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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE NOVEMBER 2023



GOLDEN WEST REGION DISTRICTS 1 & 2 FALL MEETING OCTOBER 13-14, 2023 “WILDEST DREAMS”

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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.

SOROPTIMIST 2021-2031 BIG GOAL

Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Melanie McKee
2022-24 President*

Hello ladies! In this month when we all give thanks, I'd like to sum it up with a quote:

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."
Melody Beattie

Looking forward to SI Riverside's Friendsgiving on November 14th when we will show gratitude and

thanks for all of our fellow members.

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

ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER



**NOVEMBER 2023
CALENDAR**

November

- 2 **TOUR OF MAIN STREET
TRANSITIONAL LIVING
PROGRAM**
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- 7 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 9 **WORLD FREEDOM DAY**
- 14 **FRIENDSGIVING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside
- 25 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ELIMINATION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN**
- 28 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside

**DECEMBER 2023
CALENDAR**

December

- 2 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ABOLITION OF
SLAVERY**
- 5 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 5 **INTERNATIONAL
VOLUNTEER DAY FOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
- 10 **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN
RIGHTS DAY**
- 12 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside
- 16 **HOLIDAY PARTY**
Susan Wolf's Home

**NO PROGRAM MEETING
IN DECEMBER**

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

March 9, 2024
**LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT,
BE IT CONFERENCE**
Riverside Community College

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

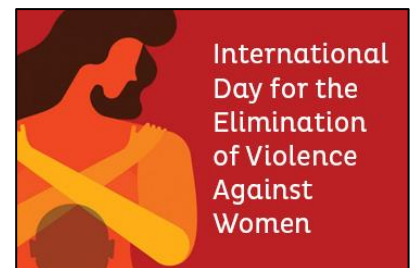
July 27-28, 2024
SIA LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE
Bellevue, Washington

July 2027
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**
Alaska

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.

**NOVEMBER 25, 2023
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ELIMINATION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN**



International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is a day that's observed on November 25th each year and is designed to raise awareness about the fact that women around the world are subject to a variety of different kinds of violence including domestic violence and sexual assault. Although leaders all over the world have led the charge on eradicating the problem of violence against women, there is still considerable work that needs

to be done. Violence against women continues, both on a local and a global basis and the problem has to be properly addressed.

The History Of International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women

The history of this day can be traced back to 1960. This is when three Mirabal sisters were assassinated on order by Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. The sisters were political activists who opposed Trujillo's regime. In 1981, activists at the Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Encuentros decided on the anniversary of that day, November 25th, as the day to raise awareness about violence against women. Through their work, the United Nations would pass a resolution on December 17, 1999, to make International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women an official day.

Facts & Figures About Violence Against Women

- Over a third of the women in the world have experienced physical or sexual violence.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, call to violence helplines increased by over 500% in some countries.
- Almost 150 women are killed by a member of their family every single day.
- Less than 40% of women who experience violence will seek or receive any help.
- At least 200 million women, ages 15-50, have undergone female genital mutilation in the world.

- Genital mutilation of women is practiced in 31 countries in the world.
- Approximately 15 million girls aged 15-19 have experienced forced sex.

Observing International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Those of you who are wishing to participate on this day can do so by taking action in your community. You can organize a march or reach out to women who have experienced violence against them. You can also give money or time to an organization that deals with violence against women. You can also take part in the UNITE Campaign—a campaign that was launched in 2008, as a way to prevent and eliminate violence against women.

Ending violence against women is possible, but only if we act together, now.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

IMPACT

Together, we will provide a sustainable impact on the lives of women and girls who face obstacles such as poverty, violence, and teen pregnancy by providing access to education leading to economic empowerment.

ENGAGEMENT

Members and supporters will find value through engagement with our mission, programs, and events.

PHILANTHROPY

Our ability to achieve our 2021-2031 Big Goal will be fully funded by our generous donors.

BRAND RECOGNITION

Global marketing and communications will drive meaningful actions to increase impact.

SUSTAINABILITY

Effectively utilize funds to achieve successful long-term outcome goals.

*From SIA website:
www.soroptimist.org*

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



The Golden West Region Districts 1 & 2 Fall Meeting was hosted by SI Riverside and SI Moreno Valley on October 13-14, 2023, and held at the First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue in Riverside.

A detailed report of this very successful and informative Fall Meeting was sent to members by SI Riverside Delegate Debbie Kelley.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023
TOUR OF THE CHEECH**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023
DINNER AT SPAGHETTI
FACTORY**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023
WINE & JAZZ AT THE
MISSION INN**



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2023
FALL MEETING**







OCTOBER 18, 2023
SPA RELAXATION
EVENING

Spa Relaxation Evening



On October 18th, SI Riverside members Ellen Clizbe, Debbie Kelley, JoAnn Moore, Linda Robertson and Tiffanie Tate joined Barbara Walling on Ellen's beautiful patio to gather for an evening of good food, soothing relaxation and, most of all, friendship.

Everyone soaked their pretty feet in cool water (it was a hot evening even at dusk) laced with glass marbles to gently massage and relax.

Barbara led the friends in a brief relaxation exercise. Included in the exercise was the suggestion that each think of a positive and loving word or phrase to whisper to herself when prompted. The idea was to sit quietly and, every once in a while, repeat the word silently as a reminder that each is a loving friend on the inside as each is to others on the outside.

Barbara Walling



NOVEMBER 14, 2023
FRIENDSGIVING



November 14, 2023

12:00 Noon

**Habitat For Humanity
2180 Iowa Avenue**



FRIENDSGIVING MENU

MAIN DISHES:
Turkey/Gravy
Ham

APPETIZERS & SIDES:
Cranberry-Orange Sauce
Charcuterie Tray
Fruit Tray
Mashed Potatoes
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Bean Casserole
Green Salad & Dressing
Coleslaw
Corn Muffins/Butter

DESSERTS:
Pumpkin Pie
Apple Pie
Apple Cranberry Pie
Pumpkin Squares
Gingerbread Cookies

**BEVERAGES SUPPLIED
BY CLUB:**
Apple Cider
Water
Iced Tea

DECEMBER 16, 2023
HOLIDAY PARTY



Holiday Party

**Saturday
December 16, 2023
5:30 PM
\$35.00/person
Home of Susan Wolf**

**RSVP by Friday, December 1st
To Debbie Kelley:
Text/Call (951) 205-5340
(Identify Yourself in Text)**

Join the Toy Drive
**For Arlington Temporary
Assistance – Bring an
UNWRAPPED toy to the
Holiday Party**

MENU
**A chef will prepare pasta
creations for each attendee
with your choices from the
following list:**

PASTA: Angel Hair, Penne
and Cheese Ravioli
PASTA SAUCES: Meat Sauce,
Alfredo, Pesto or Olive Oil
MEATS: Meatballs, Shrimp
or Chicken
TOPPINGS: 3 Color Bell
Peppers, Mushrooms, Garlic,
Onion and Olive Oil
GARLIC BREAD
GREEN SALAD
DESSERT: Spumoni
BEVERAGES: Iced Tea and
Water

**BRING YOUR OWN WINE OR
OTHER BEVERAGES**

**TRANSITIONAL LIVING
PROGRAM**



Dear Club Members:

A gentle reminder! Our highly anticipated tour of the Operation Safehouse Transitional Living Program is just around the corner!

Join us on Thursday, November 2, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at 4509 Main Street in Riverside, next to the back of Riverside Community College.

It's a fantastic opportunity to learn more about this remarkable program and the positive impact it has on our community.

We can't wait to see you there!

Sophia Mendoza
Transitional Living Program
Chair

HISTORY WALK



SOROPTIMIST HISTORY WALK

Two extraordinary individuals made the original Bicentennial History Walk come to life and as then SI Riverside president Elissa Fruciano said, "It is a pleasure to acknowledge our indebtedness to Tom Patterson, Historian, and Bette Fauth, Artist-Designer. There could not have been a History Walk without their dedicated efforts. Neither they nor we realized the tremendous scope of this project. As it developed it became more exciting but also, more time consuming."

Tom Patterson had the responsibility of digging out the historical facts and making recommendations on the events to be commemorated in stone.

In some instances, the committee had extreme difficulty in making choices. Mr. Patterson also researched each event and wrote the text for the History Walk booklet.

Bette Fauth worked with Tom Patterson's list of historical events and text. It was also necessary to uncover photographs depicting these important occasions. She designed the artwork for the stone and prepared the lettering. It is estimated that Bette spent over one thousand hours in research, designing and working with the stone craftsman and the committee.

Mrs. Fauth completed what we now consider a two-year project in six months. Working day and night she managed to continue her work as Assistant Professor of the Riverside City College Art Department, take care of her family and complete this project.

Now in 2023 as SI Riverside attempts to add two new stones to the History Walk, we once again are reaching out to a local historian and artist to assist in this important historical project.

Susan Exon
History Walk Chair



SOROPTIMIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING



SOROPTIMIST CUSTOMS & PROTOCOL

By custom, the membership pin is worn on the left side, close to the heart.

Attend meetings regularly.

Be on time for meetings.

Address the presiding officer as president by her name, e.g. "President Melanie."

Address another Soroptimist by her first name.

Welcome and introduce visiting Soroptimists and guests.

Do business with Soroptimists on a business basis, expecting no favors or special treatment.

Pay your own way unless you are invited as a guest or as a speaker.

Honor the office a person holds.

Disagree politely and keep informality within the bounds of fellowship and parliamentary procedure.

Use correct terminology:

- We are Soroptimists – not Sorops
- We are clubs – not chapters
- We are a federation – not national or federal
- We have a pledge – not a creed or motto
- We elect region officers – not regional officers

Use correct names:

- Soroptimist International of (name of your club)
- Soroptimist International of the Americas
- Soroptimist International

From the Soroptimist New Member Handbook

MEMBER MOMENTS



On October 19th, four SI Riverside members and one past member enjoyed dinner after seeing a show at Laguna Theater.

Photo: Ruth Ann Mlcoch (past member), Ellen Clizbe, Carolyn Kegarice, Chris Deviny and Tillie Soliz

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Susan Wolf – 2nd
Melanie McKee – 24th

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Barbara Walling
11-01-2001

Tillie Soliz
11-09-2010

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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.**

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GIVING THANKS

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THANKSGIVING

*Let us be grateful to the people
 who make us happy; they
 are the charming gardeners who
 make our souls blossom.*

— Marcel Proust



“It takes a lot of
 courage to have
 an attitude of
 gratitude during
 the dark times.
 But once you
 have it, it
 empowers you.”

JOSHUA TONGOL

blog.gratefulness.me



A Grateful
 heart is the
 Best Kind
 to Have ♥

“

**“Find gratitude
 in the little things
 and your well
 of gratitude will
 never run dry.”**

—Antonia Montoya

WomensHealth



**“Give thanks
 not just on
 Thanksgiving
 Day, but every
 day of your life.”**

— CATHERINE PULSIFER

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**Be present
 in all things
 and thankful
 for all things.”**

— Maya Angelou

A LIFE FULL OF
GOOD PEOPLE
 IS A LIFE FULL OF
GRATITUDE
 (Decorated with small leaf and pumpkin icons)

**Gratitude
 sweetens
 even the
 smallest
 moments**