

41st Annual Spring Conference
June 6-8, 2019

Pala Casino Spa Resort, Pala CA
Governor Lori Reed, 2018-2020

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SI Rim of the World, SI Palm Springs
and SI Baldy View



Going to
Disneyland





First Time
Attendees
Recognition





Golden West Region
CELEBRATING
Success!

Golden West Region
Lori Reed, Governor

Finalist

- SI Corona
- We said YES to 3 women

Finalist

- SI Desert Tucson
- Live Your Dream

Finalist

- SI Kachinas
- Dream It, Be It

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First place
Membership

**Soroptimist
International Corona**

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First Place
Public
Awareness

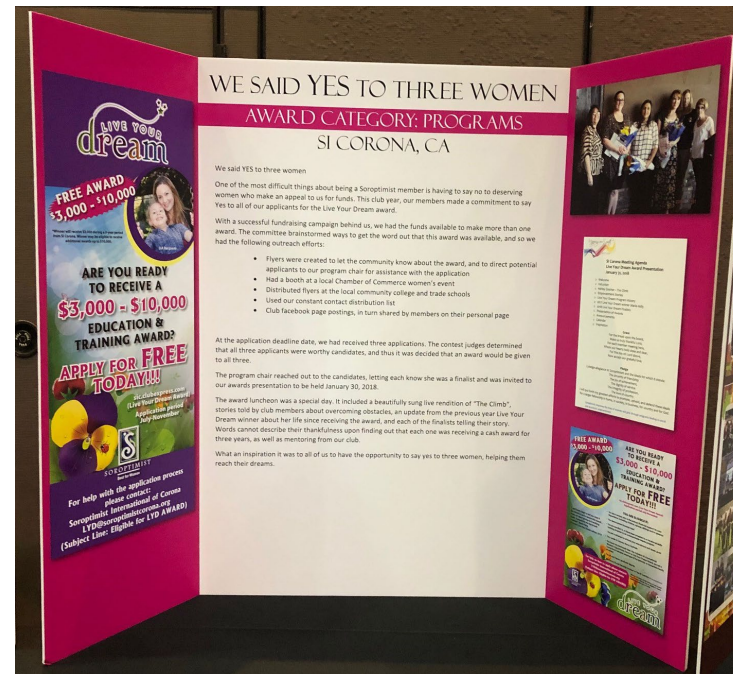
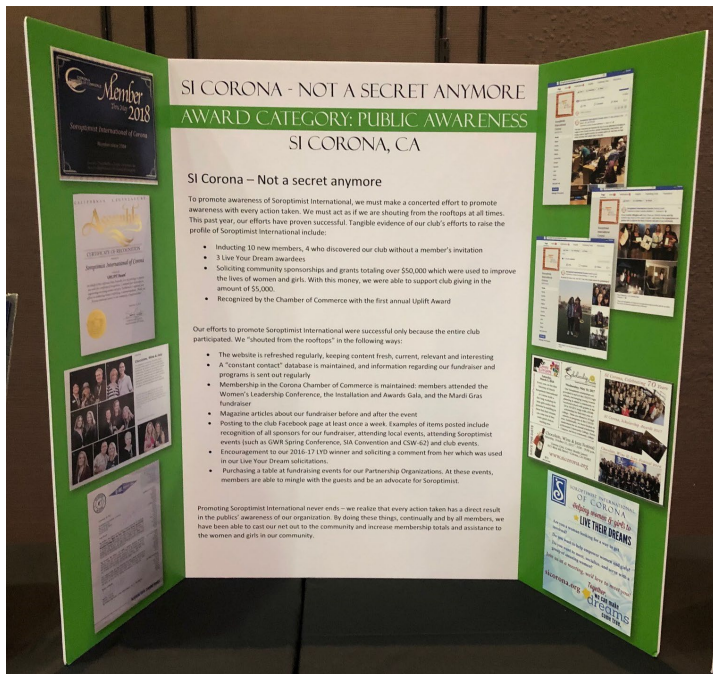
**Soroptimist International Corona
Not a Secret Anymore**

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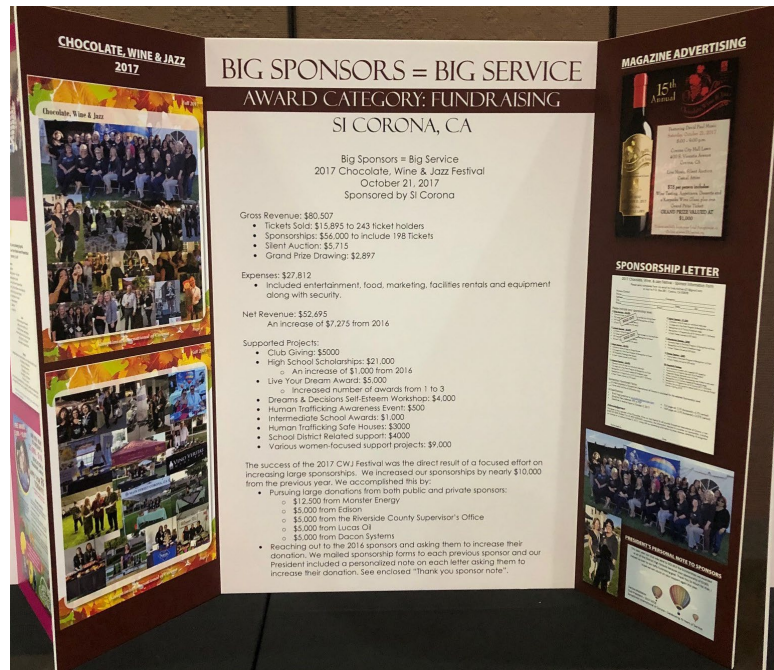
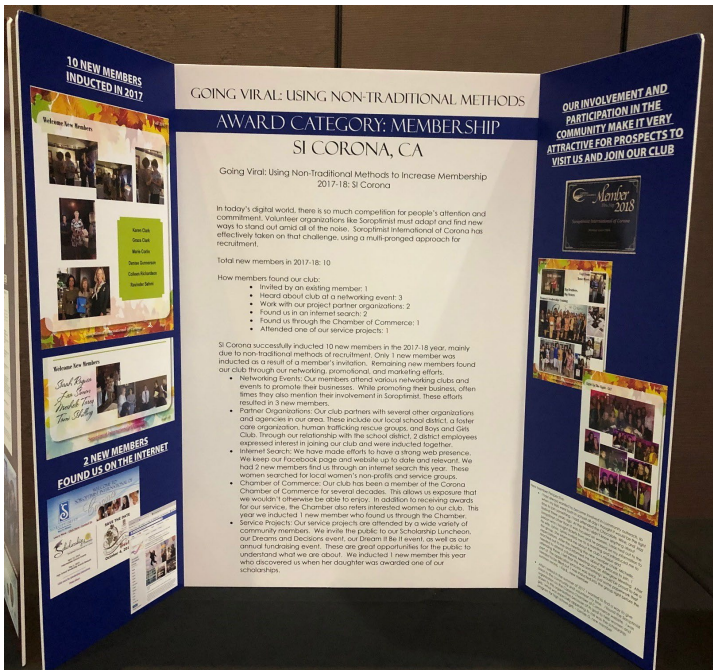
2019 Finalists Announcement!

FUNDRAISING FINALISTS	MEMBERSHIP FINALISTS	PROGRAM FINALISTS	PUBLIC AWARENESS FINALISTS
SI Corona	SI Big Bear Valley	SI Corona	SI Corona
SI Moreno Valley	SI of the Chino Valley	SI Desert Tucson	SI Kingman
SI San Jacinto- Hemet Valley	SI Corona	SI of the Kachinas	SI Moreno Valley

Congratulations to our 2019 Soroptimist Celebrating
Success finalists (listed in alphabetical order)!



Celebrating Success Boards



They were a success!



Center Piece Contest

No prize for SI
Corona, but we did a
great job too





Workshop:
SCS Finalist Club -
Fundraising



Workshop:
How to brand your
events

...WILL MARK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOURTH WORLD
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND ADOPTION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION
...S APPEAL
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Workshop:
SIA and the UN –
How do we fit in?

2019 Report of the Golden West Region Laws and Resolutions Committee

This report of proposed additional amendment to Golden West Region Bylaws is filed in accordance with Golden West Region Bylaws Article XIII.

Golden West 2016-2018 Laws and Resolutions Committee

Mary Grier, Coordinator, SI Phoenix
Barbara Grode, SI Palm Desert
Roxanne Augenstein, SI Mountain Morning

PROPOSAL #1

Add section 12.1.1 Technical Amendments.

REASON FOR AMENDMENT – To allow the GWR Secretary to make non-substantive changes to the bylaws, without the need for a spring conference delegate vote.

GWR BYLAWS, 12.1.1

With the concurrence of the Laws & Resolution Committee and the GWR BOD, the GWR Secretary is authorized to make non-substantive alphanumeric, or grammatical changes to the component provisions of these bylaws. A change may be deemed non-substantive if it involves reorganization or renumbering of provisions, corrects spelling or grammar, and does not alter voting rights, rights of participation, or financial matters. Notice of technical amendments will be given in the call to conference but such amendments will not be subject to a vote of the delegates. Technical amendments will become effective at the close of the conference.

not subject

Bylaws change



Athena Embrey is a first-generation American, "perseverance". A first-generation American, Athena was taught the value of education by her single mother who came here (with her five children) to seek a life of better opportunity. For a time, Athena thought she had found security and happiness, but her relationship became abusive. She realized that she would need to be the financial support for her children and began to focus on her education, while holding down two jobs.

In the spring of 2018, Athena received her Associates Degree and was accepted into the very competitive Nutritional Sciences Program at the University of Arizona. Two weeks before classes started, she was forced to flee with her children to a shelter because of domestic violence.

\$3000 Rachel - Submitted by SI Lake Havasu City



Rachel has been persistent in her quest to achieve degrees that will open opportunities to fulfill her dream of becoming a case worker for the Department of Child Safety. A single mother with three children and with multiple jobs Rachel looks upon numerous challenges as opportunities for learning and growing. Her dream of a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Sociology is now a bit closer to reality. She is pleased to be a Live Your Dream Award recipient. This enables her to continue her studies and be an example to her children, as well as to her five siblings.

\$3000 Melissa - Submitted by SI Saguaro Foothills



Melissa's goals in life changed after having a difficult pregnancy with her twins. Her daughters were born three months premature and came home from the NICU with many medical conditions that required full time care. When the girls were seven months old, their father found the reality of having premature babies with medical issues was too much for him to handle, so Melissa was left to care and raise the girls on her own.

Melissa always wanted to be in the dental field. Since dental school is very rigorous and all consuming, Melissa felt dental hygiene school would allow her

to work in the field she has always wanted and to be able to provide for her family. Due to the medical needs of her girls, she had to leave them in the care of a nurse when she was taking classes. Melissa completed the dental hygiene program with perfect attendance and earned honors for achieving a 3.6 GPA in December 2018. She plans to become a registered dental hygienist.

\$3000 Angelica - Submitted by SI Riverside



Angelica is a Regional Coordinator for LTC Ombudsman, she started as a volunteer almost 5 years ago. Her passion in helping others extends out to her church where she keeps herself busy. She currently completed 4 years of college at the University of Phoenix and has received her Bachelor of Human Services with a concentration in Management. Angelica is a mother of three beautiful girls ages 3, 8, and 10. They keep her going and encourage her to never give up. After long nights of school work, it reminds her it is worth it because of the excitement she sees in her girls' eyes when she

receives an A. Setting a good example for her daughters is her top priority. Angelica is a first generation college graduate and plans to continue towards her Masters.

Doña Award \$3000 Danielle - Submitted by SI Mountain Morning



Danielle grew up in a small town in Michigan. Though her dreams changed often, they always involved traveling and working outside. For a short time she attended community college but her dreams were put on hold when she starting dating a man that had a daughter. Between her boyfriend's mental health, addiction and the daughter's mother's addiction, she was the only one providing support to her boyfriend's daughter. She finally left, taking his daughter with her and received guardianship from the state of Michigan of her boyfriend's daughter. Danielle was getting back on her feet and met another man but at the beginning of her second year of college she was both terrified and overjoyed to find out she was pregnant with her son. The domestic abuse and scare tactics she frequently received made her vulnerable and too scared to leave, but kept pushing forward to work two jobs and continue going to community college. She made the decision to move to Tucson to live with her father and worked for a year until she was given the opportunity to attend Northern Arizona University where she is working on getting a Bachelor of University studies with minors in Biology and Parks and Recreation. She ultimately wants to become a Park Ranger and work for the National Park Service along with helping rehabilitate wildlife.

\$3000 Jane - Submitted by SI Happy Valley of the Sun

Jane will be attending Arizona State University in the Fall of 2019 to study Political Science, her goal is to become a family lawyer. To facilitate her entrance into the area of law, she enrolled in the Career Technical Innovations law program at school to obtain foundational skills that will be helpful in college and in the future. Jane's Father no longer lives with her family. Her mother has extreme health conditions preventing her from working, Jane became the sole provider for her family, which includes a nine year old sibling. Always looking ahead, Jane realizes the value of a college education to break the cycle of poverty, but her main motivation is to help those families marred and broken by issues of immigration.

Jane received strong recommendations from faculty and staff members at her school. She was described as a hard worker with leadership skills. She is also in the top 1% of her graduating class, has taken advanced placement classes as part of the gifted program, and is a member of the National Honor Society.



mother raising three children with severe medical issues. She was in college working toward a degree in Behavior Science when she found out that she was pregnant with her third child. It was during her check up that they found that she had stage 2b cervical cancer. Unfortunately, during this time, her significant other abandoned the family, as he was not able to handle the never-ending medical issues.

Through the seven months of monitoring her cancer and pregnancy she and other cancer patients were given emotional as well as physical support from a passionate ultrasound technician. She calmed their fearful thoughts and gave them positive reinforcement that they would be ok. This changed Katie's life focus. Katie now is in remission and with the renewed determination, returned to college and is working towards her Associates of Science in Diagnostic Sonography. Her passion is to be that technician who gives reassurance for other patients in high-risk situations.

\$3000 April - Submitted by SI Chino Valley



April grew up in an unstable home environment with both of her parents addicted to drugs. She was in the foster care system four times, the first time at the age of two. April has overcome several unfortunate situations throughout her childhood and as a young adult. She has found strength within herself to continue with life through support groups, counselors and education

April has four children from 10 years to 21 years old. She attends Chaffey College and is majoring in Sociology. April plans to transfer to Cal State Fullerton to get her bachelor's degree in human services and then to Cal State Los Angeles to get her master's degree in Social work. Her goal is to work with at risk children in the foster care system.

\$5000 Krystal - Submitted by SI Baldy View LYD Award



Krystal is a single mother of a five-year-old daughter. She is working full time as a certified nursing assistant and attending Summit College to obtain her LVN. Krystal plans to receive her LVN license in January of 2020.

Growing up in Los Angeles Krystal has faced many obstacles varying from drug use, to gangs, homelessness, sexual assault and surviving an abusive relationship. She states the birth of her daughter "opened up her world", gave her life purpose and gave her the strength to leave an abusive relationship. Four years later Krystal is

dedicated to living a positive life and obtaining her nurses license. She wants to be a positive role model for her daughter and other women like her, she wants to share her story in hopes that it will help someone else.

\$3000 Kara - Submitted by SI Big Bear



Kara is the mother of two children under the age of six. She and her family moved to Big Bear La three years ago to start fresh after being victims of domestic violence. She provides the sole income for her family.

Kara is currently a patient access clerk at Bear Valley Community Hospital. She is studying to achieve her Associates of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in management. Kara hopes to obtain a management or administrative position within the hospital when she finishes her education.



Ophelia Project narrows the achievement gap by...

- Encouraging regular school attendance
- Encouraging good study habits
- Encouraging the pursuit of a college degree, vocation or trade school
- Encouraging healthy choices
- Building Self-esteem
- Promoting Self-awareness
- Modeling leadership skills

Students Love Ophelia!

"Ophelia has given me skills to achieve great things...I am a strong and empowered woman...I have confidence to be myself and to know that I can achieve anything...how thankful I am to begin my journey on the road to success because of the help of Ophelia Project"

An Ophelia Teen



"Ophelia has become a sort of refuge where I know there are other girls going through similar things like me...it has been a crucial part of my formation into a more compassionate human being...and greatly inspired me to be a better person."

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"Empowering and encouraging young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society"

Maggie Mae Gaughan

SI Greater Santa Clarita Valley DIBI Chair



Maggie Mae became a member of SI Greater Santa Clarita Valley because of our mission. Her passion is the Dream it, Be it program. After becoming the chair for her club, she has grown the club's impact from 50 girls to 4900 this year alone. She plans to further expand the program to impact over 7000 next year. She has successfully marketed the program such that sponsors now come to her! In addition to the success of the Dream it, Be it program for the girls that are impacted, she has grown her club membership by 37 new members because of the positive impact in the Santa Clarita Valley.

