



Riversidelines

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE AUGUST 2023



MEMBERS OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE FILL 60 BACKPACKS!

Since 2005, SI Riverside has been providing backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in financial need served by Arlington Temporary Assistance.

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:** Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together

to improve the lives of women and girls.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Melanie McKee
2022-24 President*

Hello Soroptimist Ladies!

I want to thank every member who came out for our business meeting in the heat.

I am once again looking forward to our annual Arlington Temporary Assistance backpack drive and I want to thank everyone who contributed school supplies.

On August 4th we will be distributing the backpacks to 60 children from kindergarten through high school age that are served by Arlington Temporary Assistance.

Melanie McKee, Dr.B.A.
2022-24 SIR President

AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

August

- 1 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 8 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside

12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

18- LEADERSHIP TRAINING

19 Phoenix AZ

19 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

22 PROGRAM MEETING

12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside

26 NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

September

5 BOARD MEETING

12:00 PM on ZOOM

5 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

8 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

12 BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside

21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

26 PROGRAM MEETING

12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside



DATES TO REMEMBER



October 13-14, 2023
GOLDEN WEST REGION
DISTRICT 1 & 2 FALL MEETING

First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside

May 31-June 2, 2024
GWR SPRING CONFERENCE

Hosted by SI Tucson
Casino Del Sol Resort
5655 W Valencia Road
Tucson, AZ 85757

July 24-27, 2024
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
OF THE AMERICAS 48th
BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Bellevue, Washington

July 27-28, 2024
SIA LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE
Bellevue, Washington

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International of 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. We meet at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa 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.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NEW EMBLEM



A new Soroptimist International emblem was launched at the Soroptimist International Convention in Dublin, Ireland, on July 27, 2023.

The new emblem will be officially rolled out in the coming months with a branding guide to be issued to all federations and clubs to use.



JULY 9, 2023 PURCHASING BACKPACKS FOR ARLINGTON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE BACKPACK PROJECT

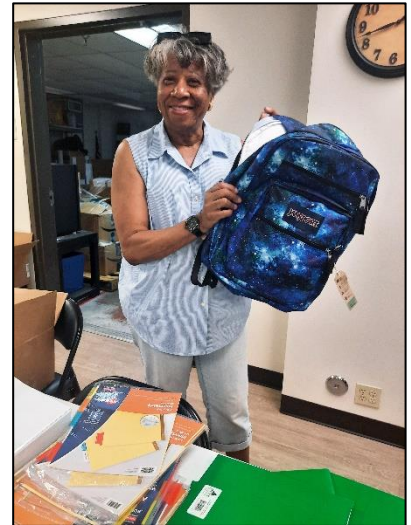
Ellen Clizbe and Chris Deviny (Co-Chairs of the Arlington Temporary Assistance Backpack Project) and SI Riverside President Melanie McKee were highlighted on Macy's personal stylist's Instagram page:



"I had the pleasure of assisting these lovely ladies from @soroptiistriverside get backpacks for kids in need. So glad we had everything you were looking for here at Macy's Riverside. The kids will be set for sure!"

**JULY 9, 2023
FILLING BACKPACKS FOR
ARLINGTON TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE BACKPACK
PROJECT**

Following our Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, SI Riverside members stayed over to fill 60 backpacks with school supplies to be distributed on August 4th to the children served by Arlington Temporary Assistance.





**JULY 17, 2023
PAINT NIGHT**

On July 27th, members of SI Riverside participated in the Riverside Elk's Paint Night.

In attendance were President Melanie McKee, Debbie Ferraro and her daughter-in-law, Lynn Seccina and her cousin, Michelle Paradise and her friend, JoAnn Moore and Sophia Mendoza.

The painting consisted of wood and water, star fish and a fishing net in the colors of blue and beige. Everyone's paintings were fabulous!

Debbie Kelley
Hospitality Chair





OCTOBER 13-14, 2023
GWR DISTRICTS 1 & 2
FALL MEETING



The Golden West Region Fall Meeting for Districts 1 & 2 will take place on October 13-14, 2023, at the First Methodist Church in Riverside. SI Riverside and SI Moreno Valley will be the host clubs.

Planning is in full swing with SI Moreno Valley in charge of the Friday night get together which tentatively will be held at either the Cheech Center at the Riverside Art Museum or at the Mission Inn.

SI Riverside will be in charge of Saturday activities with Pat Box, a member of SI Moreno Valley, in charge of Registration.

A theme for the Fall Meeting hasn't been chosen yet but we hear that it might have something to do with "wildlife."

More details will be shared with members as we get closer to the event date and plans are more solidified.

SI RIVERSIDE
BOOK CLUB



SI Riverside's book club, LET'S READ, will begin in August and feature author and education activist Malala Yousafzai.

In her autobiography, *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban*, she describes her early life in Pakistan and the efforts of her family to assure all Pakistanis received an education.

She was shot in an assassination attempt in 2012. She recovered and became a recognized force for change. Her advocacy for education has been honored with a Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 and she continues to promote the rights of female education and empowerment. This is why her book is the perfect choice for our

inaugural read.

If you care to join, please contact JoAnn Moore by text at (951) 662-4505 or at jamatlakelemon@aol.com for details.

We plan to meet on Zoom and in person.

JoAnn Moore & Tillie Soliz
Book Club Co-Chairs

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RIVERSIDE AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER

One of SI Riverside's most important projects that has left a lasting legacy in the City of Riverside is the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center.

In 1972, members of SI Riverside were instrumental in establishing the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center. For many years a member of SI Riverside served on the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center's Board of Directors, members volunteered to man the crisis hotlines and we annually donated funds to help as the organization grew.

As the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center began bringing in significant grants and donations to underwrite its operations, SI Riverside no longer needed to make monetary donations to this organization but we continued to help them by supporting their annual auction with member volunteers and preparing Rape

Crisis Kits for the women they help.

To this day, the services and support that the RARCC has provided to women who are in a desperate time in their lives is truly amazing and we are so proud that SI Riverside played an important role in the birth of the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Carolyn Kegarice - 8th
Sophia Mendoza - 11th
Debbie Ferraro - 13th
Charlene Johnson - 15th

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Chris Deviny
8-12-2003

Michelle Paradise
8-9-2013



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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 a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.**

RIVERSIDELINES



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Submit articles and photos by the 25th of each month to Pam at:

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