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NOVEMBER 2019

AKING NEWS

Thursday, October 31, 2019 » MORE AT FACEBOOK.COM/THEPRESSENTERPRISE AND TWITTER.COM/PRESSENTERP

ARLINGTON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

Soroptimist members provide backpacks for Riverside kids

From staff reports

Near the beginning of the school year, members of Soroptimist International of Riverside distributed 60 backpacks filled with school supplies to children from kindergarten through high school at Arlington Temporary Assistance in Riverside.

Giving out the backpacks were Jeanne Hatcher, Ellen Clizbe and Melanie McKee, chairman of the project, ac-

cording to a news release.

Many more Soroptimist members participated in the annual project, donating money, buying supplies and staying after a meeting to fill the backpacks with crayons, markers, pencils, sharpeners, pens, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, pocket folders, dividers, staplers, composition books and notebook paper.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE

With some of the children who received backpacks from Soroptimist International of Riverside at Arlington Temporary Assistance in Riverside are, back row, from left, Soroptimist members Ellen Clizbe, Jeanne Hatcher and Melanie McKee

The mission of Arling- a year), clothing, referrals California Edison electric-ton Temporary Assistance to appropriate social ser-ity bills. is to provide assistance to vice agencies, bus tickets

For information about families and individuals in for medical appointments Soroptimist Internaneed. Assistance includes and emergencies and util- tional of Riverside, go to food (limited to six times ity assistance for Southern soroptimistriverside.org.

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.
- <u>EMPOWERMENT</u>: 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

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BLESSINGS TO FLOW IN
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As the holiday season approaches, I like to reflect on the past year and take stock of what I am thankful for.

Near the top of my list are the experiences I have enjoyed with wonderful women Soroptimist International of Riverside. I am so thankful for the sense of community and the "joy of achievement" I experience just being part of this group of women who are so dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. Everyone works extremely hard on fundraisers and service projects and we couldn't accomplish the wonderful things we accomplish without everyone's help.

I think special thanks should go to all of the committee chairs who galvanize the entire club to make certain all our efforts are successful. So, thank you, to the Chairs of SI Riverside's committees:

Budget: Pam Bradford

Bylaws & Standing Rule: Pam Bradford

Hospitality: Susan Wolf

Inspiration & Flag Salute: Charlene Johnson

Legislative Advocate: Kathy Michalak

Membership: Lynn Scecina

Parlimentarian: Carolyn Kegarice

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SOLT: Pam Bradford

Year End Financial Audit: Pam Bradford

Dream It Be It Conference: Jeanne Hatcher

> Salute To Service: Paula McCroskey

Valentine Dessert Auction: JoAnn Moore

Arlington Temporary Assistance Backpack Project: Melanie McKee

History Walk: Susan Exon

Inspire Adopt-A-Home: Jill Borth

First Step to Your Future: Charlene Hildebrandt

Script: Carolyn Kegarice

Restaurant Fundraise: Ellen Clizbe

International Goodwill & Understanding: Karin Roberts & Jeanne Hatcher

If you aren't already on a committee, or even if you are but are intrigued by one of these committees, I encourage you to reach out to one of the chairs and join!

Together, we truly make a difference in the lives of women and girls, and for that, I am truly thankful.

Vicki Hightower 2018-20 President

NOVEMBER 2019



5 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

9 WORLD FREEDOM DAY

12 BUSINESS MEETING

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

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

26 **PROGRAM MEETING**

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

DECEMBER 2019



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Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

5 <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> <u>VOLUNTEER DAY FOR</u> <u>ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL</u> DEVELOPMENT

10 BUSINESS MEETING

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

10 <u>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN</u> <u>RIGHTS DAY</u>

13 HOLIDAY PARTY

Paula McCroskey's Home More Info to come

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International 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 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.

NOVEMBER 25, 2019 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



The United **Nations** International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women is an occasion for governments, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations to public awareness violence against women. It has been observed on November 25th each year since 2000.

Violence against women is an issue that UN and many others take seriously.

What Do People Do?

Various activities are arranged around the world to draw attention to the need for continuing action to eliminate violence against women, projects to enable women and their children to escape violence and campaigns to educate people about the consequences of violence against women. Locally, women's groups may organize rallies, communal meals, fundraising activities and present research on violence against women in their own communities.

An ongoing campaign that people are encouraged to participate in, especially around this time of the year when awareness levels for the day are high, is the "Say NO to Violence Against Women campaign". Through the campaign, anyone can add their name to a growing

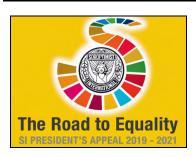
movement of people who speak out to put a halt to human rights violations against women.

Background

On November 25, 1960, three sisters, Patria Mercedes Mirabal, María Argentina Minerva Mirabal and Antonia María Teresa Mirabal, were assassinated in the Dominican Republic on the orders of the Dominican ruler Rafael Trujillo. The Mirabel sisters fought hard to end Trujillo's dictatorship. Activists on women's rights have observed a day against violence the οn anniversary of the deaths of these three women since 1981.

On December 17, 1999, November 25th was designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women by the UN General Assembly.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



THE ROAD TO EQUALITY SI PRESIDENT'S APPEAL 2019-2021

"The Road to Equality," our next Soroptimist International (SI) President's Appeal, was announced by President Elect Sharon Fisher as she invited Soroptimists around the world to join her on a two-year road trip to find and empower women and girls who have been left

behind. The Appeal will raise awareness of human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential.

Sharon explains: "The Road to Equality Appeal, 2019-2021, will focus on issues already the focus of much of the SI advocacy work, such as child marriage, FGM/C, the rights of older women, human trafficking, migration and domestic violence. A grassroots project for each topic will bring stories from the field that we can share, allowing Soroptimists to turn up the volume of our global voice. Webinars and seminars will unite our membership and host important conversations that bring to life the stories, issues and challenges that matter to women and girls. On the road we will renew relationships and make new ones as we ioin together with other organizations travelling together to increase our presence and our impact none of us can do the job alone. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda pledged to ensure "no one will be left behind" and to "endeavor to reach the furthest behind first."

Please join us from October 1, 2019 through to September 30, 2021 on "The Road to Equality" as we transform the lives of women and girls through innovative projects and activities, with your valued financial support, your voice and your commitment.

The coordinators joining us on "The Road to Equality" are Ayushi Kundu and Olga Sidenko, who will work within a team that will include a representative from each Federation, to ensure that this appeal is brought to life.

More information, projects plans, stories and resource materials will be available on the SI website and through social media, to empower you with the tools and knowledge you need to support and maximize the impact of the Appeal.

Good luck to you all and thank you in advance for your support"

Sharon Fisher SI President-Elect 2020-2021

Article from the SI webpage: www.soroptimistinternational.org

OCTOBER 4-5, 2019
GOLDEN WEST REGION
DISTRICT 1
FALL MEETING



DELEGATES REPORT

SI Corona was the host of the 2019 District 1 Fall Meeting at SilverLakes Sports Complex in Corona. The festivities began on Friday evening, October 4th, with the annual "Chocolate, Wine and Jazz" fundraiser. Three members (President Vicki Hightower, Delegate Lynn Scecina and Secretary Melanie McKee) along with Soroptimisters (Vicki's husband Tom Hightower and Lynn's husband Mike Mihelich) were in attendance and enjoyed tasting local wines, beers and small appetizers. There was a silent and a live auction and a band providing musical ambiance.

The meeting on Saturday, October 5th, began with each member in attendance receiving a flower headband and we were welcomed by Debra Murphy, District 1 Director. Six SI Riverside members were in attendance: President Vicki Hightower, Vice-President Edith Gingerich, Delegates Lynn Scecina and Charlene Johnson, Secretary Melanie McKee and member Michelle Paradise.

There were Golden West Region Leadership presentations by Governor Lori Reed, Governor-Elect Laurie Moses and Treasurer Margie Burke. Cyndi Monroe and Edwina Cardenas led a fun time game of heads or tails. Lori Reed and Debra Murphy presented Club Awards and SI Riverside was the recipient of five awards:

- Live Your Dream Education
 & Training Award
 Participation Certificate
- Recognition for Reaching the Club Giving Dreamer's Level
- Recognition for Outstanding Membership Performance in the Diamond Campaign
- Dream It Be It Career Support for Girls Participation Certificate
- Recognition for Increasing SIA's Collective Impact

There were Pillar Presentations involving Dream It Be It, Live Your Dream, Membership and Fundraising. Linda Poindexter, SI Yucca Valley presented a handout about Public Awareness, including tips for Instagram Business Accounts and other social media avenues.

Our keynote speaker during lunch was Michael Hestrin, District Attorney for Riverside County. He presented an eyeopening power point presentation concerning the dangerous apps that becoming more prevalent in our ever-increasing web-based society and what can be done to insure our children do not fall prey to these heinous schemes. The Power Point presentation will be made available on the Golden West Region website.

There was a panel presentation titled "Be-YOU-tiful", facilitated

by Kristin Barbarossa, SI Corona. Presenters were Adrianna Showalter, Support Sisterz, Liz Cahn-Castruita, West Coast Media and Michelle Broad, Well Women Network. A handout about self care was distributed, which would be suitable for inclusion in our Dream It Be It backpacks.

The bid to host Fall Meeting 2020 went to SI Chino Valley.

Lynn Scecina Delegate





























OCTOBER 22, 2019 PROGRAM MEETING



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SI Riverside held their program meeting on the evening of October 22nd at the beautiful home of member Carol Allain Speer.

Members enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner followed by a presentation by Caryn Marsella, Director of Art Education and Community Engagement for the Riverside Art Museum.

Caryn spoke about the museum's current programs within the community and then led the club in an art class where members drew colorful pumpkins.

It was an informative and fun evening!



























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

I'm seeing RED!



No, I'm not angry. I'm seeing red and orange and yellow. It's FALL. Time for the start of cool nights and warm hearts.

Speaking of hearts, the Valentine Dessert Auction Committee is planning another fun event at Victoria Club in Riverside on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020. All of your favorites will be there – the Live and Silent Auctions, those 52 bottles of wine in the

Wine Auction and the wonderful treasures at the Small Gift Table.

New this year is a Photo Op area where your name or logo will be placed on a "Red Carpet Banner." Sponsors who submit their support level to our website or post office box by December 15, 2019 will qualify for banner placement.

Fall is in the air for now, but come February 2020, it will be "Love is in the Air."

Jo Ann Moore VDA Chair

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING



Message from Inspire Life Skills Training

You helped us exceed our goal of raising \$100,000 at our 14th annual "Make a Difference" Gala. The funds will be used for ongoing housing and supportive programs, hiring a new part-time therapist and starting a new Inspired Scholars program for former foster youth who are already attending four year universities. Thank you to everyone who generously donated!



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.

Ideas for the Holidays

The holidays are quickly approaching. Inspire is grateful to have such wonderful groups that are doing a fantastic job of reminding the youth of how much they are cared for.

The students love the little goodies during the holidays and also the home cooked meals. Pantry items and toiletries are also very much appreciated. In the past groups have done the following activities that have been a hit:

- Dropped off Pumpkins to Carve
- Halloween Candy and Cards
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Cookie Decoration
- Christmas Tree Decorating
- Hanging up Christmas Lights
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Stockings
- Hot Chocolate Gift Basket
- Movie Night Gift Basket
- Home Made Pizza Basket
- Finals Week Motivational Basket

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 visited 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.

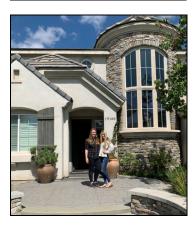
The first half of Resi's visit was highlighted in last month's newsletter. In this newsletter, her adventures in Riverside continue.

Saturday, September 28 to Sunday, September 29

Brianna Bern, the exchange student we sent to Erlangen, Germany, in 2018, spent the weekend with Resi. They went to the local Drive In on Friday night to see a movie. Resi wanted to see Los Angeles and Hollywood so on Saturday they toured Hollywood Boulevard and visited the Museum of Illusions with lunch and dinner at the beach. On Sunday Brianna took Resi to Sandals Church then returned her to the home of Paula McCroskey's, Resi's hostess for the week.













Monday, September 30

Resi visited Riverside City Hall to meet with Mayor Rusty Bailey and Mayor Office Intern Maryam Schotz. Maryam is also from Erlangen, Germany, and it turns out that she grew up in Erlangen only a few miles from where Resi lived. SI Riverside member Paula McCroskey (who is hosting Resi in her home this week), Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher, Resi, Maryam and Mayor Bailey had lunch together at the Mission Inn. In the afternoon Resi was taken on a tour of downtown Riverside. Resi finished out the busy day with a lovely dinner at the home of SI Riverside member Jill Borth and her family.

















Tuesday, October 1

Resi visited Riverside City College and met with Dr. Scott Brown, Counselor and Learning Disabilities Specialist at RCC's Disability Resource Center. In the evening she relaxed in SI Riverside member Paula McCroskey's pool and spa.









Wednesday, October 2

Resi had lunch at Tio's Tacos and "spread her wings" in their amazing folk art display. SI Riverside member Ellen Clizbe then took Resi to Redlands to spend the afternoon with Rob Clizbe at Christian Counseling Services where she learned about parent-child interactive therapy and eye movement, desensitization and reprocessing. She then had dinner at the beautiful home of Ellen Clizbe and her husband Jim along with SI Riverside members Chris Deviny and Carolyn Kegarice.











Thursday, October 3

Resi met with Life Coach Mary Ann Hillman in the morning. In the afternoon Resi spent the time relaxing and packing for her trip home to Germany the following day. In the evening, members of SI Riverside held a catered Farewell Dinner for Resi with many Soroptimist members in attendance in the beautiful backyard of member Paula McCroskey. It was a lovely way for Resi to visit again with the various members who took part in her activities during the previous two weeks and to meet other SI Riverside members. It was a whirlwind two weeks for Resi and SI Riverside members had a wonderful time making sure her stay with us was memorable.

























Thursday, October 3

Resi traveled to LAX with Exchange Program Chair Jeanne Hatcher and members Ellen Clizbe and Chris Deviny and flew home to Erlangen, Germany, after two busy weeks in Riverside.



A few days later, Resi posted on SI Riverside's Facebook page:

"Thank you all so much! I had the most wonderful time in Riverside. I still can't believe that I was able to experience so many things in such a short time and that I met so many warm, welcoming, friendly people. Thanks to everyone who took the time to host me, show me around, invite me for dinner, arrange part of the program for me, etc. I really enjoyed every minute of my stay and I am forever grateful for this unique opportunity! I send you all the love from Germany."

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, tablets 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, tablet 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





Members of the Sued-Burgenland, Austria, Soroptimist Club

On July 10, 2004, Soroptimist International of Riverside established a Friendship Link with the Soroptimist club in Sued-Burgenland, Austria.

SI Riverside President Doris Churry stated, "We value and cherish our Sister relationship with the Sued-Burgenland Soroptimist club and hope that this will be a small step towards world peace and understanding between our clubs and our countries forever."

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



Leadership Tip: Public Speaking

When people hear the words public speaking, they most likely think about someone in the front of a room, up on a stage and making a long presentation. However, public speaking takes on many forms and we may be speaking in public more often than we think. For example, within your club you may be giving a report during a meeting, leading a Dream It, Be It session, talking to prospective members about the benefits of joining or even leading an auction during a fundraiser.

Being a leader within Soroptimist, you will often be tapped for information and for your expertise. You may be given advance notice or you may even be put on the spot at times. That is why it is so important to improve upon and practice our speaking skills. To do that, review the following tips and try putting them into practice. They will help build your confidence and help put you more at ease when you step in front of a crowd.

Use your nerves to your advantage:

Cited as one of the greatest fears people have, just the thought of public speaking can make you sweat and develop an uneasy feeling in your stomach. This is normal. Our brains can perceive physical or psychological stress and the adrenaline starts pumping. Embrace this energy to show your passion, to vary your inflection and move around the room.

Get personal:

Share stories about yourself (or someone you know) when public speaking. This is especially a great way to kick off a presentation because:

- 1. You can grab the audience's attention with a true story.
- 2. You'll be able to easily convey a personal experience (having lived through it).
- Listeners will be able to empathize with what you are saying and will want to hear more.

Keep it simple:

Don't be tempted to use big words or complicated definitions in order to impress your audience. Speak plainly and to the point. If you trip up over an 8-syllable word. it's not pretty. For example, try to say "intellectualization" a few times. Does it roll off the tongue? Now imagine including it in a speech you are giving. Choose words you and your listeners can easily say and understand.

Mistakes will happen:

Surprise! No one is perfect! Even the most polished of speakers can and will make mistakes. We are all human, so don't be so hard on yourself. You may lose your place when referring to your notes. Someone may interject a question and throw you off track. If you make a gaffe, admit it, own it and move on. Errors are humanizing and you'll appear more relatable.

Practice even though it won't make you perfect:

Rehearse your speech not once, not twice, but as much as you can. Do it in front of a mirror, a friend or even your family pet. This will help you see what parts you are stumbling on or realize content that just doesn't work. Keep in mind, even practicing over and over won't make you perfect. Mistakes will happen but you will be better prepared to recover gracefully.

Start and end with a bang:

Finally, you want to grab the audience's attention right at the start and help them walk away with the key take aways at the end of your presentation. In the beginning, that could mean sharing a personal story or relaying a startling statistic related to your subject matter. At the end, the final message you what people give is remember the most. Try summarizing the key points enthusiastically, giving the audience a call to action, or use an inspirational quote that ties in directly to your subject.

Take these tips to heart when you are called upon or volunteer to speak in front of a group. They can help improve your public speaking skills so you will be ready to lead your next club meeting or report out to the delegates at a Soroptimist region conference. In addition, you can apply these public speaking skills in your professional life during meetings or presentations at work or in other civic and volunteer engagements in your community. By being able to stand up in front of an audience and clearly communicate your message, you'll gain confidence and earn respect and you'll be able to spread the word more effectively about our mission to improve the lives of women and girls who face obstacles such as poverty, violence and teen pregnancy.

Article from the SIA webpage: www.soroptimist.org



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Susan Wolf November 2nd

Jeanne Hatcher November 8

Melanie McKee November 24

NOVEMBER
CLUB MEMBERSHIP
ANNIVERSARIES



Tillie Soliz 11-09-2010

Kathleen Parra 11-08-2016

Melanie McKee 11-13-2018

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK





<u>Jill Borth</u> posted: "Hangin' with my gnomies! Thanks to the Floyd's for the fun & awesome Halloween party."



<u>Pam Bradford</u> posted: "Grandson Braden is ready for Halloween with giant spiders, ghosts, bats and vampires. YIKES!"



<u>Jana Cook</u> was tagged in a post by Bill Cook: "Murray and Jana lounging in the pool."



Susan Exon posted: "So proud of my students in the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity walking at Light the Night to raise funds for blood cancer research. I got to hold a golden lantern in memory of you, dad. Love and miss you so much."



<u>Debbie Ferraro</u> was tagged in a post by Chelsea Lea Storm-

Larsen: "So proud of my marathon runnin' Mom!""



<u>Jeanne Hatcher</u> shared a photo posted by Share Worthy.



<u>Melody Hendrickson</u> posted: "Anniversary dinner with this handsome man."



<u>Vicki Hightower</u> posted: "Billy visiting grandma at work."

Have a daughter so you can argue with a tiny version of yourself every single morning.

<u>Charlene Hildebrandt</u> shared a post by Jennifer King.



<u>Caroline Leach</u> was tagged in a photo posted by Donna Wolf.



<u>Paula McCroskey</u> was tagged in a post by Ron May: "Washington County Class of 65"



<u>Melanie McKee</u> invited friends to a Pet Adoption Event on November 10th.



<u>Amy McKe</u>nzie posted: "Sunday Funday at the Pumpkin Patch!"



Annamarie Megrdichian was tagged in a post by Nadine Cosgrove: "Yesterday I was blessed beyond measure by my future sister-in-law with an AMAZING bridal shower. Not only am I marrying a good man but I am getting his kind and loving family as a bonus. I feel so loved and pampered and welcome and grateful. Thank you!"



<u>Kathy Michalak</u> was tagged in a post by David Hahn: "Habitat for Humanity Statewide Conference in Oakland Day 1 complete."



<u>Michelle Paradise</u> is with Former Riverside County Bailiff Wallace M. Sanderson: "Year 17 for our

annual breakfast. Drive safely my friend."



Kathleen Parra posted: "Playa del Rey bike trail, planes overhead from LAX. Biked to Manhattan Beach pier. Clear and busy. Me Maisey Daisy on bike. The serious flying by me. A nice 6 mile round trip, not too long, not too short. Lunch in Torrance aloha. Kings Hawaiian. Ahhh Mahi, Mahi, Mahi. Peace!"

To my son...

Never feel that you are alone. No matter how near or far apart. I am always right there in your heart. Just believe in yourself and remember you only fail when you stop trying.. Never forget that whatever you go through no matter what I will always love you.

<u>Janet Payton</u> shared a beautiful message posted by "Be Human Be Kind."



<u>Linda Robertson</u> posted: "Another great Halloween party

with good peeps at Sue and John Boyd's."



<u>Judy Pekarek</u> shared a cartoon from "Larry's Funny Postings."



<u>Lynn Scecina</u> posted: "Lincoln shows his excitement over National Cat Day!"



<u>Carol Allain Speer</u> posted: "We are enjoying 'Leaf Peeping' in New Hampshire with Teresa and

Bill Powell. I have never seen such spectacular color before! Nostalgic of my college days. So much fun. Thank you, Teresa and Bill."



<u>Debi Sullivan</u> shared a meaningful cartoon.



<u>Kacey Sutton</u> was tagged in a post by Debra Mars at Moreno Valley Regional Learning Center.



<u>Susan Wolf</u> posted: "Stop by and meet the newest family member, the Royal Gardens Guardian. He will be greeting the

neighborhood walkers during the day and coming in at night."

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