



# Soroptimist of Corona

*Fall 2017*

## President's Message

by Denise Middleton



I cannot believe it has been nearly five months since Installation! So much has already happened – four inductions, Fall Meeting, amazing club engagement at our weekly meetings, committees starting to plan our Service Projects, and of course our 15th annual Chocolate Wine and Jazz. Sometimes I must pinch myself and be reminded about how lucky I am to be at the helm of this fabulous club.

Although we are fully immersed in club activities already (as the photos in this newsletter show), I'm kicking off my President's Message by refreshing your memory of the words that I shared with all of you in June:

The theme that I chose for this year is Mapping Our Path. When that idea first came to me, I just thought how perfectly it fit me. Every journey I embark on finds me with a map in hand. Whether it's travelling on the road or navigating a hotel resort I always have this need to know where I'm at, where I'm going, and how I'm going to get there. And path...well it seems I'm always on a path to somewhere.

As this theme simmered in my thoughts, I realized it means so much more than just maps and paths. We're all in different places in this club. Some are new members trying to get their bearings and see where they fit in. Some are retired with a wealth of life experiences to contribute. Others are overloaded at work and can just barely make it to meetings. That's all part of who we are, and that's how this idea of mapping our path got put down on paper. Each of us is on our own path; it may be straight or might have some curves and bumps. Each of these paths meet when we come together for our fundraiser and our service projects. Most importantly, all our paths are headed in the same direction of fulfilling our mission.

I have to thank all of you for nudging me along on this path of being President. The support we give each other is truly amazing. It inspires me to see how we all come together when it matters. It's because of this that I have full confidence in my ability to fulfill this task. My job is simply to keep all our paths moving in the same direction.

My goals for this year are simple. There are only 2. First, is that we continue to work towards our mission. We do this by committing fully to our fundraiser – and to all our programs. The second goal is the flip side of the first. Making sure that we are all 100% engaged in what we do. It's certainly not 100% of your time that I'm looking for, but it is 100% of your spirit. I don't just want us to be going through the motions. It's not a matter of how many new members join or having great retention. Sure those are great things, but it's much more important to me that all of us participate.

To accomplish these goals I'm going to bring back a bit of the past. Not too far back, just to the beginning of my Soroptimist path. Each year, there are things that the current president has done which is unique to her, and which has stood out to me. From my 1st year, when Cyndi was president, we had joy with us every step of the way. I want us to remember that we are here because we want to be. It's our choice, so we gladly participate. From Monica's year I loved the storytelling. Honestly, I hated the thought of it when she first introduced it, but storytelling came to be one of my favorite parts of meetings. What I want to hear this year is stories from our past presidents, so we can all share in the history of this great club. When Paola was president members bonded with each other outside of club events, and I want to continue that. Maria had a way of making us feel special, showering us with appreciation and getting high attendance numbers. And Michelle brought us back to our roots, keeping us focused on service. All of these are things I'd like to incorporate.

In closing, I thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as president. And let us remember, life is nothing short of an adventure – let's embrace the journey.

## Events at a Glance

**November 15, 2017:** Live Your Dream applications due

**December 13, 2017:** Holiday Luncheon @ Sylvia's home

**January 18, 2018:** STOP Trafficking/START Acting event

**February 14, 2018:** SI Corona 71st Birthday Party

**March 3, 2018:** 20th Annual Dreams & Decisions at the Circle City Center

**April 25, 2018:** Intermediate Awards Luncheon

**May 9, 2018:** High School Scholarship Awards Luncheon

**May 30, 2018:** Allocations Luncheon

**June 7-9, 2018:** GWR Spring Conference at Pala Casino

**June 15, 2018:** 2018-19 Board Installation

**July 30-Aug 2, 2018:** SIA Biennial Convention in Japan

## Fall Birthdays

16-Sep Monica L Green

1-Oct Crystal Hope  
18-Oct Tracy Mauser  
28-Oct Patricia Miller  
28-Oct Shawn Dredla  
14-Oct Shannon Valdespino

7-Nov Susie Pinedo  
15-Nov Rachel Rola  
19-Nov Denise Middleton

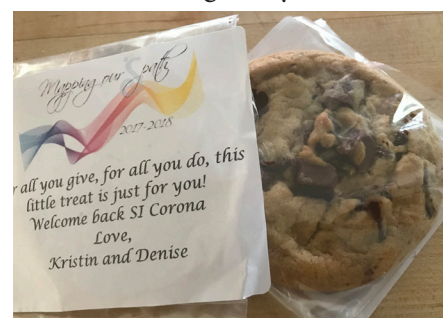
## Board Retreat



## Fall Meeting



Souvenir from our first meeting this year



## Inspire Event





Visit From  
Rene Myers

Big Brothers,  
Big Sisters



## Women's Leadership Training



## Chocolate, Wine & Jazz





## Light Up The Night - CAT



## Welcome New Members



Karen Clark

Grace Clark

Marie Corlin

Denise Gunnerson

Colleen Richardson

Ravinder Sehmi

# Dreams & Decisions - 2018

## Be a GIRL BOSS



Corona

### Dreams & Decisions

For 7th and 8th grade girls

Take control of yourself,  
your body, your education,  
and your path!

**Saturday, March 3, 2018 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

At Circle City Center • 365 N. Main St., Corona

Deadline February 28, 2018

Turn in form to your school counselor, fax to 951-737-6551 or Email [Chair@DreamsandDecisions.com](mailto:Chair@DreamsandDecisions.com)

*Reality is a product of your dreams, decisions and actions.* - Venus Williams

#### Guest speakers will present three sessions:

1. Overcoming struggles and being emotionally strong.
2. Taking care of and protecting your body.
3. Being safe in the social media world.

After each session, the topic will be discussed in small groups in an age-appropriate manner.

**Music**  
**Raffles**  
**Snacks & Lunch**  
**Fun Activities**



**This workshop is FREE!**

- Check in begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Pick up time 2:00 p.m.
- For more information contact Program Chair:
  - Olivia Guevara 909-455-4393
  - Email: [Chair@DreamsandDecisions.com](mailto:Chair@DreamsandDecisions.com)
  - [www.DreamsandDecisions.com](http://www.DreamsandDecisions.com)

**Parents: Please pick up your daughter(s) promptly by 2:00 p.m.**

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A Business Women's Service Organization  
[www.sicorona.org](http://www.sicorona.org) - [www.dreamsanddecisions.com](http://www.dreamsanddecisions.com)

☐ **YES!** I want to come to the Soroptimist Dreams & Decisions Workshop.

#### Student Information

Student \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent or Guardian Information

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Emergency Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my daughter to participate in the following topics: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO WAIVER** - I hereby authorize Soroptimist International of Corona to publish photo and/or video images from the Dreams & Decisions Workshop held on March 3, 2018, including the minor child or children named in this event permission slip. Publishing may include print, online or video promotional materials.

Signature (Required) X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian)

## Key Member - Business Highlight



**Seema M Lechner**  
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Phone 951 808-0954  
www.lechnerchiropractic.com



At Lechner Chiropractic you can expect a family atmosphere with a very enthusiastic, friendly and courteous staff. We care for all types of injuries such as work injuries, personal injuries (automobile accidents, slip and falls) and accept most insurance companies including Medi-care, Medi-cal and Kaiser. Lechner Chiropractic emphasizes the three phases of care: relief care, corrective care and wellness care.

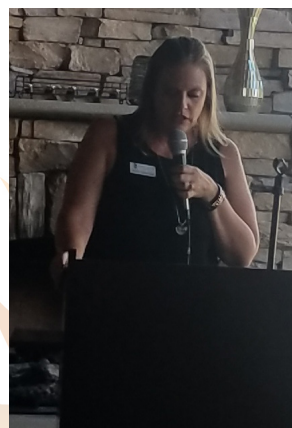
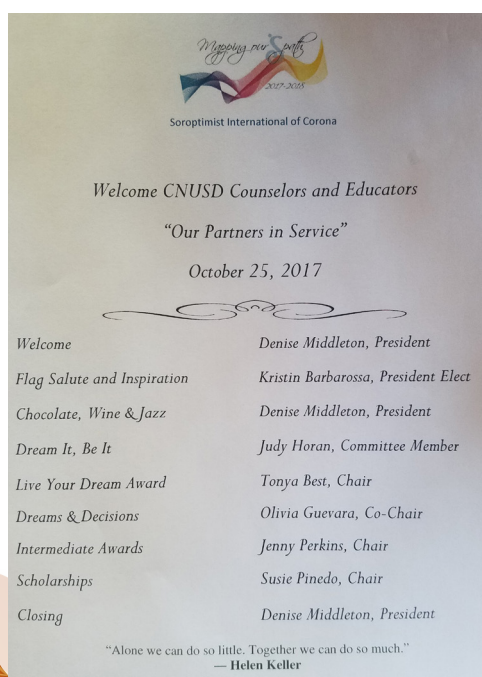
Relief care is the beginning of care to reduce swelling and pain. Once the pain is controlled, we begin corrective care to strengthen and stabilize the areas of the pain source. Wellness care is implemented to prevent the reoccurrence of your previous conditions and to correct new conditions before symptoms appear.

When you begin your care at Lechner Chiropractic, you will be given the appropriate paper work to fill out. You can print the necessary forms from our web site (Patient Forms) and bring them with you.

Dr. Lechner will begin with a thorough examination and will assess your areas of concern, as well as carefully considering your health history. Only after this initial examination will they offer a recommended course of treatment. Based on the analysis of your initial examination, your treatment could consist of chiropractic adjustments, therapies and rehabilitation.

There are many different aspects to proper Chiropractic Care. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

## Counselors Luncheon



## Monte Carlo Masquerade - Corona Chamber of Commerce



# Live Your Dream

**FREE AWARD**  
**\$3,000 - \$10,000**



SIA Recipient

*"I can't even begin to tell you what it has meant to me to receive this award... It was all about giving me breathing room. Soroptimist was the breath I needed." Maria Holly, SI Corona Live Your Dream winner 2016*

**ARE YOU READY  
TO RECEIVE A  
\$3,000 - \$10,000  
EDUCATION &  
TRAINING AWARD?  
APPLY FOR FREE  
TODAY!!!**

[sic.clubexpress.com](http://sic.clubexpress.com) (Live Your Dream Award)  
Application period July-November

## YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:

- You are a woman who is the primary financial support for your dependents (including children, spouse, siblings and/or parents)
- You demonstrate financial need
- You are enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program
- You are motivated to achieve your educational and career goals
- You reside in Corona, Norco, Eastvale
- You have not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award or Live Your Dream Award, are not a Soroptimist member, employee of Soroptimist, or immediate family of either.
- You do not have a graduate degree.
- You have a Social Security number or Tax ID number (for tax purposes only)

**For help on how to apply please contact:**  
**Soroptimist International of Corona**  
**LYD@soroptimistcorona.org**  
**(Subject Line: Eligible for LYD AWARD)**

\*Winner will obtain \$3,000 during a 3-year period from SI Corona. Winner may be eligible to receive additional awards up to \$10,000.



**LIVE YOUR  
dream**


## Stop Trafficking

# STOP

# START

## Acting

## Human Trafficking



**Join us to learn more about this devastating issue and how YOU can help.**

**Thursday, January 18th, 2018**  
**6:30 - 9:00 pm**  
 (light refreshments)  
 (12 and over with an adult)

**Place:**  
**MT. RUBIDOUX SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
 5320 Victoria, Riverside, CA 92506  
 (Near the intersection on Central and Victoria)

**\$10 donation at the door**

**Please RSVP:**  
 Michelle Volonte  
 michcv814@gmail.com

**Participants:**

- Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- Run2Rescue
- Inspire Life Skills
- Million Kids
- Operation Safehouse
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Inland Empire
- Riverside Area Rape Crisis
- Rabi's Homes

**Sponsors:**






Shawn, Gigi and their committee are meeting regularly to finalize the details for the event. They are still working on getting the participants commitments.

## Holiday Luncheon

**MAPPING OUR PATH TO THE HOLIDAYS**



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CORONA**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**2017 Holiday Luncheon**

December 13th - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

At Sylvia Fleming's Home  
 610 Jillian Ashley Way  
 Corona, CA 92881

RSVP by Wed. Dec. 6th 2017 to  
 Joyce Pavez  
 jpavez8030@hotmail.com  
 951-217-5749

## 2017-2018 Board Members

President:	Denise Middleton
President Elect:	Kristin Barbarossa
1st VP of Service:	Laura Janik
2nd VP of Ways and Means:	Beth Groves
Recording Secretary:	Olivia Guevara
Corresponding Secretary:	Marcy Decato
Treasurer:	Debbie Miller
Assistant Treasurer:	Seema Lechner
1st Year Director:	Joyce Pavez
2nd Year Director:	Michelle Volonte
Delegate:	Sherlett Hope-King
Delegate:	Morgan Miller-Chavez
Alt Delegate:	Jenny Perkins
Alt Delegate:	Gigi Mindreau-Banks

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