



S.I. Corona 2016-2017

# Soroptimist of Corona

Fall 2016

## President's Message

by Michelle Volonte

Welcome back to another great year of service Soroptimists! Once again we have a full calendar of service projects, our fundraiser, and meetings. As we plan our events this year, we will be looking for ways to improve and update them. We will also be having committee meetings during our regular lunch meetings to take advantage of the outstanding attendance we have been having.

Our Fall schedule was kicked off with the annual Counselor's Luncheon where all 10 high schools were in attendance, as well as representatives from 7 of the intermediates. A HUGE thank you to Kristin Barbarossa for putting together an informative and productive program. At the luncheon, we informed the counselors and school officials of our upcoming projects, but we also took the opportunity to get some feedback from them. We asked them to suggest items that we could 'auction' off at Chocolate, Wine, and Jazz. We are looking into holding special live auctions of items that will be gifted to some of the students we support throughout the year. Festival guests will have the opportunity to purchase specific items for students that they couldn't otherwise afford to buy themselves.

Up next will be our 2nd Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It workshop for high school girls. Our event last year was very successful, but there are some things we are going to modify. We will be offering a separate session for girls that attended last year. This will be an opportunity to explore in more detail some of the concepts we introduced last year.

In October, we have the 14th annual Chocolate, Wine, and Jazz Festival. We have a new band this year, the David Paul band, who will be playing a combination of jazz favorites along with more popular dance music. We are returning to our roots with our food offerings: we are enlisting local restaurants to provide savory and sweet samples, as well as wineries, breweries, and a distillery to provide tastings. New this year will be a Cigar Lounge, where cigars will be hand-rolled for patrons. We will also be highlighting our service projects throughout the Festival with banners, photos, and special guests from the school district.

We are also actively looking for applicants for our Live Your Dream: Educational and Training Award. We will be seeking out new ways to get the applications into the hands of the women we can most help. We will also be providing assistance completing the applications for those women that need it. Applications will be accepted until December 1.

There are endless opportunities for service with our various projects and fundraiser. Please speak with our Chairs about how your specific skills can help to improve our projects this year. Together we can achieve amazing things for the women and girls in our community.



## CALENDAR

### October 22

Chocolate, Wine and Jazz  
Festival at Corona Civic  
Center

### November 15

Live Your Dream  
Application deadline

### Fall Birthdays

10-Sep	JoDee R Slyter
16-Sep	Monica L Green
1-Oct	Crystal Hope
16-Oct	April M Moore
18-Oct	Tracy Mauser
28-Oct	Patricia Miller
28-Oct	Shawn Dredla
7-Nov	Susie Pinedo
15-Nov	Rachel Rola
19-Nov	Denise Middleton



# SIA Convention

by Michelle Volonte

In July, Maria Hopkins, Shawn Dredla, Denise Middleton, and Michelle Volonte traveled to Orlando to attend the Biennial SIA Convention to represent our club. They gathered with hundreds of other Soroptimists from the Americas and Asia for sharing, learning, and fun. A few highlights of the 4-day event:

## Our Big Goal

In 2021, Soroptimist will celebrate its 100th birthday. In anticipation of that momentous event, SIA endeavored this year to define our next big goal. They hoped to establish a goal that would provide focus and direction to clubs, as well inspire, engage, and unify members. Clubs were surveyed and 48% of Federation clubs responded. The overwhelming choice of most respondents was: Invest in the dreams of one million women and girls through access to education by 2031. This goal aligns perfectly with our club mission and existing service projects. The Big Goal helps us to focus our message to the community and better convey to others what we are about and what we represent.

## Our Dream Programs

Federation leadership emphasized the tremendous value of our collective impact, stating that we are stronger than we are apart. In the context of Soroptimist, this rings especially true when you look at our Federation projects, Live Your Dream and Dream It, Be It, the Dream Programs. As individual clubs we empower and encourage a few women and girls in our own communities, but if you take a step back and look at it from a Federation level, we are collectively affecting thousands of women every year. The Dream Programs align with our Big Goal and further assist clubs to focus their service efforts. Federation leaders asked clubs to evaluate their existing service projects and look at how they can bring all of those projects under the umbrella of the two programs. For example, Human Trafficking Awareness on its own does not fall under either Dream Program, but with some thought our awareness efforts can be tailored to aid us with our Live Your Dream project.

## Breakout sessions

Saturday of the convention was spent in breakout sessions and workshops. Denise and Michelle each sat as a panelist in the Dream It, Be It panel discussion workshop. At this workshop, members from three clubs explained how they implemented the Dream It, Be It criteria. One club used the curriculum at a local high school to conduct hour long meetings once a week for the entire school year. They worked their way through all of the curriculum, touching on all seven sections. Another club also conducted hour long meetings at a high school, but did so only once a month. Finally, Denise and Michelle explained how our club decided to hold a one-day workshop and focus only on a few sections of the curriculum. Maria and Shawn presented a workshop explaining how clubs can implement a three-year plan with their Live Your Dream winners, similar to the model our club follows. Another interesting workshops explained the role Soroptimist plays at the United Nations. You can read more about that in the article by Denise Middleton in this newsletter.





# Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It - September 24, 2016



First break out session. Exploring Careers, with Professor Noemi Alexander. Leading participants through a self-assessment of interests and values.



Leadership and decision making workshop for returning girls from last year's program. By Dr. Elaine Ahumada.

Second session: Filling out a college application demonstration session. By Beth Groves, Dr. Monica Green and Anita Shirley



Creating achievable goals and overcoming obstacles. By Dr. Maria Hopkins.

Wrapping it up. How to apply for scholarships. Post-event survey. Summary of resources available. By Beth Groves & Shawn Dredla





## Welcome New Members



**Tonya Best**

Tonya is the billing specialist. She has been in the billing field since 1984. She has been an office manager for several physicians and has successfully ran their practices. Tonya is a certified coder, with AAPC. She works hard at getting the most benefits for the patients.

Ron and Tonya have been married to for 28 years and have two beautiful daughters. She enjoys spending time at their river home and doing anything under the sun. Her favorite pastime is being with her family and friends. She is very creative and has an outgoing, generous personality and loves to read. Tonya is a member of the Lechner Chiropractic Family.



**Julie Cary**

I am privileged to work as a Paralegal for OC Elder Law who pride themselves in giving back to the community and encourage their employees to do the same. My husband, Tim Cary is an Information Services Sr. Project Manager. We have been married for 28 years and have lived in Corona for 25 years. We have a 24 year old son, Jason who graduated from Cal State Fullerton and is an Art Director for a Spanish advertising agency and a 21 year old daughter, Kristen who is a Senior at Cal State Long Beach studying Criminal Justice and is making plans to go onto law school. When our kids were growing up I was very involved in the PTA and School Site Council. I also volunteered and was on the Executive Board of the Orange County Celiac Support Association for over 10 years. I am looking forward to getting to know the great women of SI Corona and being a part of this inspiring organization.



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## Chocolate, Wine & Jazz



  
SOROPTIMIST  
Best for Women  
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Saturday, October 22, 2016

5:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

**Corona Civic Center**

(South Lawn)

815 West 6th Street, Corona, CA

**Featuring**

David Paul Band

**\$75**  
per person

**Sponsored by**

- Lucas Oil
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*Includes wine tasting,  
appetizers, dessert, a  
keepsake wine glass  
plus one Grand Prize  
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***This is a 21 and over event***

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## Counselors Luncheon





## SIA Corner — From Local Projects to a Global Voice by Denise Middleton



Soroptimist International has been in Corona for nearly 70 years. That's a long time of improving the lives of women and girls in our community. But Soroptimist International is much more than a local club of women who are trying to change lives for the better. We are part of a network of over 75,000 club members in 132 countries and territories working at the local, national and international levels to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

An important yet relatively unknown fact is the status of Soroptimist International at the United Nations. The United Nations (UN) was established in 1945 by 51 countries committed to preserving peace through international cooperation and collective security. Today, 193 nations in the world belong to the UN.

In 2010, the UN formally adopted a resolution to establish a United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women – called UN Women. Grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the UN Charter, UN Women, among other issues, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls and the empowerment of women, which is perfectly aligned with the mission of Soroptimist International (SI).

The UN Charter provides non-governmental organization (NGO) consultative status. SI is one of nearly 3000 NGOs to hold this status. What makes Soroptimist International truly stand out, however, is the fact that only 141 NGOs hold General Consultative status, and SI is one of those 141. SI has 16 UN Representatives who work across 6 UN Centres to ensure that the voices of women and girls around the world are included in international decision making. These UN Representatives advocate for women and girls, and lobby governments to take action to make sure that women and girls access their human rights. Through this work Soroptimist International gives women and girls the global voice that they need.

On a local level, the members of Soroptimist International of Corona are doing our part to help the women and girls in our community. The Live Your Dream – Education and Training Award is a cash award given to a female head of household who is attempting to improve her life through education. The application for this award is due in November; if you know a woman who could benefit from this award please encourage her to apply.

Our Dream It, Be It programs include the Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It Career Guidance workshop in September for high school girls; the Dreams & Decisions workshop in March for junior high girls; and the Scholarship Awards presented to high school seniors in May.

New members are always welcome to join us. We meet on Wednesdays with a flexible meeting schedule to accommodate most members' busy schedules. Discover the power of working with other women to accomplish great things in support of women and girls.

For information on our Dreams programs or to attend a meeting please visit our website at [www.SICorona.org](http://www.SICorona.org).

# Live Your Dream



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

**ARE YOU READY TO RECEIVE A \$3,000 - \$10,000 EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARD?**

**APPLY FOR FREE TODAY!!!**

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:**

- You are 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; 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:  
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**LIVE YOUR dream**

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**The application period is open now through November 15, 2016.**

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Founded in 1947, the SI Corona Club is part of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a global organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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