



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Bee the Dream!

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Founder Region Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2023 District Meetings. Several members also attended the Friday night Meet & Greets which were held for two of the meetings this year; we had an enormous charcuterie spread at the hotel in Ukiah and a fabulous karaoke night in Guam. A great time was had by all. At the meetings it was wonderful to see so many of you come out and enjoy the presentations and be with members of other clubs. I loved seeing all the "BEE" themed decorations and the Fellowship baskets were beautiful as always. If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentations on the Founder Region [website](#). Of course, it is not the same as hearing them in person, but at least you can catch up on the messages that were delivered, and there are several pictures there for you to enjoy as well.

The deadline for the Live Your Dream Award applications is November 15th. If you need to request sharing of applications from another club or wish to share those that you did not select as winners, please contact your district representative or LYD Chair Debbie Coles. Remember, the woman you select for the award does not need to live in your community and our goal is to help more women through Live Your Dream. Let us achieve 100% participation from the clubs while also increasing the number of awards given. We can all Bee the Dream! for the women we help.



Our November newsletter is our method of communicating many important updates to clubs and members which traditionally has been referred to as the "November Mailing". Please find updates from each of our Region Pillar chairs, Fellowship President Kris, the 2024 SIA Convention, links to the nomination forms which are due December 1st, and Founder Region Conference "Save the Date" too. We hope you find it interesting and informative!

The Founder Region Board and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! Stay healthy and safe and our wish is that you are able to spend the holiday with family or friends.

Governor Vicki



District Meeting Survey!

It's been a pleasure seeing so many of you at our District Meetings last month. If you were able to attend, please fill out our brief survey and let us know how much enjoyed our program. Your comments will help us in planning for future District Meeting events.

[Click here](#)

Fellowship Speakers

Jasmine Jan, a 2023 Fellowship Recipient, was a keynote speaker during the District I/II meeting. She is a UC Berkeley Doctoral Student in the field of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science.

Jasmine was named after the female protagonist in her brother's favorite movie, Aladdin. Often her days involve crawling into tight spaces to repair pressurized gloveboxes, writing code for data analysis, and changing the oil of vacuum pumps. Hardly your stereotypical Disney princess.

Jasmine's research focuses on studying organic semiconductor materials for use in low-cost, efficient solar panels, which can contribute to the development of clean, affordable energy, helping to not only combat climate change, but also to improve the accessibility and reliability of electricity around the world.

2023 Recipient: Jasmine Jan

Jasmine Jan

Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences
University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: Green Solvents for Printed Organic Photovoltaics



To view Jasmine's video, click [here](#).

Donate \$75 (or more) to the 75 Year Diamond Jubilee Campaign anytime during the biennium.

[LEARN MORE](#)

District Meeting Fundraiser

Thank you to all club members who supported the Fellowship Fundraiser at the District Meetings. Your continue support makes it possible to help women become the leaders in today's workforce and academic who are changing the world.

Congratulations to the following who won a Fellow at the District I/II Meeting.

SI/The Tri-Valley
Roni Item - SI/The East Bay - 2nd level
Maria Mathews - SI/Benicia - 2nd level
Sue Avery - SI/Dixon - 1st level
Nancy Bennett - SI/Central Solano - 1st level

Thank you to the following members who signed up Monthly Giving Pledges:

Laura Koehler - SI/The Tri-Valley
Cheryl Bovee - SI/Vacaville Twilight
Dr. Jacquie Bruessard - SI/Central Solano

District I/II contributed \$3695.00 for the basket raffle. Great job!

Congratulations to the following who won a Fellow at the District V Meeting.

Nancy Tan - SI/The Marianas - 3rd Fellow
Laurie Keeno - SI/Honolulu - 1st Fellow
Our most heartfelt thank you to the following members who purchased Fellows or leveled up:

Nancy Tan - SI/The Marianas - 4th Fellow
Dr. Karen Sablan - SI/The Marianas - 1st Fellow
Wayne Santos - SI/The Marianas - 4th Fellow

Thank you to the following members who signed up Monthly Giving Pledges:

Jessica Castro - SI/The Marianas
Loling Field - SI/The Marianas

District V contributed \$2650.00 for this fundraiser. **Hafa Adai!**



Fellowship Board

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#Giving Tuesday

FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP

Unleash Generosity

Do your little bit of good wherever you are, it's those little bits put together that overwhelm the world.

GOAL \$10,000

November 28, 2023

Please consider donating to Founder Region Fellowship on #Giving Tuesday to ensure women are fully represented in research and academia. **Go to our Facebook Page for more details on November 28th.**

Fundraising - Chair Gina Moore

Philanthropy is what we Soroptimists do in seeking to raise funds for our Mission! As you know we have our four pillars-Programs, Membership, Public Awareness, and "Fundraising". It is easy to separate those and compartmentalize how we think about them.

We seek to add members so we can provide women and girls with education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. We work on Public Awareness so that people

are aware of our mission, and our Programs are how we accomplish that mission. So, to do all of these things we need funds, that is where the Philanthropy pillar comes in.

We are not just trying to get members for our clubs; or make people aware of a single project; or to give to a Dream Program or scholarship, we want to ensure that the Soroptimist mission can be fulfilled for many years to come and, not just in a single community, but around the world.

Remember your individual and club contributions to Club Giving, Founders Pennies, Laurel Society, Stargazers and the Dream Programs can help make this happen.

Please do what you can, how you can, to make sure that the mission we value so highly will continue long into the future. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!



Membership - Chair Lyn Lurbe

Our Soroptimist clubs are full of leaders from our communities that help guide a team to work towards a common goal. They know that to be an effective leader one must develop key skills beyond the basic management responsibilities.

We are all familiar with the word CEO as meaning "Chief Executive Officer", but in our clubs, the word CEO should stand for "Chief Engagement Officer" and it can be any member assigned to focus on member engagement.

The Five "B's" to Becoming Your club's CEO

Build A Culture

Build a cohesive "culture" within your club.

Be a Spokesperson

Promote strong communication skills within your club to help inspire trust, compassion, stability, and hope for teamwork.

Build Universal Accountability

Good or bad, positive, or negative, civil, or uncivil, we are all accountable to what happens in the club. We should all hold ourselves accountable to make sure that what we do is mission-based.

Be a Mission-Driven Leader

Individuals join clubs because they believe in the mission. Mission leaders must nurture the vision behind the mission by constantly providing opportunities to learn about the mission.

Be a Digital Leader

Digital leaders recognize a vastly changing society/world, therefore, it's important to keep with current times and technology that will move your club forward in the productive way.

GIVE THANKS TO EACH OTHER for being a Soroptimist!

Public Awareness - Chair Kris Chorbi

Soroptimist can stand out. Our story can be known. Our brand can shine through! Visit the brand new "Our Brand Story" section, which includes visual design tools, messaging, customizable publicity materials and [how-to guides](#).

While Soroptimist has helped countless women and girls around the world live their dreams, we are still the world's best kept secret.

- Share unified messaging
- Present a consistent visual identity and
- Conduct meaningful actions that support our mission

[Check it out today!](#)





NEW! Branding Page

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Find it on the website!

1. Visit soroptimist.org
2. Click "For Clubs & Members"
3. Click "Federation Info"
4. Click "Recognition & Branding Tools"

Submit your club event details to kchorbi5@yahoo.com by the 10th of each month for sharing in this newsletter.



Program Report - Chair Elise Balgley

Here we are in mid-November. The Live Your Dream portal is closing (if not already closed as you read this). Now is the time to evaluate the applications and work with the Region Live Your Dream Chairs and the District Chairs to make sure we are helping as many women as we possibly can. If your club received no applications-SHOUT OUT! If your club received too many applications-SHARE!

Violet Richardson Awards-how are we doing with those? Let's be out there finding those young women who wind up inspiring us so much Sunday at Founder Region Conference.

Keep it up with your Dream It, Be It projects. Your time and energy are well spent helping those young women as well.

As always, keep the Big Goal Accelerator Projects in mind. I have seen some very creative ideas for approved projects. Consider what your club is already doing and whether there is a Big Goal eligible project hiding there.

If I can help in any way with any of these things, let me know. Let's BEE the Dream through our Dream Programs.

Artificial Intelligence & LYD

As technology continues to evolve, it both makes our lives easier and adds new challenges. Artificial intelligence (or AI) is a perfect example. A club in the U.S. recently received an application where it was clear that the essays and even references were completed by a computer, not a human being.

Check out these [tips](#) to spot AI use, and read our blog to learn what to do if you suspect AI.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT:

Signs of Artificial Intelligence in a Live Your Dream Awards Application

- 1- Overly formal language that does not match the tone in other communications or essays
- 2- Extremely vague responses without any personal details
- 3- Inconsistencies between the essays or the essays and other parts of the application (for example, a mismatch in desired career goals, education program, or major)
- 4- Anything where there is information in brackets, such as [Applicant's Name] or [College's Name]

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YOUR
dream
education & training awards for women®

"It's been a long road and it feels like every step of the way was worth it to get here - with a job, a home, and healthy children."

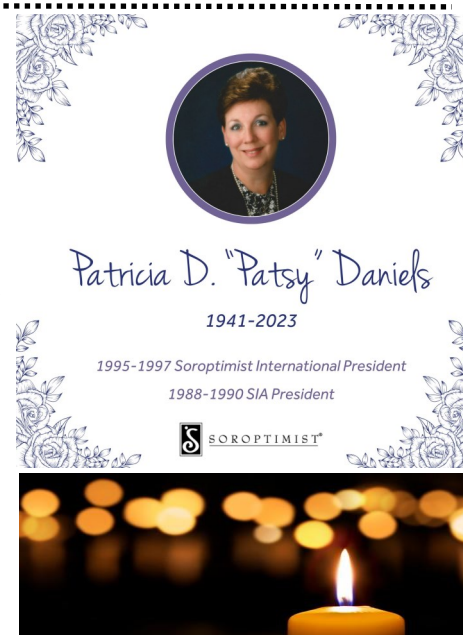
In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the passing of Patricia D. "Patsy" Daniels, the 1988-1990 SIA President. Patsy was a member of SI/Santa Rosa since 1973 and served as Governor of Founder Region from 1982-1984. Her theme was "Gifts of Soroptimism." A woman of foresight and enthusiasm who believed strongly in advancing the status of women, Patsy went on to serve as the 1995-1997 Soroptimist International President. In the May-June 1988 Soroptimist magazine article introducing her as SIA's president,

Patsy noted that her Soroptimist membership provided a window to the world, and the opportunity to meet and work with women in important work far beyond her community. She likened her membership to a gift of multiple boxes, that after opening one box you would find another box with yet another gift—fellowship, friendship, and purpose.

Read more:

<https://blog.soroptimist.org/blog/in-memoriam>



"S" Club - Chair Joy Swank

Happy November "S" Club
Fans from "S" Club Region
Chair Joy Swank

In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme of gratitude I want to say thanks to all of you out there getting "S" Clubs started.

I know President Shelee of SI/Vallejo is proud of her club's efforts. They have two "S" Club advisors working hard to recruit

in their two local high schools as well as the home schoolers in the area. Yay you!

Remember, everything you need is on the Region website, under Programs, "S" Clubs.

If you need extra help let me know. I will refer your question to a current "S" Club advisor who knows the best way of getting started.

Be sure and use our new "S" Club logo which is on the [website](#).

Enjoy your Turkey Day everyone.

Hugs, Joy



NEW "S" CLUB LOGO

2024-2026 Nominations

This year at our annual conference we will be electing members to the Founder Region and Fellowship Boards. Think of past presidents who might want to step up and hold a region office.

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY
DECEMBER 1st.**

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

Save the Date 2024 Founder Region Conference

May 3 — May 5, 2024
San Ramon Marriott

Host Clubs

SI/Oakmont Wine Country

SI/Novato

SI/Santa Rosa

Dream It, Be It - Bev Gomer

Dream It, Be It Tutorial 101

I heard some creative DI, BI Program plans at the recent District I/II Meeting. It got me thinking about this webinar created by SIA last year. It's worth a first AND second look! It runs only about 60 minutes. Gather your club members together to watch and have a Dream It, Be It planning party.

[WATCH NOW!](#)

This "nuts and bolts" tutorial provides an overview and tips of the [Dream It, Be It](#) Program. You will learn how to get started, and then hear questions and answers from attendees at the end. It will give you a broad overview of the program and how to make it successful.

I am happy to help you—

please contact me. And let me know about your Dream It, Be It Program accomplishments!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.



SIA President Bobbi Enderlin

This is definitely a busy time of year for Soroptimists! Having just finished our Fall District Meetings, which I hope many of you were able to attend, we are inspired and ready to work on our club fundraisers! Fall seems to be a great time for many of you to tackle this vital element of your club year...generating revenue to support being who we say we are and doing what we say we do. We all love giving away our funds but working hard to earn those funds maybe not so much. A club fundraiser needs the support of ALL club members. Volunteer work-

ers are always needed and appreciated. If you can't work at the event, can you work hard to sell tickets, find sponsors, solicit donations (or donate yourself), purchase tickets for yourself/friends or family, or simply promote the event through Facebook, flyers or other? I encourage you to all do your best to support your club's efforts. And don't forget to consider contributing at least 10% of your community fundraising money to help fund our life-changing global Dream Programs. Your generosity empowers women and girls throughout the world to achieve their dreams of a better life.

It is not too early to save the date for the 48th SIA Biennial Convention July 24-27, 2024 in Bellevue, Washington. I've heard rumors that some of the regions are setting up a train ride for members to save some money on transportation. This will be our first face-to-face convention since 2018!

Share the Joy of Soroptimist!

Bobbi Enderlin

2023-2024
SIA President
Member SI/Benicia



Region Leadership Spotlight

Joy Swank

"S" Club Chair, SI/Vacaville

Actually my name is Janice Frances Ruth Swank, I was named after my mother and both grandmas. Each called me by their name, until one said, "She is such a little joy to us all, we should not argue about her name." That's it my dad said, we will call her Joy.

Now I could drag you through the next seventy-three years but really, who has the time. I grew up on a dairy, Married at twenty, attended college to become a teacher, had a career I loved spanning thirty years, and somewhere in there had three children. My children are absolutely my greatest achievement. They are all hard working, kind loving people who have awarded be with EIGHT darling grandchildren. My number one

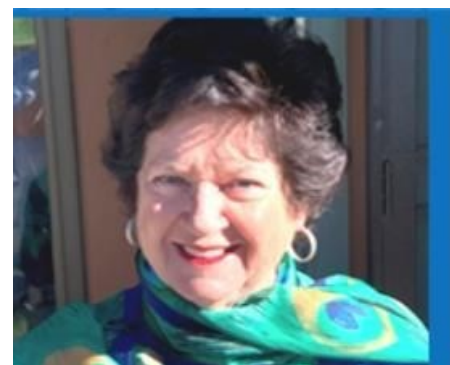
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SPOTLIGHT

goal is to make sure when I am gone they say, "Remember how much fun Grandma was and how much she loved

us!" Thus the annual witches party, pickle ball games, hours of Go Fish and other activities centered around them. Six out of eight live near me. Yay!

My Soroptimist journey started in 2011, my brain turned to mush after retirement. I needed something to do and create new friendships. Eureka! I knew I made the right choice when I walked into my first conference. I saw three hundred women of every background all there for the same purpose, to help other women and girls. I found my peeps. I became club president, then district director and Region secretary. I wanted to become Governor but it was not to be. I am now my club's secretary and your Region "S" Club Chairperson.



My hobbies include reading, and traveling with my sister Jackie on Vicking cruises. My husband of fifty-three years does not care to travel to see Europe. No problem, my sister and I have a fabulous time being together.

I love being a Soroptimist, and feel grateful I can spend my retirement years being productive." Hugs to all,

Club Grants Webinar

Did you know your club has an opportunity to receive a grant from Soroptimist? Wonder if your project qualifies or how to ensure a successful application? Good news! We'll answer all of these questions and more during SIA's upcoming [webinar](#)!

What to expect:

- Dive deep into the criteria for eligible projects
- Receive a step-by-step guide on the application process
- Learn and enhance your chances of securing a club grant for your next project

Dedicated Q&A session to address any questions you may have.

🕒 7:00 p.m.
📅 Tuesday, January 9

SOROPTIMIST
CLUB GRANTS WEBINAR
Crafting a Successful Application

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Soroptimist International of Benicia

Teddy Bear Tea

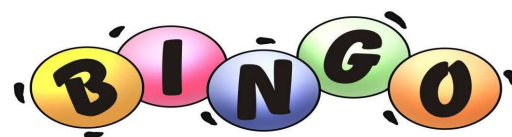
Sun Dec 10
1-3pm

Veterans Hall
1150 1st St. Benicia, CA

Tickets are \$65

Reserve your spot at:

soroptimistofbenicia.org/events



Soroptimist International of Martinez

Invites you to our
6th Annual Bingo Bash
Saturday, November 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.



Martinez Refining Company Clubhouse
(Formerly Shell Clubhouse)
1635 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez

\$30 Entry Fee covers 10 games including Blackout
(Players must be 18 years and older.)

Silent Auction and Raffle Drawings occurring throughout the event



Scan here for tickets
or call Jennifer at (925) 494-2623

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support Soroptimist Dream Programs and fund scholarships for local women and girls.

www.soroptimistmartinez.org

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Thank you MRC for your generous sponsorship.

18th Annual Soroptimist International of the Marianas' Christmas Sunday Lunch Fundraiser



Sunday, December 10, 2023 • Nikko Hotel Tasi Ballroom

11am - 2pm

\$70 adults

\$40 children (4-11 years old)



Featuring:

Extensive buffet selection • Silent Auction
Many Raffle Prizes • Live Entertainment
The Kristal Kollection Buying/Fashion Show
Activities by Fundforte

Vendor booths for your shopping pleasure

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Proceeds to fund our scholarships and grants
benefitting women and girls in our community

Soroptimist International of Clear Lake Holiday Party & Fund Raiser Buy A Chance to Win

1- 50 Bottles of Lake County Wines

5- Unique Lake County Wine Baskets

1 Chance @ \$25

5 Chances @ \$100

For Credit Card Purchases:

Call Fawn at 707-350-5866

Or Mail To: 3050 Robin Lane, Clearlake, CA 95422

Prizes announced at Holiday Party—need not be present to win.

Join Us At Our Annual Holiday Party December 13, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

The Ripe Choice Farm at 2550 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA
RSVP With Sally by Nov. 30, 2023 @ 707-485-2132—\$40 per person
Catered by Ripe Choice Chef Tammy Lipps

Proceeds Go to the Live Your Dream Program
Help Empower Women to be Economically
Self Sufficient & Contributing Members
of Our Community



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[Soroptimists Celebrating Success](#)
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SIA LINKS

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[Dream Big Campaign](#)
[Best for Women Newsletter](#)

SI LINKS

[Website](#)
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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating their anniversary!

11/3/1991 SI/Noyo Sunrise

11/14/1942 SI/Martinez

11/16/1956 SI/The Tri-Valley



Region Conference

2024 Conference

May 3 - 5, 2024

San Ramon Marriott

San Ramon, CA

Host Clubs:

SI/Novato, SI/Santa Rosa, &

SI/Oakmont Wine Country

[2023 CONFERENCE PAGE](#)

Check out the 2023 conference page to view photos, presentations, recordings and the proceedings of the recent Founder Region Conference.

SIA Convention

2024 Convention

July 24-27, 2024

Bellevue, Washington

Stay tuned for more info!

[Video](#)



SI Convention

2027 Convention

SIA Hosting

July 2027

More details to be announced.

[WEBSITE](#)

