



# Soroptimist of Corona

FALL 2015

NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### October

- 1: Playful Outing: 7pm at Memphis Blues
- 7: Afterglow 6pm at Denise's
- 14: noon meeting at Taps
- 17: Heros vs Villians
- 18: CWJ Basket Making at Seema's
- 19: 5:30pm Board Meeting at Lechner office
- 21: noon Online business meeting
- 23/24: Fall Meeting Rancho Cucamonga
- 24: CWJ 3-9 all members
- 28: noon meeting Taps (Fall Auction)

### November

- 4: 6pm Afterglow
- 11: noon meeting at Taps (CWJ Debrief)
- 15: LYD Applications due
- 16: 5:30pm Board Meeting at Lechner office
- 18: Noon Online business meeting

### December

- 2: 6pm Afterglow Laura's (SIA Fundraiser)
- 9: noon Holiday Party
- 14: 5:30pm Board Meeting at Lechner office
- 16: Noon Taps Face to Face business meeting

## President's Letter

by Dr. Maria Hopkins



Becoming President of SI Corona has defined my passion for a purposeful life. I am honored to be in the league with Great women. I humbly stand on the shoulders of giants that have preceded me. The past presidents left giant footprints that I could only hope to measure-up. I'm extremely humble to serve as SI Corona's President for 2015-2016. With endless love, I give my time as president to empower women and girls in our local community with essential keys to live, learn and laugh.

SI Corona's New Year began with a great start. We have had a few Great memorable events: Beautiful Installation, grand opening meeting, lovely afterglow, and counselors' lunch with twenty-five plus attending each event. My purpose as we move through the year is to ensure another Great year. We must begin with branding Soroptimist alignment of our vision and mission, with Soroptimist International of America (SIA) and total membership involvement, with a belief in Greatness.

### Vision and Mission

We must begin and maintain consistency with a simple and passionate vision that is aligned with SIA, to empower women and girls in our local community with essential keys that will support their maximum potential. Soroptimist supports the core

value of gender equality empowerment, education and diversity. Collectively we impact the lives of women and girls making a difference that matters to women. The vision combined with SIA's mission to improve the lives of women and girls through programs that lead to social and economic empowerment, support what we do best for women and girls. As club, we are united with a mission to Greatness.

### Member Involvement

Over the past year SI Corona has grown in membership. We are a Great club with Great members. Collectively, we create something bigger than the individual. To carry out our vision and mission to support the empowerment of women and girls with several programs, it is important that every member is involved in some significant way. With all hands involved we create a Great outcome, supporting dreams. We must continue to grow and get beyond the expectations of others. For those members not involved and desiring to step up and take on a challenge, there are many committees with opened opportunities that need commitment.

### Essential Keys

Keys were chosen as the logo for this year because keys represent many things. They are quite significant, powerful in unlocking the smallest lock to unlocking

doors that shut us out or doors that open and provide access to success and happiness. Keys are useful in unlocking personal blocks that allow us to reach our maximum potential. They become learning tools that we use to solve adverse situations in life. For women and girls in our local community we must provide essential keys to learn via their educational rights, to live and reach their maximum potential and laugh in spite of the challenges of day to day issues. Above all they must feel empowered by creating smart goals, achieving their dreams, and supporting their families.

### Belief in Greatness

As a trailblazer and one of the leading clubs, we are moving with a mission and purpose to make a difference and support dreams. Achieving our mission requires a strong belief in greatness. Each member must become proactive and get involved in all services and programs. As a club, we must claim our own individual greatness. Only if we believe it can we achieve it. Finally, I close with a quote "Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr"

Sincerely, Dr. Maria Hopkins

## “All White Installation Night”

By Paola Ringer

As we all know by now, Maria's favorite color is...white. It was put to good use the evening of June 12th 2015 as we installed our newest Soroptimist International of Corona President... the fabulous Dr. Hopkins.

The joyous occasion included a feast of a dinner at the elegant Citrus Grill Restaurant while listening to lovely musical entertainment. In attendance were most of our loyal members and special guests such as Past Region Director, along with Past and Present Governors of our Region. The mood and ambience was light and full of enthusiasm when Dr. Hopkins projected and presented what is to be another stupendous year for our Corona Club. After all, our great Dr. has the Keys to Success!



## NEW Signage for CWJ

We have a wonderful new banner from Alegria that is now hanging on the Dacon Systems building, which is Dana Daniels and her husband Mark's company. They are located at 1891 Delilah St, between Sampson and the 91. It's a perfect location to market our event, as people can see the banner from the freeway. Dana and Mark built a banner frame on the side of their building to publicize CAT events, so now we are also receiving the



benefit. The banner is actually 6 feet tall and 14 feet long. We are so very thankful of such generosity!!

# 4th of July Parade

by Shawn Dredla

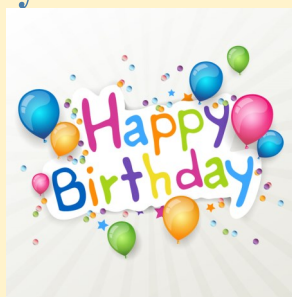
SI-Corona participated once again in the Corona Main Street 4th of July parade. We decorated our float with all kinds of red, white, and blue decorations. We handed out 500 goodie bags with information about Soroptimist and our events and service projects.

We are definitely not the best kept secret anymore!



## A Very Happy Birthday to all of our Fall Birthday Girls:

JoDee Slyter	Sept 10
Sherry Mata	Sept 14
Monica Green	Sept 16
Crystal Hope	Oct 1
Christy Parker	Oct 7
April Moore	Oct 16



Tracy Mauser	Oct 18
Shawn Dredla	Oct 28
Pat Miller	Oct 28
Susie Pinedo	Nov 7
Rachel Rola	Nov 15
Denise Middleton	Nov 19

## Auction Basket Donations Sought

by Dana Daniels

Please help to make our October 24th Chocolate, Wine & Jazz a big success by imploring your friends, family, and favorite businesses you frequent to donate towards an auction basket. You'll find an auction donation form on Club Express in the documents section.

## Helpful Website

<https://ucpi.sco.ca.gov/UCP/Default.aspx>

This government website is to locate unclaimed property that is possibly sitting in your name and you don't even know that you have it available to you. My sister found \$85 on a repayment of an in-

Shared by Debbie Dematteis-Miller

surance policy some 16 years ago for me. Almost everyone in our family had something in our name from \$10 to \$350.

Worth checking it out and telling friends and family!

# My future: Dream It. Believe It. Achieve It. By Beth Groves

On Saturday, September 26, Norco College became a “place of possibility” as the location for SI Corona’s first workshop for high school girls called “My future: Dream It. Believe It. Achieve It.” Fifty-seven high school girls took part in a day focused on careers and creating personal career, education and life goals. This was a true partnership project between SI Corona, Norco College and The Corona-Norco Unified school district. We also had faculty members from California Baptist University’s Division of Online and Professional Studies volunteer their time and talents to teach our break out session curriculum.

The day began with the girls completing an online pre-event survey. Each girl received a portfolio with the event logo on the front, a notebook and pen. Then they attended an opening session where they were introduced to the plan for the day and were inspired by two women who shared their life stories. Evita Tapia, Communications Manager for the Corona Norco Unified School District, shared her story and focused on the theme of girls being “unstoppable”. Dr. Monica Green, Vice President of Student Services for Norco College, shared her story and emphasized the importance of sharing our stories of struggles and successes with other women in our lives...and finding mentors.

This was followed by two breakout sessions. The first was focused on exploring careers through self-assessment of interests and values. The second fo-



cused on creating achievable goals and overcoming obstacles to success.

Lunch dialogues provided the opportunity for small group interaction—approximately five girls interacted with each other and a volunteer facilitator as they engaged in fun activities to get to know more about themselves and each other. These activities also served to solidify concepts from the morning’s sessions.

Several opportunities were created for the girls to learn about college resources. A speaker from the Princeton Review spoke of financial assistance programs as well as preparing for college entrance testing. A speaker from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) inspired the girls with stories of success of young people who beat the odds and achieved their educational goals. He provided information on the college admissions processes. Resource people were also on hand from California Baptist University, Norco College, CSUSB and the Navy to provide information and answer any individual questions.

The closing session focused on the importance of mentorship and introduced the girls to the mentoring blog designed to stay connected with them over the coming year. The blog can be viewed at [sicdibi.org](http://sicdibi.org). The girls were also asked to complete an online post-event survey before the day concluded.

This successful and inspiring first effort was spearheaded by a 12 person committee of SI Corona members, chaired by Beth Groves. The committee began its planning efforts in March. Six additional SI Corona Members volunteered the day of the event, and currently, ten Club members are serving as mentors in the mentoring blog.

## Chocolate, Wine and Jazz Update

by Debbie Dematteis-Miller

The event is October 24th, before we know it will be upon us. We are working to complete our sponsorships with our goal of \$30,000. We currently are at \$19,500. Your continued assistance is appreciated.

The collection of baskets is growing! We have some new and interesting donations from the membership and supporters. We ask that you find donations as you are out and about in the community, donations of completed baskets or items so that Dana and her team can organize a basket are appreciated. Please bring your donations to club each week. I believe that they are planning a basket assembly on Sunday, October 18.

Our entertainment will be very special this year, that wonderful BIG Band music will fill the venue!

We are still in need of restaurants to donate desserts of the chocolate variety. Rachel and her staff will assist you with the paperwork.

Shawn has a wonderful selection of wineries, breweries and even a whiskey tasting to present to our patrons.

With all of us working together towards the end goal for our annual fundraiser, we will accomplish our ultimate fundraising goal for the year.

As a bonus, with most of the Golden West Region Board members attending our District 1 Fall Meeting, many of them will be joining us for Chocolate, Wine and Jazz. Governor Sandi and Treasurer Lori have already purchased tickets!

No added pressure! We always present the best to our community!

## Tribute to TAPS Tilapia

by Michelle Volonte

Serving for 4. Takes no time at all, so prepare your side dishes beforehand. I don't measure anything out when I cook, so my measurements are guesses. Add more if the sauce looks a bit sparse. I like a lot of sauce to put on quinoa or rice.

### Ingredients:

- 4 tilapia fillets
- ½ cup of chardonnay  
(pour yourself a little glass while you're at it)
- ¼ cup of heavy whipping cream
- 1 lemon
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1 tbsp butter

### Directions:

Season tilapia fillets with salt and pepper. Melt butter in large sauce pan. Add fillets to pan. If they don't all fit, cook in batches. Squeeze a lemon over the top of each fillet. When the fillets appear white on the underside, test if you can lift them easily with a spatula. If they come right up, turn them over. If they stick to the pan, let them cook a little longer. After flipping the fillets, add the chardonnay, the garlic, and the cream. Squeeze the juice of half a lemon into the sauce and stir. If you are cooking the fillets in batches, add them all back into the pan at this point. When the sauce boils, remove from heat and serve.



# Historian's Coroner

By Paula Montanez

## Soroptimist International of Corona—Installation of Officers June 1949

*This photo was recently returned to us by Soroptimist International of Tunbridge Wells (just outside of London), one of our Friendship Link clubs since our earliest beginnings! Past President Cyndi Monroe visited there this summer, and received a few photos we have exchanged with them over the years.*

Soroptimist International of Corona was chartered in February, 1947, so this installation was the beginning of our third year as a club. Our sponsoring club was SI Huntington Park, which no longer exists. From the curtains and the baby grand piano on the stage, it is clear that this photo was taken at the Woman's Improvement Club on South Main Street, where our club's original chartering event was held. Several of the board members pictured were Charter Members of SI Corona, including Emma Keller, Grace Garton, Allie Belle Morrell and Ruth Bethurum.



Pictured left to right:  
Genevieve Dart, Parliamentarian; Emma Keller, Director; Louise Gunsolus, Director; Eulalia Jenks, Corresponding Secretary; Billie Brown, Recording Secretary; Grace Garton, Treasurer; Allie Belle Morrell, Vice President; Ruth Bethurum, President; Beatrice Johnson, Installing Office from Huntington Park Club.

# 2014-2015 Committee Chairs and Members

## CHOCOLATE, WINE & JAZZ

**Debbie Miller, Chairperson**

COMMITTEE:

Dana Daniels  
Jackie Figueroa  
Linda Holmes  
Laura Janik  
Amy Ladika

## DREAMS & DECISIONS

**Kristen Barbarossa**

**Morgan Miller**

**Co-Chairpersons**

COMMITTEE:

Dana Daniels  
Jackie Figueroa  
Sherlett Hope-King  
Sherry Mata

## LIVE YOUR DREAM

**Chairperson, TBA**

COMMITTEE:

Jackie Figueroa  
Neena Garg  
Sherlett Hope-King  
Valerie Jacobs  
Denise Middleton

## DREAM IT, BE IT

**Beth Groves, Chairperson**

COMMITTEE:

Neena Garg  
Dr. Monica Green  
Linda Holmes  
Sherlett Hope-King  
Dr. Maria Hopkins  
Judy Horan  
Amy Ladika  
April Moore  
Susie Pinedo

## WOMEN OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Cyndi Monroe, Chairperson**

COMMITTEE:

Dana Daniels  
Jackie Figueroa  
Valerie Jacobs  
Amy Ladika  
Seema Lechner

## SCHOLARSHIP

**Jodee Slyter, Chairperson**

COMMITTEE:

Neena Garg  
Dr. Monica Green  
Linda Holmes  
Amy Ladika  
Sherry Mata  
Denise Middleton

# 2015-2016 Board Members

**President**.....Dr. Maria Hopkins

**President Elect**.....Michelle Volonte

**1<sup>st</sup> VP of Service**.....Jackie Figueroa

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Ways and Means**.....Shawn Dredla

**Treasurer**.....Debbie Miller

**Assistant Treasurer**.....Denise Middleton

**Corresponding Secretary**.....Laura Janik

**Recording Secretary**.....Sherlett Hope-King

**1<sup>st</sup> year Director**.....Paola Ringer

**2<sup>nd</sup> year Director**.....Dr. Monica Green

**Delegates**.....Seema Lechner & Beth Groves

**Alternate Delegates**.....Dana Daniels & Cyndi Monroe



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Club is part of Sorooptimist Inter-  
national of the Americas, a  
global organization that works to  
improve the lives of women and  
girls through programs leading  
to social and economic  
empowerment.*