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OCTOBER 2019

SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

SOROPTIMIST MISSION

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

SOROPTIMIST TAG LINE

Investing in Dreams

SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

 GENDER EQUALITY: Women and girls live free from discrimination.

- EMPOWERMENT: Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- <u>EDUCATION</u>: Women and girls feserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:
 Women from varied
 backgrounds and
 perspectives work together to
 improve the lives of women
 and girls.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Vicki Hightower 2018-20 SIR President

We Are Soroptimist.

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

...From Soroptimist International of the America's Website

Members of Soroptimist International of Riverside are committed to improving the lives of women and girls in our local community and evidence of that commitment is found in our many local programs.

However, SI Riverside also recognizes the significance of being part of a global organization. Tangible evidence of our global commitment is found in our "Mentoring for Young Women" partnership with Soroptimist International of Erlangen, Germany.

In 2016, Soroptimist International of Riverside and Soroptimist International of Erlangen developed an international exchange program to give young women from both cities the opportunity to collect new experiences by staying in the respective partner city. The goal is to help to advance personal

and professional development of young women.

Last year, SI Riverside sent college junior Brianna Bern to Germany. The Erlangen Soroptimist club prepared an amazing schedule for Brianna during her time in Germany which included attendance at a special celebration of SI Erlangen's 20th year as a Soroptimist club.

This year, SI Riverside is thrilled to host Resi Langer from Erlangen. Resi is working on her masters degree in psychology and while visiting Riverside she will enjoy a variety of experiences and meet many professionals in her field. Resi will be staying with member Charlene Hildebrandt one week and member Paula McCroskey the second week. On October 3rd, we will have a farewell celebration dinner for Resi as she returns to Germany on October 4th.

A big thank you to Jeanne Hatcher for organizing an amazing itinerary for Resi and to Karin Roberts for having the vision to create this wonderful program. Thank you also to every member of SI Riverside involved in making certain Resi has a wonderful experience.

Vicki Hightower 2018-20 President

OCTOBER 2019



- 1 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 3 <u>"MENTORING FOR YOUNG</u> <u>WOMEN" FAREWELL</u> <u>DINNER</u> 5:30 PM, Paula McCroskey's

Home - Farewell Dinner for Erlangen exchange student Resi Langer

- 3 <u>SOROPTIMIST</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> <u>FOUNDERS DAY</u>
- 3 <u>SOROPTIMIST</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL CLUB</u> <u>FRIENDSHIP DAY</u>
- 4-5 <u>DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING</u> Hosted by SI Corona Silver Lakes Equestrian and Sports Park, Norco CA
- 8 <u>BUSINESS MEETING</u> 12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Koinonia Meeting Room, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 11 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF</u> THE GIRL CHILD
- 15 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF</u> <u>RURAL WOMEN</u>
- 17 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR</u> <u>THE ERADICATION OF</u> <u>POVERTY</u>
- 22 <u>EVENING PROGRAM</u> <u>MEETING</u> 6:00 PM, Carol Allain Speer's Home
- 24 UNITED NATIONS DAY

NOVEMBER 2019



- 5 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 9 WORLD FREEDOM DAY
- 12 <u>BUSINESS MEETING</u>
 12:00 PM, First United
 Methodist Church, Koinonia
 Meeting Room, 4845
 Brockton Ave, Riverside

25 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR</u> THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

26 *PROGRAM MEETING*12:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, Koinonia
Meeting Room, 4845
Brockton Ave, Riverside

DATES TO REMEMBER



February 7, 2020

VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION

Victoria Club

March 14, 2020 <u>LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT</u> <u>BE IT CONFERENCE</u>

Riverside Community College

May 29-31, 2020 GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE

Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, Arizona

July 22-25, 2020 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS BIENNIAL CONVENTION

> Bellevue Hyatt Regency Bellevue, Washington

October 1-3, 2021 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

San Francisco, California



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

International Soroptimist Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting. Lunches are approximately \$16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis. For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

OCTOBER 3, 2019
SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDER'S DAY AND
FOUNDERS PENNIES



Members of the first Soroptimist club, Soroptimist of Alameda County, with their guests celebrating the clubs third anniversary in 1924.

Soroptimist celebrates Founders Day every year on October 3rd, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. Clubs celebrate the founding of the organization with activities to promote the organization and its early mission to "foster the ideal of service" through programs that now focus on improving the lives of women

and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

The collection of "Founders Pennies", an important Soroptimist tradition, is often linked to Founders Day. Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence.

Founders Pennies are used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It, and other SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

They are a time-honored tradition for clubs and a creative way to help fund life changing programs.

The Founder Pennies tradition began in World War II as the Madame Noel Fund, which collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used the money to help reestablish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of prewar political conditions and the war itself.

After World War II, the fund was renamed the Founders Fund and provided international fellowships, scholarships and other award to improve the status of women.

The voluntary donation for 2019-20 is \$.06 X 99 years for a total of \$5.94 per member.

OCTOBER 11, 2019
INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF THE GIRL CHILD



The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated annually on 11th October. The main aims of the day are to promote girl's empowerment and fulfillment of their human rights while also highlighting the challenges that girls all over the world face.

Each year's International Day of the Girl has its own theme. The theme for 2019 is "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable."

Launched in 2012 by the United Nations general assembly, among the issues focused on by the International Day of the Girl Child are education, equality, child marriage, access to services regarding puberty and sexual health and addressing issues around gender-based violence.

The Day of The Girl Summit, held at United Nations headquarters every year aims to bring together organizations that serve girls to further the advancement of their human rights.

All over the world, there are marches and special events such as concerts and sporting events to mark the occasion. In a global "takeover" girls get the chance to take over key roles in business, politics and sport for the day and stories are shared on social media with the hashtags: #girlstakeover #dayofthegirl and #girlhero!

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



What Does it Mean to be "Empowered"?

Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being and when they have a voice in the financial decisions to shape their lives and the lives of their families.

When women and girls are empowered, they have a personal sense of autonomy, self-confidence and the power to control their private and public lives. We focus on access to education because we believe it's the most effective way toward empowerment.



When women learn families live healthier. Source: Population Reference Bureau



When girls go to school they are more likely to get paying jobs and their financial contributions to their families and their nations increase.

Source: Population Reference Bureau



When girls have educated moms

they are more likely to be enrolled in school and to reach higher levels of education.

Source: Population Reference



When women are educated their countries are more likely to have greater economic growth.

Source: World Bank

Article from the SIA webpage: www.soroptimist.org

OCTOBER 22, 2019 EVENING PROGRAM MEETING



SI Riverside has decided to try holding evening program meetings with the first meeting to be held on October 22nd.

The hope is that with an evening meeting, it will allow us more time to socialize in addition to being educated by a guest speaker. Evening program meetings can also be utilized to complete projects such as filling backpacks, etc.

DATE: October 22, 2019

PLACE: Carol Allain Speer's

Home

ARRIVE: 5:30 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

PROGRAM: 7:00 PM

Please bring a potluck dish to share and anything you want to drink.

The October 22nd program meeting will be our test run for evening meetings and we will determine if we want to continue with them depending on how this first program meeting works out for everyone.

FEBRUARY 7, 2020 VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION & BATTLE OF THE BAKERS



Save the Date VDA is Coming!

Soroptimist International of Riverside is proud to announce our annual fundraising luncheon, the Valentine Dessert Auction and Battle of the Bakers at Victoria Club on Friday, February 7, 2020.

The Live Auction event features Luscious Cakes, Weekend Getaways, A Puppy and so much more!!

Our Silent Auction Baskets contain a variety of experiences, products and services.

The Wine Auction. Need we say more. This lively way to win 52

bottles of Premium Wine is always a sell out so get your tickets early the day of the event.

The Small Gift Table will offer a selection of items to give big smiles to young and old alike. Whimsical, Useful, Delicious, all describe what you'll find there.

So mark your calendars for February 7, 2020, and please invite your family, friends and work colleagues to this fun and exciting fundraiser.

Jo Ann Moore VDA Chair

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING



On September 14th, Jill Borth, Inspire Adopt-A-Home Committee Chair, along with fellow SI Riverside member Amy McKenzie, represented SI Riverside at the annual Make a Difference Dinner and Fundraiser for Inspire Life Skills Training.

To assist Inspire in their fundraising efforts, SI Riverside donated a spa basket to be raffled off during the event.



Jill Borth (far left) and Amy McKenzie (second from left) attend Inspire Fundraiser



Spa Basket donated to Inspire Raffle

Inspire Life Skills **Training** provides supportive housing for former foster and homeless youth. The residents have a safe place to live as long as they are seeking an education whether at a technical school or at a college. SI Riverside adopted the Luther House in Riverside in 2016 and has continued over the years to provide little extras to help the young ladies in their educational journey such as household supplies, hot meals, groceries, gift cards, holiday baskets and letters encouragement.



Recent donations for Luther House

Jill Borth Inspire Chair

ERLANGEN EXCHANGE "MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN"

Soroptimist International of Riverside's "Mentoring for Young Women" exchange student sent by our Friendship Link, SI Erlangen, Germany, is Resi Langer who will be visiting us from September 20th through October 4th.

Resi just graduated from college with a degree in psychology and will start her Masters Degree program after she returns from her visit to Riverside. Resi is 21 years old and had previously been to Riverside when she was in high school on a Student Exchange summer program with the city of Riverside.

During Resi's two weeks in Riverside, she will be staying in the homes of two SI Riverside members (Charlene Hildebrandt and Paula McCroskey) and will spend the weekend with Brianna Bern, the young woman SI Riverside sent to Erlangen, Germany, in 2018. We have numerous activities planned for Resi during the time she will be with us culminating in a farewell dinner on October 3rd, the night before she leaves for Germany.

Friday, September 20

Resi Langer was picked up at LAX by Ellen Clizbe, Chris Deviny and Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher.

The drive from LAX to Riverside took 4 hours. Resi's luggage was lost but arrived on another flight and was delivered to Riverside around 12:45 AM.

The group managed to arrive in Riverside just in time for dinner at the Mission Inn with Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher and SI Riverside members Edith Gingerich, Tillie Soliz, Ellen Clizbe, Chris Deviny, Jana Cook, Janet Payton along with Resi's Hostess, Charlene Hildebrandt and her husband, Scott.











Saturday, September 21

Hostess Charlene Hildebrandt took Resi to Newport Beach for a relaxing day in the sun and recovery from jet lag.





Sunday, September 22

SI Riverside member Tillie Soliz took Resi to Mass. Resi then went to SI Riverside member Jana Cook's home for a Pool and Pizza Party with Jana & Bill Cook and Jeanne & Terry Hatcher.









Monday, September 23

Resi had lunch with SI Riverside members Lynn Scecina and Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher at Maria's Mexican She then visited Dr. Kitchen. Aine Bergin, a psychologist certified in equine therapy. Dr. Bergin showed Resi her horse, bunnies and dogs. Resi loved experiencing what Dr. Bergin does with clients and animals. Resi ended the day with dinner with Jennifer Weggeland, her former host family when she came to Riverside on a Student Exchange summer program when she was in high school.











Tuesday, September 24

Resi visited the Riverside District Attorney's office and met with Hunter Taylor, Crime Prevention Unit. She had lunch at the D.A.'s office and then had dinner with SI Riverside President Vicki Hightower.

Wednesday, September 25

Resi spent the day at La Sierra University with SI Riverside member Ellen Clizbe. She toured the psychology building, spent time with the neuroscience researcher, attended neuroscience cognitive psychology classes and interviewed several other faculty members. She then had dinner with her Hostess Charlene Hildebrandt and her daughter, Emily, in Los Angeles.







Thursday, September 26

Hostess Charlene Hildebrandt took Resi to school with her in the morning. Then Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher took her to lunch at Jammin' In the afternoon, SI Bread. Riverside member Charlene Johnson arranged for Resi to with Richard Bolter, Supervisor and Behavioral Health Specialist with Riverside University Health Systems. Resi then helped to set up the Behavioral Health Fair at March Air Force Base where she was able to meet other individuals who work in the behavioral health field. Resi then spent her last night at the home of SI Riverside member Charlene and her husband Scott.





Friday, September 27

Resi was picked up by Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher and taken to March Air Force Base to observe the Behavioral Health Fair in the morning. At noon, Resi met up with Brianna Bern, the exchange student that SI Riverside sent to Erlangen, Germany, last year. Plans for the afternoon included going on a hike and then out to dinner.

Resi's further adventures with SI Riverside will be included in next month's newsletter.

VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS



SI Riverside has begun to hold virtual business meetings so members who cannot physically attend the meeting can join in on their computers, notebooks and smart phones.

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing app that allows users to meet online, with or without video. Zoom users can choose to record sessions, collaborate on projects and share or annotate on one another's screens, all with one easy-to-use platform.

Just download the Zoom App onto your computer, notebook or smart phone and set up your account. An email invitation to the business meeting will be sent out to members before the meeting is to begin. Click on the link and you will join the meeting. It's that simple.

We're still figuring out a few bugs but it looks like virtual meetings will work out wonderfully for members who can't attend our business meetings.

SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY





The Soroptimist Club of Riverside held their annual Rummage Sale on November 9, 1985, on the front lawn at California Baptist College. The rummage sale was a huge success yielding \$1,837 with 40 Riverside Soroptimists and 9 Soropti-misters (husbands of members) taking part.

Thanks to everyone who donated rummage, personal checks for \$10 and \$20 and for donating food for our booth. Our food booth gals, Glenda Richards and Susan Stark, fired up the barbecue and sold \$160 worth of goodies, hot dogs and soda.

Once again the \$2.00 bag really paid off for us. Our plant lady, Marjorie Goodman, was again racking up plant sales. And we can't forget those who folded clothing, set it out on display tables, priced merchandise and helped with the sales.

Men and women in all career fields worked diligently side by side to do a tough job for the charitable objectives of Riverside Soroptimist. Top it all off with special thanks to Lillian Johnson, Rummage Sale Chair, for bringing it all together.

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



Recruitment Tip: What Potential Members Want!

Recruiting members can be a daunting task because it's hard to know exactly what a prospective member is looking for when she visits your club. What if you could "get inside the head" of a group of prospective members to learn everything they want out of a membership?

You're in luck! SIA has access to a pool of enthusiastic prospects - everyone who fills out an Introduction Form on the SIA website! Through a survey, they've revealed what they're looking for in an organization. Now your club can stop the guesswork and build your recruitment strategy on what we

know matters to potential members!

Relationships

Nearly 75% of respondents indicated they sought "friendship and fellowship," and "being with other like-minded women." Does your club offer opportunities for socializing before and after your meetings so members can mingle and get to know one another? Invite a prospective member to come to a meeting a few minutes early and introduce her to a few members so that she'll feel at ease once you get down to business! Create space for fellowship and when you have a visitor showcase that opportunity for meeting new friends!

Mission

68% were interested in joining of personal because а connection to our mission. Is your club participating in SIA's signature Dream Programs, the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award and Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Highlight these life changing programs and local women and girl focused projects that your club is working on. Prospects want to join Soroptimist because of our mission to improve the lives of women and girls. When talking about the club, focus on mission based work and let a potential member know how she can get directly involved in those projects when she joins!

Personal Growth

63% of those surveyed hoped to gain leadership and personal development opportunities through their membership. What are the opportunities for leadership in your club? Tell a prospective member about the committees and other positions that are available. Be sure to

share any opportunities for leadership training - what is the path for a new member who wants to take on responsibility in the club? Consider using the Capacity Inventory as a tool. It can help you determine what skills a potential member brings to the table and will tell you what she wants to learn so you can steer her towards committees and projects that will truly engage her interests!

Volunteer Opportunities

62% of prospective members were looking for hands on opportunities to do volunteer work. Does your club have an upcoming project, program or event? Invite a prospective member to participate! This value should be easy to demonstrate as volunteer opportunities are the club's bread and butter to Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading economic empowerment.

Does what your club offers match up with these values that prospects are looking for in a membership? If so, then Soroptimist is a perfect fit for her!

Our clubs are uniquely poised to offer all of the above - a group of like minded women with whom to foster friendships and grow together while volunteering on life changing programs that improve the lives of women and girls!

Focus on these topics in your conversations when talking about your club to possible recruit. These are the values that are important to them and will make them want to join.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Charlene Hildebrandt October 26th

OCTOBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Edith Gingerich

Carol Allain Speer 10-16-2015

Jill Borth 10-9-2018

Melody Hendrickson 10-23-18

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK





Jill Borth posted: "Happy 30th Anniversary to us! Life is a journey and love is what makes that journey worthwhile! Thank you Tim for the amazing journey. I wouldn't want to spend this life with anyone else but you.

Love you Tim!"



Pam Bradford posted: "For Grandson Braden's 7th birthday I got him the Atari Flashback that has all the old video games that I played with his dad when he was little: Frogger, Asteroids, Pacman and lots more. Braden begged me to get this for him. Isn't it fun how old is new again!"



<u>Ellen Clizbe</u> posted: "Sunday at the Norco fair and rodeo with family. It was really fun. Didn't expect it to be so large."



<u>Jana Cook</u> was tagged in a post by Susan Kaylor: "Need a new project?"



<u>Debbie Ferraro</u> was tagged in a post by Chelsea Lea Storm-Larsen: "My favorites!"

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room!! And then I remembered "We live in a duplex..."

<u>Jeanne Hatcher</u> posted something to make us laugh.



Melody Hendrickson posted:
"Praising the Lord today for my
beautiful, healthy, kind and
quirky little girl on this National
Daughters Day."



<u>Vicki Hightower</u> posted: "Happy National Daughters Day to my beautiful daughter Emily."



<u>Charlene Hildebrandt</u> posted: "Love my girl. Happy National Daughters Day!"



<u>Caroline Leach</u> posted: "Game Day USC vs Utah."



Paula McCroskey posted:
"IMAGINE! A beautiful day in
CENTRAL PARK!"



Melanie McKee shared a photo posted by the Golden West Region: "Who are the great women behind you?"



Amy McKenzie posted: "First game for 2019 Winter Ball, Shetland Bruins. Tyson, 5 years old."



<u>Annamarie Megrdichian</u> posted: "Love Texas Style."



Kathy Michalak posted: "Last Tuesday night at Riverside City Council, I was surprised by Bank of America Foundation with the Neighborhood Builders Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Habitat for Humanity Riverside. Today, they got me again with the local grant for another \$10,000. I like these kinds of surprises!"



<u>Michelle Paradise</u> posted: "Some mini took over my office!"



<u>Kathleen Parra</u> shared a post from Annie's Garden and Patio: "When your grandson needs back to school teacher gifts."



<u>Janet Payton</u> posted: Happy Birthday to my sweet granddaughter. She is turning 13 today."

MY GRANDCHILDREN ARE ABSOLUTELY AWESOME.
THEY MUST HAVE INHERITED IT FROM THEIR GROOVY OLD GRANDMA.

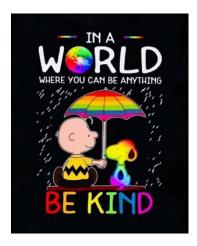
<u>Judy Pekarek</u> shared a fact that all grandma's know is true!



<u>Linda Robertson</u> posted: "Me and my new BFF. He's sooo cute!"



Lynn Scecina posted: "Happy National Daughters Day. I just love these two! The world is better because they are in it."



<u>Debi Sullivan</u> posted a thought provoking graphic.



<u>Kacey Sutton</u> posted: "Polish Feasting!"



<u>Susan Wolf</u> posted: "Check out my new swag."

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS

Karin Roberts and her husband
David sent greetings from a River
Cruise on the Danube from
Vienna to the Black Sea going
through seven countries. She
says it was an amazing
experience!







Jeanne Hatcher sent some photos from Seattle's Museum of Flight that show that women always step up when needed. These are the amazing women of the 1940's!









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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



I pledge allegiance to

Soroptimist and to
The ideals for which
it stands:
The Sincerity of Friendship,
The Joy of Achievement,
The Dignity of Service,
The Integrity of Profession,
The Love of Country.
I will put forth my greatest
effort to promote, uphold,
and defend these ideals, for

RIVERSIDELINES

a larger fellowship

in home, in society,

in business, for country

and for God.



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DEADLINE

Submit articles and photos by the 25th of each month to Pam at: pambradford@pamsemail.net

THOUGHTS ON VOLUNTEERING

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."









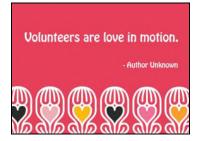






















Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasures.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.

Healther French Henry

GREAT THINGS
ARE BROUGHT ABOUT
AND BURDENS
ARE LIGHTENED
THROUGH THE EFFORTS
OF MANY HANDS
ANXIOUSLY ENGAGED
IN A GOOD CAUSE.
ELDER M. RUSSEL BALLARD

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