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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE AUGUST 2024

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 BIG GOAL

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Edith Gingerich
2024-25 President

Our dedicated Soroptimists have been very busy getting this new year off to a great start!

We've had our Strategic Planning Meeting with great attendance! All of our projects have committee chairs, many with their committees already working toward our goal of empowering women and girls to reach their full potential through education.

We have several fun fundraisers already in planning for this year, the first in October 2024. We will repeat our fabulous Rhinestones, Cowgirls and Auction in February 2025 and a surprise fundraiser yet to be announced. Our co-chairs are intent on making it the most fun event yet!

We have a wonderful new member who is recently retired from Jurupa Unified School District as co-chair of our annual Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It conference for girls. She and the veteran chair are hard at work to make this year's event the best ever! Girl Power!

We have a new chair of our Membership and New Member Orientation committees with some fresh ideas for our membership this year. And we

have a new chair for our Grant Writing committee who I know is going to do great things for the club this year.

Our members have reviewed several other projects and proposed some changes that will be great for our local community! All our committees are already hard at work planning how we can make the most impact this year!

If you have an interest in getting involved with helping us reach our Soroptimist goals, either as a member or donor, please visit our website at soroptimisttriverside.org or email us at siriverside@soroptimist.net.

Edith Gingerich
2024-25 SIR President



AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

August

- 6 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

- 13 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity, 2180
Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 17- GOLDEN WEST REGION
- 18 LEADERSHIP TRAINING
UC Riverside, Palm Desert
- 19 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY
- 26 NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
- 27 2024-25 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Susan Wolf's Home
Details to be Announced

NO PROGRAM MEETING
IN AUGUST

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

- 3 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 5 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY
- 8 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY
- 10 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity, 2180
Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
- 24 PROGRAM MEETING
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside



DATES TO REMEMBER



October 5-6, 2024
GOLDEN WEST REGION
DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING

Host: SI Chino Hills/
Inland Empire

October 13, 2024
COMEDY NIGHT
Elks Club

February 2025
RHINESTONES, COWGIRLS &
AUCTION FUNDRAISER

March 2025
LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT,
BE IT CONFERENCE

April 2025
SALUTE TO SERVICE
AWARDS LUNCHEON

July 2027
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION

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. Business meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday and Program meetings are on the 4th Tuesday.

Business meetings are hybrid on ZOOM and in person at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside. Program meetings are in person only at Habitat for Humanity. Meetings will last from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so we may begin promptly at noon.

AUGUST 26, 2024 NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AUGUST 26, 2024

On August 26th, we will celebrate Women's Equality Day and mark the Centennial of the enactment of the 19th Amendment, which said, among other things, that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

This historic event was the culmination of the decades-long struggle of courageous suffragists determined to shape the course of our Republic.

On Women's Equality Day, we commemorate the efforts of those ground breaking activists, celebrate the remarkable achievements of women and reaffirm our commitment to equality under the law. The 19th Amendment was ratified on

August 18, 1920 and certified a week later on August 26, 1920.

Women's Equality Day reminds us of the hurdles overcome by the heroic women who faced violence and discrimination in their efforts to continuously advance the Women's Movement.

Despite the fact that the right to vote, the cornerstone of democracy, belongs to all citizens, this right was not originally afforded to women. In the early 19th century, American women, who generally could not inherit property and made half of a man's wages in any available jobs, began organizing to demand political rights and representation.

The Women's Suffrage movement was successful because a broad and diverse group of women and men worked together to promote change. They demanded that rules written by men and for men be reformed to include women. Women's rights' groups pointed out the hypocrisy of fighting for democracy in Europe while denying it to half of the American citizenry.

Changing the Constitution was a lengthy and complicated struggle and began in 1848 with the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The Seneca Falls Convention had more than 300 attendees, including organizers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. The meeting launched the Women's Suffrage Movement, and it was where the rights of American women were outlined in the Declaration of Sentiments and signed by 68 women and 32 men, including Frederick Douglass.

Even though the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, many women of color were unable to exercise their right to vote. Though these women rallied alongside white suffragists, many women of color remained disenfranchised until the mid-20th century: Native American women (1924); Chinese American women (1943); and Japanese and other Asian American women (1952).

As late as 1962, some states still prevented women of color from voting on contrived grounds, such as literacy tests, poll taxes, voting ID requirements, intimidation and claims regarding the legitimacy of residence were all obstacles. It was not until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 45 years after the enactment of the 19th Amendment, that black women were able to exercise this right without restrictions.

The struggle for Women's Suffrage was only the first step toward equality for women. Even though women have made great strides towards equity, diversity and full inclusion, the fight for equal pay continues. While women are paid less than men, women of color are often paid even less.

Yet, in virtually every sector of our society, women are significant contributors to enriching life experiences in the United States. Their resolve, innovation, leadership, passion and compassion have changed the world and continue to inspire future generations of women.

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



WHERE WE STAND POSITION PAPER: ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Revised December 2023

Position Summary:

- Universal access to safe, inclusive and high-quality education and training for women and girls is a fundamental human right and is crucial to ensure sustainable development, particularly Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 on quality education.
- Global cooperation is required to address the challenges associated with access to education and training. Unified actions from States, the private sector, NGO's and civil society are necessary to promote gender equality in education and remove systemic barriers facing women and girls.

Where Things Stand:

Access to high-quality education and training throughout the life course transforms lives and communities. Recognized globally by SDG 4 on quality education, the crosscutting benefits of education on sustainable

development and its fundamental role in achieving gender equality are established human rights under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The United Nations Human Rights Council reaffirmed the Human Right to Education in its 41st Session on July 11, 2019.

Educating women and girls goes beyond individual empowerment. It produces better health outcomes, fuels economic growth, and contributes towards stable and peaceful societies. The social and economic imperative to improve access to education and training for women and girls is evident, with better-educated women contributing to informed healthcare, reduced fertility rates, and healthier children. A 2018 World Bank study underlines the economic impact, revealing that restricted access to 12 years of education for girls globally costs countries USD 15-30 trillion in lost lifetime productivity and earnings.

Despite progress, recent data reveals persistent disparities in access to education driven by income gaps, gender-based violence, socio-economic barriers, conflict, and climate change. Poverty and education are interconnected, with high poverty levels making education less accessible. Furthermore, even when education is available, children – especially girls - are often expected to work and earn money rather than attending school.

Regional disparities also persist, particularly in West and Central Africa and South Asia, whilst child marriage compounds the issue, reducing the likelihood of girls completing secondary education. Missing out on education impedes

the abilities of children and young people to find safe, paid work and can make them more vulnerable targets of modern slavery. In 2023, approximately 781 million adults, 66% of whom are women, remain illiterate in terms of reading and writing capabilities, the majority from developing countries. Numeracy is also important, but comparable data at the global level is lacking.

Conflict is increasingly linked to exclusion from education. The statistics of attacks on education in conflict-affected regions underscore the severity of the issue, impacting over 9,000 students and teachers across 85 countries in 2020 and 2021, according to the United Nations. In some countries, girls are being specifically targeted with extreme levels of violence in a bid to dissuade them from attending school.

The COVID-19 pandemic introduced new challenges to education globally, with a shift to online learning due to school closures. However, the digital divide widens gender disparities, as 52% of women globally lack internet access compared to 42% of men. In low-income countries, only 25% of women have internet access. Recognizing the significance of innovation, technology, and education in the digital age is crucial for gender equality. Bridging the gender digital divide is essential for fair representation in tech jobs, managerial roles, and academic careers. The achievement of SDG 4 is dependent on embracing opportunities and challenges presented by technology.

Where things need to go:

Education must be safe, inclusive, of a high quality, and accessible to all.

Safe: Where girls and women have safe access to education, they have the potential to contribute to their communities' social, cultural, political, and economic advancement. Urgent steps must be taken to ensure that all education and training facilities are free from violence, including gender-based violence. Journeys to and from schools and other facilities must also be made safe.

Inclusive: Those who are the furthest behind must be reached as a priority. This requires renewed and increased efforts to reach older women and those who have never attended school, those who come from marginalized or rural communities, women and girls with caring responsibilities, disabilities, and those who are leaving prisons, state care and other institutions. The educational needs of migrating, refugee and displaced women and girls must be urgently addressed.

High Quality: Standard curricula should be set to ensure standardized and quality education at all levels with appropriate and relevant assessment and recognized qualifications.

Accessible to All: Poverty and economic disenfranchisement are not only outcomes of a lack of education, but they are significant factors in preventing women and girls from accessing education and training at all life stages. Education costs should be limited to ensure accessibility given that financial barriers to education remain one of the biggest obstacles to women's and girls' education. Legal and social action must also be taken to prevent child, early and forced marriage which removes girls from schools and is proven to have negative health, economic and social

outcomes. Social protection measures for families can ensure that girls are treated equitably in financing education and training.

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**AUGUST 27, 2024
2024-25 INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**



“SAVE THE DATE”

AUGUST 27, 2024

**2024-25
INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS**

**HOME OF
SUSAN WOLF**

**MORE DETAILS TO
COME**

**OCTOBER 13, 2024
COMEDY NIGHT**



“SAVE THE DATE”

OCTOBER 13, 2024

**COMEDY NIGHT AT
THE RIVERSIDE
ELKS LODGE**

**MORE DETAILS TO
COME**

HISTORY WALK



I have exciting news to report!

The artwork for the two new stones is done and has been approved by both the National Cemetery and California Baptist University.

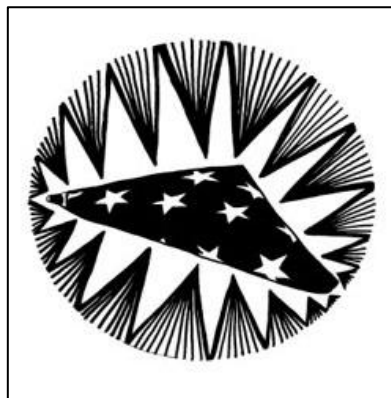
Many thanks to John Adkins, Dean, Fine and Performing Arts at Riverside City College, for preparing the designs.

I am now in the process of working with the monument company to begin making the new stones. The images for the two new stones are below.

Susan Exon
History Walk Chair



*California Baptist University
Main Building*



Riverside National Cemetery



**SOROPTIMIST
EDUCATION & TRAINING**



**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION:
EDUCATING WOMEN &
GIRLS FROM WAR-
TORN COUNTRIES
FUND**

The Educating Women from War-Torn Countries Fund, managed by Soroptimist International Foundation, was established through the generosity of SI Taiwan, who donated money specifically to assist women and girls affected by conflict and war. The fund aligns with the core areas of Soroptimist International Foundation’s vision and mission to Educate, Empower, and Enable women and girls in all their diversity.

This year, a new project supported by the fund has been launched in partnership with Soroptimist International (SI) Lumière, Bamako in Mali, West Africa. SI Bamako Lumière received GBP 41,000 (delivered in two phases) to support their project aimed at educating and supporting 100 displaced women and girls who have survived the war in the Bamako District. The women and girls fled Menaka in northern Mali due to ongoing conflict and the threat of terror.

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by conflict, often facing sexual violence and increased caregiving responsibilities. Their education, training, and employment opportunities are severely disrupted, impacting their economic independence.

Located in Bamako, Koulikoro region, SI Lumière’s project focuses on improving literacy skills and training in agri-food production. Participants are learning about food processing techniques, such as conservation,

storage, production cost calculation, and hygiene measures. In the final stage, they are forming a cooperative to implement their collective knowledge. Each woman and girl receives a kit to help them package and market quality finished products.

By providing productive training and employment, this project aims to reduce their exposure to danger and help them achieve food security.

Funds are still available for SI Clubs and Regions to apply from the Educating Women from War Torn Countries Fund; project proposals must meet the following specific criteria:

- A war-torn country is defined as a country with internal or external armed conflict.
- Projects must be in a country defined by SI as part of a Federation.
- Projects must be educational in their nature.
- Projects must include a Soroptimist hands-on element, not just providing money and equipment such as books.
- Projects must include women and girls who are in or have fled from a war-torn country.

For more information, please contact the Chair of Soroptimist International Foundation by emailing hq@soroptimistinternational.org. In the subject line please type 'For the attention of the Soroptimist International Foundation Chair'. You can also download the expression of interest form from our website.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Tiffanie Tate – 6th
Carolyn Kegarice – 8th
Sophia Mendoza – 11th
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Charlene Johnson – 15th

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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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EDUCATING WOMEN AND GIRLS

