

OCTOBER 2020



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.
- EDUCATION: Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:**

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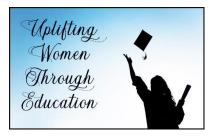
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Edith Gingerich 2020-21 SIR President



I watched an interview a couple of weeks ago with Penny Babb, our new Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) President (and former Golden West Region Governor).

For those who didn't watch or even if you did, I'd like to mention some of the high points Penny made during the interview outlining the direction of SIA now.

As some of you may know, Penny was recruited by being invited to a party with "fun women, wine and cheese." She joined Soroptimist that night, over 20 years ago not knowing what a Soroptimist does and has never regretted it. She said how rewarding it has been for her and how many great friends she has made on her journey to SIA President.

Penny mentioned that our movement to use technology

more in contacting and helping women and girls was already envisioned prior to the COVID-19 pandemic but that the pandemic certainly kicked off widespread use of technology throughout SIA.

Penny also stated, "We know our Dream programs are the best for women and girls." Presenting them online allows us to reach even more women and girls who may not have been had an opportunity to attend a conference personally. In recent years, Live Your Dream Education and Training Award (LYDETA) applicants have been able to apply online, allowing for more qualified applicants.

Throughout SIA the most common award amount is \$1,000. It has become clear that the impact on the awardees is no different if they receive a larger monetary award. Penny's vision is that every qualified applicant be awarded in some way. She suggests reconsidering how we award LYDETA funds to reward more women and girls.

Many clubs are doing Dream It Be It also via Zoom or by posting online. This is supported by SIA. Also requiring women and girls to set goals is suggested. Penny mentioned that in her club, they inserted a slide that reads, "Dreams without goals are just dreams" and suggests we do something similar.

Penny also said that in order to reach our SIA goal of assisting half a million women and girls over the next three years our members need to be open minded to new ways of doing things. She also mentioned that only 4% of members support their clubs financially beyond paying

their dues. She stated that if we want things, we need to step up.

Edith Gingerich 2020-21 SIR President

OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR





ALL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER WILL BE ON ZOOM

- 1 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF</u> OLDER PERSONS
- 3 <u>SOROPTIMIST</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> FOUNDERS DAY
- 6 BOARD MEETING 12:00 PM on Zoom
- 11 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF</u> THE GIRL CHILD
- 13 <u>BUSINESS MEETING</u> 12:00 PM on Zoom
- 16- *DISTRICT 1 VIRTUAL*
- 17 <u>FALL MEETING</u> Hosted by Director Deb Murphy
- 17 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR</u> <u>THE ERADICATION OF</u> <u>POVERTY</u>
- 24 UNITED NATIONS DAY

27 PROGRAM MEETING 12:00 PM on Zoom

> NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR





ALL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER WILL BE ON ZOOM

- 3 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 12:00 PM on Zoom
- 9 WORLD FREEDOM DAY
- 10 <u>BUSINESS MEETING</u> 12:00 PM on Zoom
- 25 <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR</u> <u>THE ELIMINATION OF</u> VILENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- 26 *THANKSGIVING*

NOTE: THERE IS NO PROGRAM MEETING IN NOVEMBER

DATES TO REMEMBER



March 6, 2021 <u>VIRTUAL LIVE YOUR DREAM:</u> DREAM IT BE IT CONFERENCE

July 20-23, 2022 SIA 47TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION Seoul, Korea

OCTOBER 3, 2020 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS DAY



HAPPY SOROPTIMIST FOUNDERS DAY!

Soroptimist celebrates Founders Day every October 3rd, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting.

The early mission of Soroptimist was to foster the ideal of service. Our mission today is to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



The photo shows the members of the first Soroptimist club, Soroptimist of Alameda County, with their guests celebrating the club's 3rd anniversary in 1924.

SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF THE
AMERICAS
INCOMING PRESIDENT



2020-21 Soroptimist International of the Americas President Penny Babb

Congratulations to Penny Babb who will be serving a one-year term as president of the Soroptimist International of the Americas Board of Directors.

As president, Penny oversees strategic planning and program development for the organization. She will also lead Soroptimist's efforts to increase its collective impact in helping women and girls around the world to reach their full potential. She assumed the office of SIA President on September 1, 2020, and will serve in that position through August 31, 2021.

Penny has been a Soroptimist since 1998 and is currently a member of Soroptimist International Happy Valley of the Sun in the Golden West Region. Penny has held several leadership positions at all levels of the organization including region governor and secretary, district

director and club president, vice president and secretary.

Penny recently retired as the director of law enforcement operations at Glendale Community College (MCCCD) following a 25-year career with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. She holds a master of educational leadership dearee from Northern Arizona University, a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and criminal justice and a bachelor's of science degree in Afro-American studies from Eastern Illinois University. addition to her Soroptimist involvement, she is a member of Christ's Church of the Valley.

SOROPTIMIST
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100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION



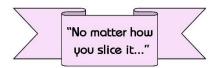
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Soroptimist International of the Americas will not move forward with the in-person worldwide 100th Anniversary Celebration Event at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel in October 2021.

SIA knows how important it is to celebrate our federation's past accomplishments and plans for our future. Therefore, SIA will research alternate ideas that are equally befitting to our 100th Anniversary, and present options to the Board of Directors in January.

Stay tuned for more details by mid-2021.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER





How we conduct our daily life has greatly changed since the last time we gathered for our annual Valentine Dessert Auction in February. With those changes have also come an opportunity to reach out to supporters in ways never attempted.

The committee forged ahead into this uncharted landscape with a Zoom meeting on August 20th, filled with lively discussion and amazing possibilities. A plan was made to create virtual and mailing fundraising campaigns. We gave ourselves one month to complete the task and have succeeded in launching both a multi-platform virtual campaign and a mailing. As of this writing there might be a hiccup here and

there, but be patient, we are all new to this.

I am so grateful to this group of ladies for soaring with me - Carolyn Kegarice, Edith Gingerich, Charlene Johnson, Melanie McKee, Pam Bradford, Debra Steinmiller, Paula McCroskey, Barbara Walling and Lynn Scecina. You have been "the wind beneath my wings."

The committee is also planning a Virtual Auction in February 2021. This will be the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Valentine Dessert Auction. It will be a fun, fast and entertaining way to spend some time with your friends without leaving home. Be sure to check this space and our website for details as we plan this event.

I encourage all of you reading this column to go to our website (soroptimistriverside.org) or return the envelope and show your support for our programs and projects.

Remember that since we won't be gathering for a meal at the Valentine Dessert Auction, you can still reserve a Pink Plate Special for our UN-Luncheon and be recognized at our Virtual Auction as one of our "Special Diners."

We look forward to continuing our service to women and girls in the future, in person when allowed, and with the skills gained during this time to reach beyond our grasp.

> JoAnn Moore VDA Chair

Investing in Dreams,
Delivered
with Heart



GOLD KEY AWARD PRESENTATION



Soroptimist International of Riverside's Salute to Service Committee Chair Paula McCroskey held a small gathering on Friday, September 25th, in honor of Mary Figueroa who received the club's prestigious Gold Key Award.

The Gold Key Award was established in 1972 and is presented each year to an outstanding woman from the Riverside area who has given fifteen or more years of volunteer service to the community.

While the COVID-19 pandemic kept Soroptimist International of Riverside from holding their usual public event, it was a wonderful small luncheon with Mary also receiving many legislative recognitions.

SI Riverside members also in attendance were Gold Key Award Committee Chair Susan Exon and Chris Deviny, chair of our Dream It Be It Scholarship Committee.



Gold Key Committee Award Chair Susan Exon, Gold Key Awardee Mary Figueroa, Salute to Service Chair Paula McCroskey and Dream It Be It Scholarship Chair Chris Deviny



Mary Figueroa wearing her Gold Key pin



Gold Key Award Committee Chair Susan Exon (standing) with Gold Key Awardee Mary Figueroa



SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 GOLDEN WEST REGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

M E M B E R S H I P

On Sunday, September 27th, Golden West Region (GWR) Governor Lori Reed organized the first meeting of our Membership Chairs. It was a Zoom meeting and was attended by 21 membership chairs and club presidents from California, Arizona and New Mexico.

It was generally recognized that this year is unlike any others due to the fact that most of our meetings are conducted virtually. Several clubs mentioned that they hold "hybrid" meetings that may be held in the back yard of a member's home and accessible by Zoom for those who cannot be there in person. Some clubs prefer the virtual meetings and find that attendance is better due to the fact that there is no travel involved.

In the interest of keeping the meetings lively, several clubs have instituted playing a game or asking each member to describe something special about their favorite earrings, for example. Other clubs might showcase several members and ask them to talk about what they do for 5 minutes.

Some clubs use breakout sessions after the main meeting to spend time talking with each other in a smaller group and others hold social meetings occasionally, such as a virtual wine tasting, a "Yappy

Hour" involving pets and a comedy night where each member brings their best jokes and prizes are awarded.

These are ways to keep the members involved, however, the outreach to prospective members must continue.

One club uses "Meet Up" to spread the word of Soroptimist. It was suggested that keeping in touch with past Live Your Dream Education & Training Award recipients might encourage them to eventually become members, essentially giving back to the club that helped them in a time of need.

Governor Lori will send each of us a list of prior members and perhaps our reaching out to them might interest them in restoring their membership. She will also send each club the names provided by Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) of those in our area who have expressed interest in joining.

We were reminded of the resources available through SIA and through GWR and Governor Lori noted that the "tool kit" will be presented at the Fall Meetings to be held in October.

Various clubs shared what they are doing for fundraisers this year, including hosting a virtual Luna Fest, rather than having in person showings. Our club projects are an excellent way to gain recognition for Soroptimist as well as giving back to the community.

Due to the current situation, the Diamond Campaign that was created by SIA is focusing less on member recruitment and more on member retainment. The goal is to retain 85% of our membership this year. Keeping our meetings meaningful, relevant and above all enjoyable is the surest way to meet that goal and keep our purpose of empowering women and girls our ultimate priority.

Lynn Scecina, DC Membership Chair

OCTOBER 16-17, 2020
DISTRICT 1 VIRTUAL
FALL MEETING



2020 FALL MEETING IS GOING VIRTUAL!

This year all of the Golden West Region Fall Meetings will be done via Zoom with the same theme: "20/20 Vision: Clarity and focus for remaining impactful in an ever-changing virtual world."

For each district, there will be a Friday night "Social" with fun activities and a Saturday morning session for new information, training and awards.

District 1 Friday Social

October 16th 7:00 p.m.

District 1
Saturday Session

October 17th 9-11 a.m. The Zoom links for the Friday social and Saturday session can be found on the Golden West Region website at:

www.goldenwestregion.org

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS
TRAINING



Greetings ladies. Can you believe it's October already? I'm waiting to get the last "My Favorite/What I Like" sheets that Kristi Perez sent to the young ladies at Inspire House. I will put them together and send to all of the SI Riverside members. These sheets will help us get to know the young ladies a little better.

Soroptimist member Susan Exon volunteered to deliver dinner to the young ladies at Inspire House in September. She baked spinach, mushroom and cheese manicotti along with a bagged salad and cookies for dessert.



Here is what Susan had to say about the opportunity:

"The baked manicotti is vegetarian since several of the residents are on a vegetarian diet. House RA Briana warmly welcomed me as I delivered the dinner. She was so easy to work

with. We had arranged delivery for Monday, September 28th. I emailed her in the afternoon to confirm and a few hours later, she asked me to bring the dinner 15 minutes later since she had gotten off work later than normal. Communication is so important and it made delivery of a homecooked dinner extremely easy. Briana and one resident were present and both were very appreciative of the meal."

Thank you, Susan Exon, for inspiring these young ladies. There are still some opportunities available for SI Riverside members to provide a dinner for them as well as some holidays to help them celebrate. Look for an updated signup sheet in the next couple days. Sign up for your opportunity.

Linda Robertson Inspire House Chair

CONGRATULATIONS TO MELANIE MCKEE



Congratulations to SI Riverside Vice-President Melanie McKee for joining the Golden West Region Public Awareness Committee as the District 1 member for the 2020-22 biennium.

Melanie will be helping Soroptimist clubs in District 1 with social media, brand messaging and helping them to utilize the recognition and branding tools that are available on the Golden West Region website.

WAY TO GO, MELANIE!

REMEMBERING GLENDA RICHARDS

This is a very personal goodbye to SI Riverside Honorary Member Glenda Richards from SI Riverside member Karin Roberts:



Over 20 years ago, Glenda entered my life. In April 2000 I joined SIR and was welcomed by Glenda who immediately took charge and informed me about the ins and outs of a proper SIR member.

I admit it was slightly overwhelming, but Glenda guided me patiently through the complex Soroptimist bylaws.

Everybody who met Glenda knows, that she was a Soroptimist with her heart and soul. Most of us also know that she was twice our president, for many years our treasurer, chairing the Valentine Dessert Auction for many years, working at the Soroptimist regional level and so on.

I probably forgot many of the positions that Glenda held in her

47 years of membership in SI Riverside. She lived and breathed Soroptimist whole heartedly.



For me she was not only a fellow SI Riverside member but also a friend and travel companion. We celebrated birthdays, went to July 4th concerts in front of the Court House, Mayor's Balls at White Park, theater performances and most importantly we traveled together. Not only to Soroptimist conferences and meetings in the U.S. but also abroad.



I recall the visit to our Austrian friendship link SI Süd-Burgenland-Stegersbach in 2005 where our SI Riverside group had a wonderful time and bonded with our European sisters. We added to this trip a few days in Prague, Vienna and Budapest.



In April 2007 Glenda accompanied David and me again to Germany and Austria. We flew into Munich and took a rental car into Austria visiting Salzburg, the Lake District, Graz, the Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum, Innsbruck, Vienna and meeting with my family and friends.



Glenda was especially impressed by the "Kristallwelten" - Crystal World, the Swarovski Museum and Art Show in the town of Wattens near Innsbruck. The Swarovski Crystal gift shop "conveniently" located at the end of the Crystal World Art Show was, of course, a highlight and we spent some time and money there.



Glenda was one of the best travel companions one can only imagine. She was uncomplicated, always on time, open for unforeseen detours, spending money where money needed to be spent, walking miles with (almost) no complaints, staying in dinky 2 star to fancy 4 star hotels without questions asked, eating and drinking EVERYTHING. We truly enjoyed the time together and wouldn't want to miss a day.



Glenda, your birthday was a few days ago but you travelled to a better place exactly one month earlier. We remember you for all the right reasons. We also know you are in good hands now. You will always be remembered and certainly never forgotten.

Auf Wiedersehen, David and Karin

SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



FOUNDERS PENNIES

Each year, Soroptimist clubs make Founders Pennies donations to celebrate the founding of our organization and to support its global Dream Programs.

Founders Pennies are a classic, time-honored tradition for clubs and a creative way to help fund life changing programs. Founders Pennies help create a local and global relationship between Soroptimist clubs and members and the women and girls who need our support.

How are Founders Pennies used?

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

Founders Pennies represent approximately 10 percent of the total \$1.7 million contributed to fund federation programs.

How are Founders Pennies calculated?

Founders Pennies are set at \$.06 per member times the number of years that SIA has been in existence (1921).

For the 2020-2021 club year, $$.06 \times 100 \text{ years} = 6.00 per member.

Who gives Founders Pennies?

Founders Pennies are remitted to headquarters by each participating club. Clubs collect the pennies from their members in a variety of ways and usually submit them with club dues.

When did the tradition of Founders Pennies begin?

The tradition of giving pennies began in 1943. Clubs collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used the money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of pre-World War II political conditions and the war itself. In 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund.

This fund provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies began funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards and now the Live Your Dream Awards.

Are Founders Pennies mandatory?

Founders Pennies are a voluntary contribution from Soroptimist members remitted to headquarters by clubs. As with all contributions, Founders Pennies are not mandatory.

What kind of recognition is given for Founders Pennies contributions?

Regions are awarded a certificate of appreciation when all clubs in the region contribute to Founders Pennies between June 1st and May 31st. Contributions for recognition are based on the number of members on record at headquarters as of the end of the recognition period (May 31st).



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



CHARLENE HILDEBRANDT - 26TH

OCTOBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Edith Gingerich 10-16-2015

Carol Allain Speer



MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK





Pam Bradford posted: "To my son Jeremy on National Son's Day: If I could only give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how very special you are and what joy you have brought into my life. Love, Love, Love!"



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a post by Kari Clizbe Haloviak: "I left a huge piece of my heart in Washington. You're gonna have a great year and I couldn't be

more proud of you. I miss you so much already but am so happy you get to start this journey through college in such a wonderful place. My head is thrilled for you but my heart is still trying to catch up."



Jana Cook posted: "Steak and eggs, banana muffin hedgehog. It's what's for breakfast! Thank you, Mikayla Cook."



<u>Chris Deviny</u> updated her profile picture.



<u>Susan Exon</u> posted: "This is a crazy view of the California fires from above the clouds."

A friend of mine posted this. I had to share. I am in the middle of the test now. So far so good.

HOME COVID TEST

- 1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
- 2. If you can smell the wine then drink it & see if you can taste it.
- 3. If you can taste & smell it confirms you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test 19 times, & all were negative, thank God.

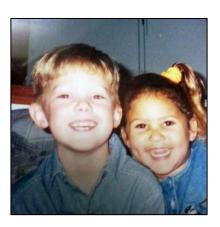
Tonight I am going to do the test again, because this morning I woke with a headache & feel like I am coming down with something.

I am so nervous!

<u>Jeanne Hatcher</u> shared a post by Bill Maack.



<u>Charlene Hildebrandt</u> posted: "Love my girl! Happy National Daughter's Day!"



Paula McCroskey shared a memory from five years ago:
"Sweet memories of happy times."



Annamarie Megrdichian posted:
"Bout time! Congrats to all of
us first responders active
and retired."



Kathy Michalak posted: "Having fun with my great nephews this weekend. Living room before and after their arrival."



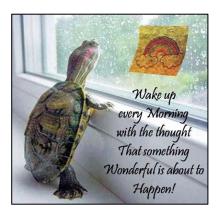
Michelle Paradise posted:
"Please meet Mr. Lincoln Ryan
Nelson, our newest grandchild.
He is perfect!"



Kathleen Parra posted: "Son, we love you for the little boy we cherished. We love you for the special person you are. We love you for the wonderful Man & Son you are and always will be. Peace! Mom & Dad. It's Son's Day! Happy Day!"



<u>Janet Payton</u> posted: "Happy National Son's Day! Missing Shane but didn't have a picture with all."



<u>Honorary Member Judy Pekarek</u> shared a post by Southern Love and Blessings.



Karin Roberts posted: "In June 2018 we visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in France to honor the fallen U.S. soldiers in World War I. This cemetery is the largest American cemetery in Europe. 2018 marked 100 years since World War I ended and we thought that the cemetery would be crowded when we visited. No, we were the only visitors! How fast do we forget? As far as we are concerned, each and every one of the crosses is dedicated to a hero."



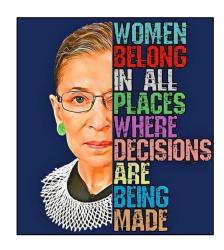
<u>Linda Robertson</u> was tagged in a memory from four years ago by Julie Ford: "Miss you, Linda!"



Lynn Scecina posted: "We just got back a day early from visiting our Mountain house. The Creek Fire is threatening the entire area, including parts of Yosemite. Many homes are lost, may others in danger. We're praying for the firefighters and all the residents and we hope this fire can be contained soon."



<u>Tillie Soliz</u> shared a memory from five years ago: "Fun day at Fairmount Park Mariachi Festival."



<u>Carol Allain Speer</u> shared a post by Scott Spencer.



<u>Kacey Sutton-Davidson</u> posted: "Celebrating this fabulous lady."



Susan Wolf posted: "Our Leo! Such a happy baby."

OTHER MEMBER NEWS



Karin Roberts sent this to the Riversidelines editor: "Ellen and Jim Clizbe, Chris Deviny, Carolyn Kegarice and David and myself enjoyed a wonderful Saturday night at the Community Players

in Riverside. A magician, puppet theater and "Riverside Drive," a local band playing music from the 70's entertained us. Just pure old-fashioned fun. We were sitting in the court yard at the fire pit in front of the theater. Socially distanced on our own chairs and wearing, of course, masks. It almost felt like normal."

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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



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RIVERSIDELINES



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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Lead by example:
Support women
on their way to the top.
Trust that they will
extend a hand to
those who follow.

-Mariela Dabbah-

"When you've worked hard, and done well, and walked through that doorway of opportunity, you do not slam it shut behind you. You reach back and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed."

Michelle Obama





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You need a tribe of women around you who are endlessly devoted to helping you succeed. There's power in that.

> Ann Shoket Author of *The Big Life*



"I always believed that one woman's success can only help another woman's success." -Gloria Vander bilt-



It's about women helping women and women doing things together and supporting each other.



IF YOU HANG OUT WITH ME FOR TOO LONG, I'LL BRAINWASH YOU INTO BELIEVING IN YOURSELF AND KNOWING YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING.

AS YOU GROW
OLDER, YOU
WILL DISCOVER
THAT YOU HAVE
TWO HANDS
ONE FOR
HELPING YOURSELF
THE OTHER FOR
HELPING OTHERS.
Audrey Hephurn
ONE HORDON

BEHIND EVERY
SUCCESSFUL *woman*IS A TRIBE OF OTHER

successful women,
WHO HAVE her back.

A glowing woman can help other women glow and still be lit







"WHAT YOU DO
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE, AND
YOU HAVE TO
DECIDE WHAT KIND
OF DIFFERENCE YOU
WANT TO MAKE."

T U L I P A N D S A G E . C O M

- JANE GOODALL

