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G I V E S U N S H I N E

September-October 2008

President's Message



Good Grief – is September truly here????? Yes, we have been given Sunshine and the lovely pistachio trees are already showing leaves of green yellow orange and red --a true hint that fall is upon us. Speaking of fall colors, Larry and I will be gone for a week on a fall colors cruise starting in New York and ending in Halifax.

A sad note for us all is that Lily Greer passed away last week 20 days after her 104th birthday. Lily was a strong contributing member of our club and so cared for us all. We are so honored to have known you. We miss you Lily and treasure the memories we have of working with you.

This fall will bring some interesting events: Monique Lessan will be hosting a screening of "Trade" (a movie about human trafficking) at her home in Sonoma on September 5th at 6:pm. Anyone interested in attending should call Monique.

Our Bunco party is scheduled for September 26th. Last time was such an enjoyable occasion, I encourage everyone to attend and bring your friends and spouses. Please call Carolyn Aloia for tickets.

November 4th we be our opportunity to see the 6th Street Playhouse production of "Always, Patsy Cline". 6th Street Playhouse has been performing some outstanding productions, and this should be one of them. Again, please call Carolyn Aloia for tickets.

I know we are all looking forward to a wonderful fall with Soroptimists. Please, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, just give me a call or e-mail. I want to make this a successful year and I need EACH of you to make it happen.

Your President,

Barbara Young

September PROGRAMS

- Sept 4th Business Meeting
- Sept 11th Scholarship program for Ethel Balbi Masters Award and Claire Saffell Music Award.
- Sept 18th Founder Region Fellowship presentation by District IV Fellowship Director, Jeannie Griffiths.
- Sept 25th **no meeting**

INSPIRATIONS

- Sept 4th Phyllis Rogers
- Sept 11th Lola Haran
- Sept 18th Carolyn Small

October PROGRAMS

- Oct 2nd Business Meeting
- Oct 9th Kristi Lucas-Hayden, Schultz Museum Volunteer Coordinator, will present activities update and volunteer opportunities.
- Oct 16th Ellen Daly will share how to Organize Your Home Office (De-cluttering tips)
- Oct 23rd or 30th **no meeting**

INSPIRATIONS

- Oct 2nd Malia Anderson
- Oct 9th and Oct 16th

Volunteers Welcomed

Please call Carolyn Aloia

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

September Birthdays

- 11th Patsy Daniels
- 27th Monique Lessan
- 28th Elaine Bacigalupi
- 29th Ann Marie Carmody

October Birthdays

- 15th Barbara Young
- 16th Helen Sager



◀ Upcoming Events ▶

September

- 13th Attend SI Healdsburg’s fundraiser—22nd Annual “Beer in the Plaza” from 3-7pm; \$20 admission
- 26th Join us Bunko Night in the Willow Room at the Finley Center. Fun starts at 6pm!
- 27th Volunteer to help the Earle Baum Center at their annual “American Music Festival” fundraiser

October

- Oct 3 Help staff a table and hand out Soroptimist Fire Safety coloring books at our Fire Safety Education Trailer on “Kids Day” Friday, at the Harvest Fair, Sonoma County Fairgrounds
- Oct 5 Attend the Soroptimist District IV Meeting in Gualala at their Community Center
- All of October Participate in our club’s Domestic Violence Prevention project and the District IV Breast Cancer Awareness project

Inspiration given August 7, 2008 by Gwen Hall

Our children are our only hope for the future,
but we are their only hope for their present and their future

When you put faith, hope and love together
you can raise positive kids in a negative world

Failure is an event, not a person.
Yesterday ended last night.

There are seldom, if ever, any hopeless situations,
but there are many people who lose hope
in the face of some situations.

You cannot solve a problem until you acknowledge
that you have one and accept responsibility for solving it

Character gets you out of bed; commitment moves you
to action. Faith, hope and discipline enable you
to follow through to completion

The door to a balanced success opens widest
on the hinges of hope and encouragement

— SAVE THE DATE —

- Nov 4 Fundraiser: 6th Street Playhouse production of “Always Patsy Kline”
- Nov 23 Fundraiser: Shop with store discounts and make money for our club at the “Evening of Giving” in Santa Rosa’s Coddington Mall.
- Feb-28, 2009 Fundraiser: “Night in Italy” spaghetti dinner and silent auction at the Scottish Rites Center

REMEMBERING LILY GREER

1904—2008

Lily Hansen Greer was a long-time music teacher who taught in the Los Angeles area before moving to Sonoma County in 1953 where she was active in our local Concert Association. She was the Music Consultant for the Sonoma County Office of Education for 17 years before retiring.

But we know Lily as a model Soroptimist who was always interested in sharing our Soroptimist history. She became a Soroptimist in 1943 before moving North and joining our Santa Rosa club.



Left: At the age of 103, Lily presented a program October 11, 2007, sharing with members how things have changed since she became a member. She also described her marvelous time in Europe at the Soroptimist International Convention in Rome in 1971, including travel after the

convention to the Vatican City, Florence, Bologna, La Scala, and on into Switzerland, Luxembourg, France, Brussels, Holland, and London, England. She kept a journal of the entire trip. One excerpt read: ***“After reception, tried to get taxis—How they drive in Rome—All small cars drive fast and never pay attention to rules—neither gives an inch—heart is in your throat”***

Lily always offered her home for meetings of the Scholarship Committee each year whether they were reviewing the Women’s Opportunity Award or our own club awards, and she actively participated in the selection process until this year.

New members who met Lily for the first time were always amazed at her quick wit, humor and candor.

Lily Hansen Greer will truly be missed by all.



Memorial Service
Tuesday, Sept 9,
10am Faith Lutheran
Church, Newanga
Avenue.

The family suggests donations to the Lily Greer Memorial Fund, Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2391, Santa Rosa 95405.



Aug 13th: Kris, Carolyn, Pam, Lola and President Barbara represented our club at the annual Circle of Honor event given under the Oaks at Santa Rosa JC to thank the patrons who offer student scholarships.



Aug 14th: Evelyn Cheatham shared with our club how her program ‘Worth Our Weight’ helps train young adults for Restaurant Service. Major restaurants from the Bay Area are always eager for her ‘graduates’. The public may sample the student’s cooking, presentation and service at 1021 Hahman Drive in Santa Rosa for Sunday Brunch from 9 am to 1 pm.



Aug 21st: Joseph Condiotti shared with club members how his community service project as a high school senior working with Project Safety Net has graduated into a passion as he now works with Project Home Aid for the Home Builders Association. HBA of Northern California makes housing a priority as they build temporary housing for families in Sonoma County.



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MISSION AND
CORE PURPOSE:**

**To improve the
lives of women
and girls, in local
communities and
throughout the
world.**

Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting?

Let us know!

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