated left, is waiting to hear her daughter Linda Blum perform operatic solos just before the Live Auction begins. Also performing will be 14 year old Sierra-Marie in her second public performance.

Seated right, is our Auctioneer John Burgess, providing his expertise to our club for this important annual fundraising event.

[For more pictures of our event—see page 4]



Fundraising can be Fun

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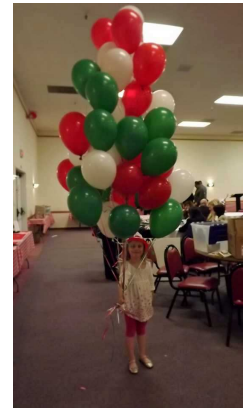
Call or fax your request to (707) 545-6089 or by e-mail to sisrclub@sonic.net

Have a Great St. Patrick's Day



and

A Safe April Fools



LEFT: Master Balloon Artist, Dr. Pop, has been entertaining our guests for over 5 years CENTER: Guests at sponsor tables were served personally RIGHT: Skyler agrees there are never too many balloons



Ten luscious desserts were on the table for silent bids, and could be taken home or shared with others



Guests were entertained after dinner with operatic solos by lyric soprano, Linda Blum (left) and mezzo soprano, Sierra-Marie (right)



President Helen displays a hand designed necklace, one of the many Live Auction items

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- Founder Region Website: www.si-founderregion.org
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To improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.