

Soroptimist of Corona

FALL 2013

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Oct 1- Happy Birthday Crystal Hope!

Oct 2- Afterglow at Denise Middleton's home @ 6pm

Oct 4-5- Fall Meeting in Big Bear

Oct 9- SIC Meeting 12pm at TAPS (YEMP presentation)

Oct 12- Inspire Dinner at Green River Golf Course @ 5pm

Oct 14- SIC Board Meeting at Lechner Conference Room @ 5:30pm

Oct 16- SIC Business Meeting ONLINE @ 12pm

Oct 18- Happy Birthday Tracy Mauser!

Oct 23- 12pm Counselors' Luncheon at TAPS

Oct 26- Chocolate, Wine, and Jazz at Trilogy @ 5pm

Oct 28- Happy Birthday Shawn Dredla and Pat Miller!

Oct 30- SIC Meeting at TAPS @ 12pm

Oct 30- Sylvia's Treasures Boutique 5pm

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President's Letter

by Monica Green

Wow! I cannot believe a month has already past. I want to cherish each and every moment as your club president. I am honored to be a Soroptimist; a member of such a wonderful service club ~ SI Corona ~ voted the BEST in the Golden West Region; and a Club that does so much to improve the lives of women and girls.

In reading the latest issue of Golden West Region "Membership Moments" by Doris Churry, our GWR membership leader, it shocked me to find out, according the SIA statistics, that over 50% of members leave Soroptimist due to the lack of civility among its membership. Doris goes on to ask, "What is your leadership/ membership style? Are you a problem solver or do you fan the flames?" That led me to ponder the principles and ethical standards that I live by that ultimately impacts my leadership style. This is what I discovered...

My ethical standards are defined by three distinct dimensions: who I am; my relationship with others; and how I behave. These three dimensions encapsulate the principles and standards I aspire to live by and how I go about the decision making process. These standards are also the foundation for the spoken and unspoken rules we have within our own

household and the ideals I hope to instill in my own children.

Ethical Standard #1 is respect for self and others.

While this standard sounds so simple, respect for self and others, it presents an abundance of possibilities in interpretation and application ~ which is always good when I reinforce this household rule with my children.



At our September 25 meeting, President Monica Green presented Cyndi Monroe with her Past President's Pin. Thank you for a wonderful year Cyndi!

Ethical Standard #2 is the golden rule ~ "treat others how you wish to be treated."

When applying the Golden Rule to decision making, I not only consider how this affects me but also how it affects others as well as the social order. Life is about the relationships we form and cultivate in this world. If I neglect

to treat others with respect and in ways I seek others to treat me, it serves to jeopardize the ability to create value for myself and contribute to the value of others.

Ethical Standard #3 there are consequences for my behavior.

This principle is not only about accepting the consequences of one's behavior but being responsible and accepting responsibility for one's own thoughts, feelings, and behavior. It serves as a level of predictability in how I approach decision making and think critically about situations. Before action, I imagine how the action and the consequences of the decision will affect the wellbeing of others. Clearly civility is complex and so are my rambling thoughts...

I am so very proud to be a Soroptimist International of Corona member ~ a highly civil, loving group of well-intentioned women ~ we are respectful, strategic, caring, courteous, complex, kind, fair, decent, concerned, selfless, sincere, compassionate women who are amazing problem solvers who can change the world one woman and girl at a time. Who wouldn't want to be us?

CALENDAR

Nov 6- Afterglow
location TBD @ 6pm

Nov 7- Happy Birthday
Susie Pinedo!

Nov 13- 12pm SIC
Holiday Auction at TAPS

Nov 15- Happy Birthday
Rachel Rola!

Nov 18- SIC Board Mtg
at Lechner Conference
Room @ 5:30pm

Nov 19- Happy Birthday
Denise Middleton!

Nov 20- SIC Business
Meeting ONLINE @ 12pm

Nov 27- No Meeting

Nov 28- Thanksgiving

Dec 1- VRA (Sherry Mata)
and WOA (Maria Hopkins)
applications due

Dec 4- Afterglow location
TBD @ 6pm

Dec 10- Human Rights Day
– SI President's Appeal

Dec 11- Holiday Party loca-
tion TBD and Happy Birth-
day Susan Glenn!

Dec 16- SIC Board Meeting
at Lechner Conference
Room @ 5:30pm

Dec 18- SIC Business
Meeting ONLINE @ 12pm

Dec 25—Christmas

In Loving Memory of Mary Arloene Watts

August 14, 1922 – August 5, 2013



Arloene Watts left Carson, Oregon in a wagon when she was one year old. Her father, Frank Boerner, was taking his new wife and baby back to his family homestead in Minnesota to care for his recently crippled father, a quadriplegic. Times were terribly tough on the farm during those early years and during the Depression. Arloene suffered from rickets, a disease caused by poor nutrition.

When Arloene was the only student entering the second grade in her area, the school district paid for her room and board in town. She boarded with different strangers just about every year until she entered West Central High School, a public boarding high school from which she graduated as valedictorian. While she was at West Central she contracted scarlet fever during an epidemic and was quarantined at the school.

Despite the hard environ-

ment, including no running water or electricity on the farm, she and her two brothers were loved and adored by their parents, and they knew it. She had a very happy and loving childhood. She came to California when her uncle invited her to come live with him and attend free junior college with his son.

World War II broke out and she quit college, moved to Hollywood, roomed with two other girls in a Murphy bed studio apartment, and went to work as an executive secretary to the president of an airplane glider manufacturer.

While at college she had met a sailor on leave who corresponded with her for over a year, at which time he was finally stationed in San Diego. They reunited and on the fifth weekend Ed and Arloene were married. They had not yet met each other's families.

She and Ed took their growing family (she became preg-

nant on their honeymoon) to Hutchinson, Kansas for three years. They then returned to Lincoln, California (Ed's hometown) for four years and on to Burbank for three years. They finally settled in Corona in 1957.

Arloene was a Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, Dance Instructor, PTA Membership Chair, Business Owner, Planning Commissioner, President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of Soroptimist International of Corona, President of Woman's Improvement Club, Director of the United Way, and Woman of the Year of a number of organizations. She truly lived a full, productive and wonderful life.

Soroptimist Live Your Dream Art Contest.

Live Your Dream Art Contest invites both girls and boys between the ages of 4-18 to express their artistic and creative side through drawings or paintings.

The drawings or paintings should portray a woman who has inspired him or her. This woman can be from history, or even a fictional character.

What a fun way for children to celebrate the accomplishments of women around the world. Entries must be received no

later than Dec 31.

For rules and information go to <http://www.liveyourdream.org/artcontest/artcontest.html>

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Human Trafficking by Shawn Dredla

I am so excited to be starting out the new Soroptimists year with some clear direction from President Monica. As part of her SI-Corona goals for 2013/2014, she would like us to develop a structural plan for human trafficking. This plan will include: action, awareness, and advocacy.

The program chairs are members, Shawn Dredla, Joyce Pavez, and Kim Taylor. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the last meeting and two members are interested in joining this committee. I know that there

will be more signing up as we have the opportunity to plan and implement a brand new program. Joyce and Kim have already proven that raising awareness and advocating against issues like domestic violence can lead into some awesome resources in the community like Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV). Soroptimist International of Corona can be a leader once again in this very pressing issue. Won't you join us?



Women's Opportunity Award

SIA has given all clubs an ambitious task this year for the WOA winner.

The vision this year is to go beyond the cash award with a mission to increase the recipient's standard of living within 3 years of receiving the award.

The goal for SI Corona is to identify external strategies using our resources within our community that will support the recipient over the next three years. We know that

the task ahead of us is challenging and has never been accomplished. However, as a club that is always up for a great challenge, we will achieve the goal, because we are "Soroptimist Rising."

For applications and forms, please go to our website siorona.org. If there are ideas regarding support of WOA winner and you would like to share and assist, please contact Maria Hopkins at 951-264-7525.



Chocolate, Wine & Jazz

It's almost that time again! Get ready for another great night of food, wine, friends, and music. Let people know they can buy their tickets from YOU or online at siorona.org. Share the date on Facebook, Twitter, email, word of mouth, however you can to get the word out! See you at Trilogy on October 26th!



INTRODUCING THE NEW SI PRESIDENT

At an inaugural dinner at Newnham College, Cambridge (UK) following the Soroptimist International Board meeting, Ann Garvie succeeded Alice Wells as President of Soroptimist International for the 2013-2015 biennium. We thank Alice Wells for her tireless work as President for the 2011-2013 biennium and her outstanding leadership to improve issues for women and girls worldwide

Ann Garvie has been a Soroptimist since 1979 and is a member of SI Glasgow City in Scotland, UK. After serving as Club President and Regional President, she went on to hold many roles at Federation level, including Federation International Project Liaison for the Limbs for Life project (1999



Immediate Past-President Alice Wells and President Ann Garvie

-2003) and SIGBI President (2003-2004). From 2005-2007 she was the Soroptimist International Chair of Finance.

Ann describes her objective for 2013-14 as to "seize the day in order to secure the future".

"My vision is to lead an effective, dynamic and globally recognised organisation which empowers every member, so that more people know and value our ability to influence the policies and plans of those in government who shape our lives."

In her professional life, Ann is Director of a property management and building company. She is a committee member of the Women of Scotland Charity Luncheon and the Marie Curie Hospice Big Build Appeal and her interests include gardening, curling, cooking and swimming.

GOLDEN WEST REGION SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS DISTRICT 1



Apple Valley, Baldy View, Barstow Area, Big Bear Valley, Chino Hills/Inland Empire, Chino Valley, Corona, Foothills, Montclair/Inland Valley, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Rim of the World, Riverside, San Bernardino, Silver Lakes/Helendale, Victor Valley

Linda Nixon, Governor
SI San Jacinto – Hemet Valley



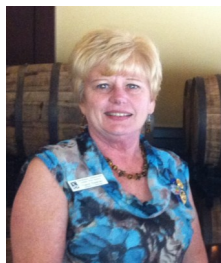
Carol Duncan, District 1 Director
SI the Chino Valley

Member Spotlights

Carol Duncan -

GWR District 1 Director

Carol was born in Whittier and grew up in La Habra. She is the 2nd oldest of 10 kids so she is extremely patient and practiced at ignoring distractions. One of her Interior Design clients invited her to attend a Soroptimist meeting many years ago and "to please the client" she went. Within a year she was a member. She has been married for 40 years and has 2 children.



Paola Ringer - SI Corona President-Elect

Paola was born in Peru of Peruvian and Chinese descent. Her parents were very unreliable, so her Chinese grandmother raised her, providing a stable environment and upbringing, until she was 10. At that time she moved to the United States with her mother. They returned to Peru when Paola was a teenager and her mother left the family and her father disappeared from her life for the next 40 years. Paola and her sister took charge of their younger siblings and raised them. At 18, Paola moved back to California, a place she calls her land of opportunity. With her determined spirit, she worked hard, became a successful business woman, and raised an intelligent, intellectual son who is ready to transfer into UCI. She joined Soroptimist in May of 2006. When told that the club would review her application and discuss offering her membership, Paola responded with "You will. I am a very likable woman." She considers herself an eternal student and growing leader. She feels nourished by her Soroptimist family and blessed to be surrounded by such intelligent, empowered women.



Soar Optimist

Speaker at our Sept 11 meeting, Marshall wrote this poem specifically for our club, based on his knowledge/interpretation of what we do, our purpose.

"i cant do it."

she woke up this morning,
staring into a perfect mirror

but when your vision
is cracked in shattered glass

the sight of someone whose had
rocks
thrown at the windows to her
soul

all you can see
are the pieces

a broken self image
with a cackling mantra

"i cant do it"

she stands
at the foot of a mountain

debt an impossible megalith

towering over her ambition

casting a shadow
for her dreams to cower in

a mountain
with a menace

a knowing stare
fixed in the cocky assuredness

not that she would fail
but that she wouldn't even try

"i cant do it"

she sees stars
circle blue black

around her eyes

because real love
has swift knuckles

and a hair trigger temper
with no patience

for her aspiration

these years

still haven't convinced her
that the best way

to dodge his fist

is past the pane
of her front door

"i cant do it."

a mind
is fertile ground for belief

and without a steel trap
of iron clad will

we will trap
a belief that can steal

everything from beneath
our feet

"i cant do it."

it repeats

"i cant do it."

clouding every inch
of our faith

"i cant do it."

louder still
and on it goes

"i cant do it!"

until it becomes

a wall of screams
and cursed echoes

"i cant do it!"

"i cant do it!"

"i cant do it!"

"I CANT DO IT!"

so why are we here?

because she is

today
she is here

yesterday
she was here

tomorrow
she will be here

she is here
and she believes

that she cant

and sometimes
no matter how beautiful you are
you never see it

until someone shows you

we are here

because we believe
something different

and not just different
something greater

something more magnificent
than all the magnolias

in the field of a dream

we believe in
her Optimus

we are convinced
in the ultimate realization

of her best

convinced

that she is not

her limit

her image

her debts

or

the little the world
may think she is

because this is a sisterhood
of pillars
and pride

and power

a sisterhood
of believers

in the full breadth
of ones potential

and will not settle
for less

than the greatness
of her greatness

her Optimus

no matter
what walk of life

she walks in here from

we believe in her Optimus

no matter
from where her family tree

has grown from its roots

we believe in her Optimus

no matter
where fear
pain
loss
regret
shame
neglect
have tossed her to and fro

we believe in her Optimus

we will fight for her Optimus

shes every right to her Optimus

so we invite to SoroOptimist

and plant new seeds
like Sower Optimist

cuz even through the growing
pain
of a sore Optimist

we breaks soil
towards clouds

that can Soar Optimist

because today
we don't crawl before we walk

we stand before we fly

and today

is for every woman who believes
she cant
to find courage
heart and faith

to find someone to with their
story

their story
their triumph....

to say

"i've been there.

i did it
i still do it

would do it again if I had to

and not only will i show you

that what you think can not do
is an inner strengths pull away

to something you will

tomorrow
when someone just like you

walks in with a broken spirit
an impossible mountain

and a fear to climb

you will recognize in her eyes

the will to hope
drowned out by the hopelessness

in I cant

you will grab her hand
squeeze it tight

and say yes

yes, you can....

you can."

-Marshall Davis Jones



Women's Leadership Luncheon

President Monica Green spoke at the Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce's monthly Women's Leadership Luncheon on October 2nd, informing attendees that it's never too late to learn. Supporting her at the luncheon were fellow Soroptimists Karen Spiegel, Beth Groves, Susie Pinedo, Seema Lechner, Paola Ringer, Leeza Villagomez, and Cyndi Monroe (not pictured). To the surprise of no one, Monica

did a wonderful job representing our club! The monthly luncheons are planned specifically around our Soroptimist meeting schedule, encouraging members to attend. Coordinated by our own Karen Spiegel, they are held during lunch on the 1st Wednesday of every month when we have our Afterglows. Take the opportunity to attend one soon!



Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake Courtesy of The Foley House Inn, Savannah

Ingredients:

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 eggs
 1 (9 inch) graham cracker crust
 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 pinch ground cloves
 1 pinch ground nutmeg
 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and spread into bottom of crust; set aside.

Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.

Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set.



Allow to cool, then refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight.

Cover with whipped topping before serving.

Fall Meeting - Big Bear

Our District Fall Conference was held in scenic and sunny Big Bear Lake. What a great turnout we experienced again this year! The traditional President's Roundtable took place early Friday and gave President-Elects and current Presidents a chance to share their successes in ways that will benefit our membership and fundraising programs.

Between wine tasting, German dining, and polka dancing our evening was full of fun and laughter. It gave our club another opportunity to make lasting memories.

It seems we are in for a Soroptimist Wave of Change in 2013-2014. We are adding to

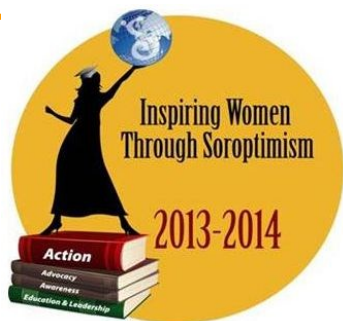
our Vision and Mission. Also, our VRA Program will be performed more at a local level while our Program Focus Awards will be discontinued. Finally, our GWR Saturday day of Service will be redesigned to be aligned and focused more to our Mission. While some of these changes may seem daunting, there are legitimate reasons behind them. These reasons will be explored in more detail throughout our year making the transition clear and easier to adjust.

Fundamentally, our club is strong and is already performing at its peak. Therefore, some of the changes will not be as impactful as we are flowingly improving the lives of



women and girls through programs which are already leading to social and economic empowerment.

Learning while playing with a purpose is one of the things our Club does best!



2013-2014 SIC Board Members

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Cyndi Monroe

Seema Lechner

Marcy Decato

Leeza Villagomez

Kristin Barbarosa

Shawn Dredla

GREETINGS FROM SYLVIA'S TREASURES

Please join us as we get together with friends and family to raise money for our next project.

All profits from this sale will benefit the Rochlin brothers, two boys ages 14 & 18 struggling with the loss of their father. Two families have taken them in but they are in need of financial support. Your shopping night will help with that need. Once again we would not be able to do these things without your support so please mark your calendar and save the date we miss you when you are not here! Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 5:00 PM This a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Call Sylvia to RSVP.
Sylvia Fleming 371 6305

Please spread the word!!!!

2013 Committee Chairs

By Denise Middleton

Committee Chairs are in place and Committees are filled. It's going to be another great year of service for all of us! To kick it off we are inviting representatives from the local junior high and high schools to join us for lunch on October 23rd. That's our chance to explain to them what we do and coordinate our efforts with the schools.

Here's the Committee lineup:



Dreams and Decisions - mark your calendar for March 15th, 2014

Leeza (lead)
Kristin (lead)

Shelly
Sherry
Joyce
Crystal
Sylvia
Irena
Sherlett
Debra Murphy
Morgan

Scholarships

Neena (lead)
Judy (lead)
Amy
Sylvia
Sherlett
Debra Murphy
Jackie

Live your Dream

Sherlette

WOS

Cyndi (lead)
Paola (lead)
Leeza
Beth
Michelle
Seema
Shawn

WOA

Maria (lead)
Monica
Michelle

VRA

Sherry
Linda