

# Soroptirosan



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## President's Message



Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

How could anyone not want to be a part of something that at its core wants women to be the best they can be. "I truly believe my work as a Soroptimist is the most important work I will do in my life. As president of the Santa Rosa Club, I see and hear first hand how we as women effect the community we all love to live in."

The above 2 paragraphs are what I wrote for the Press Democrat and as I wrote this it struck me. We do what is Best for Women. What is Best? [Dictionary.com](http://Dictionary.com) says this –  
–adjective, superlative of **good** with **better** as comparative  
1. of the highest quality, excellence, or standing: the best work; the best students.  
2. most advantageous, suitable, or desirable: the best way.  
3. largest; most: the best part of a day.

I know I am among a wonderful group of women who in my opinion are of the highest quality. I continue to learn and be inspired with every interaction I have with this club and the people we help. I hope that we can continue to be the best that we can be; doing the best we can do. In this time of overwhelming change to our country, to our community, to our club, I look forward to all of the ideas that will come. Remember each of us joined this great organization for many different reasons but the number one reason we stay is the knowledge that we are helping women be their very best.

Your President,

*Malia D. Anderson*

## March PROGRAMS

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Gang Task Force—Ernie Olivares
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Making a Difference for Women and Women's Opportunity Award Luncheon at the Flamingo Hotel
- March 27<sup>th</sup> "Law of Attraction"—Ed Mills

## Inspirations

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Kay Barrett Ritter
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Aloia
- March 20<sup>th</sup> June Hunter-Clarke
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Gwen Hall

## April PROGRAMS

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Business meeting
- April 10<sup>th</sup> "Women on the Plains" - Catherine Brancamp
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Robotics—Sally Lewand
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Seniors Inc.—Cindy Roach

## Inspirations

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Rogers
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Taylor
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Small
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Lynn Riepenhoff

**March Birthdays**

- 16th Carolyn Small
- 21st Phyllis Rogers
- 24th Kay Ritter
- 27th Terry Ziegler

**April Birthdays**

- 1st Lola Haran
- 10th Brenda Condiotti
- 29th Margaret Dixon

**Making a Difference for Women and Women’s Opportunity Awards**

Reserve your place now by contacting June Hunter-Clarke at 546-2300 X 217, for the Making a Difference for Women and Women’s Opportunity Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Flamingo Hotel. Honorees are Inge Kessler, founder of Accent on Health and Laura Moss of the American Cancer Society. Both are passionate about helping women fighting cancer. The Women’s Opportunity Award winner, Roxanne Moon, is studying to become a nurse at the SRJC. Along with supporting her own two children, Roxanne has taken in another child that no one wanted.

**Ways and Means**

Congratulations to Chair Sandy Frazer and her committee along with all the other hard working members who made our annual “Night in Italy” and our theatrical comedy, “Boston Marriage” fundraisers such outstanding successes.

**SIA Convention**

Registration is now open for the Federation Convention set for July 16—19, in Taipei, Taiwan. Make your reservations online through [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org) Click on Register for Convention on the home page.

◀ **Upcoming Events** ▶

**March**

- 1st Soroptimist Saturday of Service
- 5th “A Boston Marriage” play at the 6th Street Theatre

- 8th International Women’s Day

- 9th Daylight Savings Time Begins



- 17th  St. Patrick’s Day

- 20th Making a Difference for Women and Women’s Opportunity Awards Luncheon, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Flamingo Hotel. Tickets \$35.00.

- 23rd Easter Sunday



**April**

- 1st SISR April Board Meeting
- 29th SISR May Board Meeting

**Founder Region Conference**

**May 1-5 Founder Region Conference, San Ramon Marriott. Soroptimist “block” rooms are \$81.00 per night plus tax, double occupancy. Reservations must be made before April 11, 2008 at (800) 228-9290 or @ [www.marriott.com/oaksr](http://www.marriott.com/oaksr) (Type sorsora in the Group Code box)**

**The Registration fee is \$50.00 and the complete 6 meal package is \$209. See Treasurer Carolyn Aloia to register and sign up for meals before March 30th. See the Tentative Conference Agenda in the insert, page 3.**

# Night in Italy Fund Raiser



Members Marj Conley, Carolyn Small and Cheryl Taylor wait outside the room to register the guests



Member Nina Arrabit can't make up her mind which basket has the best items before leaving her tickets



"Wait, I want a ticket" says Steve Ruesel as he tries to get President-elect Barbara's attention



Three Silent Auction Tables were filled with many superb items, and the display was so easy to see



The mood was festive, the food was great  
All the guests had a wonderful time



Everyone was delighted with magical balloon treats made by Dr. Pop



"Are we having fun yet?" asks member Gwen Hall to District 4 Director Helen Sager and her husband George



Auctioneer Lucy kept the bids lively as President-elect Barbara displayed each item



Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa extends their thanks to the youth from St. Mark's Lutheran Church who, along with their parents and coordinator Karen, made our "Night in Italy" this year such a success



Spencer had fun fishing with his "balloon pole" and look at the size of that fish!

**PLEASE JOIN US NEXT YEAR!**

# TENTATIVE REGION CONFERENCE AGENDA



Thursday, May 1	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Region Board Meeting	
	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting	
	6:30 pm – 9:30pm	No host dinner with Past International President Lynn Dunning, SIA Official Visitor Dulce Gozon & a fashion show by Krystal's Kreations	
	Friday, May 2	8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration
		9:00 am – 11:15 am	Workshop – “Love Your Heart, Love Yourself” a workshop on women and heart health presented by the Legislative Advocacy Committee
		9:00 am – 10:00 am	Leadership Workshop For club and region leadership presented by Susan Ellis of Energize, Inc.
		10:15 am – 11:15 am	Workshop – “Be Open To The Possibilities” Club Strategic Planning – IPP Lynn Dunning
		9:00 am – 5:30 pm	Trade Fair – Sales Room
		12:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Luncheon – “Believe You Can Make A Difference”
		2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Workshop “Make New Friends But Keep The Old”
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm		Founder Region “Fellows” Reception	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm		Social Hour	
7:00 pm	Banquet – “Celebrating 60 Years of Fellowship” Opening Ceremony –Fellowship Awards		
Saturday, May 3	7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration (Closed during business session)	
	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Sharing Your Success” – Club Breakfast	
	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Fellowship Business Meeting	
	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Founder Region Business Session SIA Update by Official Visitor – Dulce Gozon	
	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Luncheon – “Believe in the Possibilities” Keynote Speaker – IPP Lynn Dunning	
	2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Founder Region Business Session Continues	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Hour	
	7:00 pm	Banquet – “Puttin’ on the Glitz” Installation Ceremony	
Sunday, May 4	7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration	
	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Memorial Service	
	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Brunch – “Sharing the Magic” Awards Program	
	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	SIA Fundraising Basket Drawing	
	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Post Conference Region Board Meeting	
		Post Conference Fellowship Board Meeting 2008-2010 Region & Fellowship Board Meeting	

## Nominees for Founder Region Officers

**Governor-elect:** Linda Sue Hansen

**Secretary:** Terry Baldwin, Dona Gaddis-Wolf and Helen Sager

**Treasurer** Debbie Thompson


## Nominees for Founder Region Directors


**District I** Charlene Stamps  
**District II** Gloria Soderbery  
**District III** Bobbi Enderlin and  
 Pamela Herrera  
**District IV** Sandy Frazer  
**District V** Ada Kornmeyer  
**District VI** Sylvia Crafton and  
 Judy Lee

## Nominees for Founder Region Fellowship

**District I** Gloria Brag  
**District II** Terry Comiskey and  
 Noreen Lowry  
**District III** Linda Bozorgnia  
**District IV** Linda Bradbrook  
**District V** Sarah Olson Turner  
 Denise Rivera  
**District VI** Sandra Simms

## Make your reservations at the San Ramon Marriott now! Rooms are filling up fast

 Reservations can be made by calling Marriott Worldwide Reservations (available 24 hours/day): (800) 228-9290 (Please refer to Soroptimist International Room Block at The San Ramon Marriott.)

 On-line reservations can be made by logging onto:  
[www.marriott.com/oaksr](http://www.marriott.com/oaksr),  
 select arrival and departure date,  
 type (**sorsora**) in the Group  
 Code box and click find.

## Programs



Member Lucy Barnett spoke about Hospice services in Sonoma County .



Author Mary Lynn Archibald described how she became an "Accidental Cowgirl"



Past President Corolann Cary spoke about activities of the local League of Women Voters



Soroptimist members honor Dora Finnemore for her many years of Service to the club during our Saturday of Service at Brighton Gardens

## Saturday of Service



There was plenty of cake for the Assisted Living residents of Brighton Gardens



With Dorothy's help, members Lucy, Carolyn and Erin load the cart with drinks and ice cream



Members Carolyn and Erin help Phyllis setup her music and guitar stand by the door



Phyllis and residents sing several songs while members bring in the food & drinks

## Veterans' War Memorial Monument

The City of Santa Rosa is honoring Sonoma County Veterans who were killed-in-action with a Monument inscribed with their names to be placed in City Hall. The Community Foundation of Santa Rosa is trying to raise more funds so this Monument, giving recognition for the valuable contributions and sacrifices our veterans made for the success of the US war effort, can be dedicated on Memorial Day, 2008.

You may send your donations in honor of a relative or friend to: the SR Veterans' Memorial Monument Fund, c/o Community Foundation Sonoma County, 250 D St., Suite 205, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

## Soroptimist House Valentine Party!



Carolyn Aloia and President Elect Barbara join Case Mgr Kendra selecting from hot tasty dishes on that cold night



Members Carolyn Aloia, Sandy Frazer and June Hunter-Clarke enjoy brownies baked by one of the newest residents.

## President's Day Valentine Party!



Members busily decorating the meeting room at Coco's in red and white for the club party



President-elect Barbara offers a prize to the member who unscrambles the most President's names in 5 minutes



Kris won this beautifully wrapped Valentine box for unscrambling the most President's and member names



Kris wonders how did they fit all these prizes in one box?



But the real winners were the club members who learned so many interesting things about the personal life of President Lincoln from long time member Mary Priest, a native of the state of Illinois



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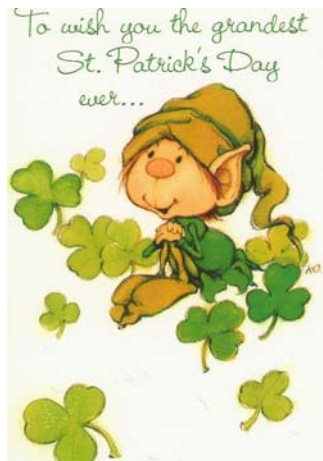
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Contact Carolyn Small at (707) 579-1259 or Kay Ritter, (707) 546-7707 or contact our new permanent phone & fax number (707) 545-6089 or by e-mail at kristinehuot@sbcglobal.net

*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*



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[www.sisantarosa.org](http://www.sisantarosa.org)

*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 May/June issue is April 25, 2008.**

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