



Riversidelines

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE MAY 2025



SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON **April 29, 2025**

(Left to Right)

GOLD KEY AWARD ~ Katle Green
DREAM IT, BE IT SCHOLARSHIP ~ Marlana Vejar Morfln
STUDENT VOLUNTER AWARD ~ Martha Moreno
DREAM IT, BE IT SCHOLARSHIP ~ Crystal Ixmay
STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD ~ Alexis Mercadefe
LIVE YOUR DREAM EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD ~
Victoria Shelton, Nahoamy Madrigal Bustos and Odalys Rodriguez



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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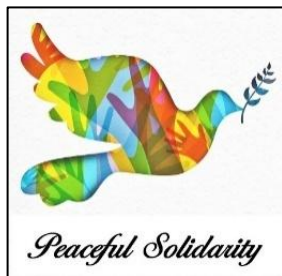
On April 29th, SI Riverside presented scholarships and awards to eight deserving women and girls at our annual Salute to Service Awards luncheon.

I want to say “Thank You” to all of the members who made this awards luncheon possible through their dedication and hard work.

A slate of officers has been nominated for the 2025-2026 SI Riverside Board of Directors and together they will lead our club to greatness during the next club year. We will vote on the slate of officers at our May business meeting with the installation planned for June 19th.

As the club year winds down, let's all continue to concentrate our efforts on supporting our mission of providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. By doing this together, we will always be the “Best for Women.”

Edith Gingerich
2024-25 President



Peaceful Solidarity

MAY 2025 CALENDAR



- 6 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 13 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity, 2180
Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
FAMILIES
- 27 PROGRAM MEETING
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside

JUNE 2025 CALENDAR



- 3 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 5 WORLD ENVIRONMENT
DAY
- 5-7 GOLDEN WEST REGION
SPRING CONFERENCE
Fort McDowell, Arizona

- 10 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity, 2180
Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 15 WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY
- 19 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ELIMINATION OF
SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN
CONFLICT
- 19 2025-26 INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS
Details to Come
- 24 SIA VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP
ROUND TABLE
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

NO PROGRAM MEETING IN
JUNE

DATES TO REMEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 to
October 2, 2027
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
Prague, Czech Republic

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.

MAY 15, 2025 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES



The International Day of Families, annually held on May 15th, celebrates the importance of families and the work started during the International Year of Families.

BACKGROUND

The year 1994 was proclaimed as the International Year of Families by the United Nations. This was a response to changing social and economic structures, which have affected and still affect the structure and stability of family units in many regions of the globe.

The International Day of Families, on May 15th, is an occasion to reflect on the work started during 1994 and to celebrate the importance of families, people, societies and cultures around the world. It has been held every year since 1995.

WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?

A wide range of events are organized at local, national and international levels. These include: workshops, seminars and policy meeting for public officials, exhibitions and organized discussions to raise awareness of the annual theme, educational sessions for children and young people and the launch of campaigns for public policies to strengthen and support family units.

In some countries, tool kits are created to help people organize celebrations aimed at a particular section of the population, such as school children or young adults.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS



SIA Leadership Round Table

June 24, 2025
6 - 9 PM EDT

Fully interpreted
Virtual

Registration - \$50 USD

To register:

<https://www.soroptimist.org/events/leadership-development/leadership-round-table.html>

All Soroptimists are invited!

Enhance your leadership skills and contribute to the ongoing growth and transformation of Soroptimist now and in the future! Whether you aim to strengthen your leadership abilities or feel inspired to pursue future leadership roles within Soroptimist, this training will help you grow and become a more effective leader in our vibrant community.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 5:30 PM – Zoom Events platform opens, come in and explore
- 6:00 PM – Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 6:15 PM – Keynote: Change Management, Libby Gill, Executive Coach and Author
- 7:15 PM – Member/Leader Code of Conduct
- 7:40 PM – Financial Best Practices
- 8:00 PM – Role of the Club President
- 8:25 PM – Good Governance
- 8:50 PM – Closing Remarks

Plus enjoy these spotlights throughout the event:

- 49th Biennial Convention
- Program
- Membership
- Public Awareness
- Fundraising

APRIL 29, 2025
SALUTE TO SERVICE
AWARDS LUNCHEON



Soroptimist International of Riverside held their annual Salute to Service Awards luncheon on April 29th at the First United Methodist Church in Riverside.

SI Riverside's Live Your Dream Education & Training Awards, Student Volunteer Awards, Dream It, Be It Scholarships and the Gold Key Award were presented to eight deserving women and girls.

LIVE YOUR DREAM EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARD

The Live Your Dream Education & Training Award is Soroptimist's major service project. The monetary award was established by Soroptimist International of the Americas in 1972 to assist women entering or re-entering the workforce in obtaining the education and skills training they need to improve their employment status. These awards are designed to give women heads of household, who provide the primary source of financial support for their families, the opportunity to achieve their career goals, an opportunity they have not previously had, whether because of economic or social barriers or personal circumstances. These awards are for women who are attending, or have been accepted to, a vocation/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

SI Riverside was honored to present our 2025 Live Your Dream Education & Training Awards to 1st Place Nahoamy Madrigal Bustos, 2nd Place Odalys Rodriguez and 3rd Place Victoria Shelton.



Nahoamy Madrigal Bustos, Victoria Shelton and Odalys Rodriguez with Edith Gingerich, LYDETA Chair

Nahoamy Madrigal Bustos



Odalys Rodriguez



Victoria Shelton



STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Student Volunteer Award was established in 2014. It is a monetary award presented to high school senior girls who are making a difference through volunteer service. Each year the club honors girls who donate their time and energy to causes that make the community and world a better place, such as working to end discrimination and poverty, assisting women and children who are victims of domestic violence or mentoring young girls.

SI Riverside was honored to present the 2025 Student Volunteer Awards to Martha Moreno and Alexis Mercadefe.



Martha Moreno and Alexis Mercadefe with Ellen Clizbe, SVA Chair

Crystal Ixmay



GOLD KEY AWARD

The Gold Key Award was established in 1972 and is SI Riverside's most prestigious recognition. It is presented to an outstanding woman from the Riverside area who has given fifteen or more years of volunteer service to our community.

SI Riverside was honored to present our 2025 Gold Key Award to Katie Greene.



Gold Key Award Winner Katie Greene with Melanie McKee, Gold Key Award Chair



China Cook from Senator Sabrina Cervantes office presented a resolution from the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors to Katie Greene.



Displaying Katie Greene's plaques and recognitions ~ 2013 Gold Key Award Winner Rose Mayes holding a

Certificate of Recognition from Jose Medina, Supervisor First District, China Cook holding a Resolution from the Riverside Board of Supervisors, Katie Greene holding her 2025 Gold Key Award plaque and a friend of Katie's holding a Certificate of Recognition from Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor of Riverside.

OTHER LUNCHEON PHOTOS





**NOMINATIONS FOR THE
2025-26 BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**



**2025-26 SLATE
OF OFFICERS**

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Edith Gingerich

The club will vote on the Slate of Officers at our May business meeting.

**JUNE 19, 2025
2025-26 INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**



Save the Date

June 19, 2025

Installation of Officers

**Home of Debbie Kelley
Catering by McGrath's**

Invitations will be sent out soon with more details.

SOROPTIMIST EDUCATION & TRAINING



CUSTOMS AND 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 Mary."
- 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.

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New Member Handbook

MAY BIRTHDAYS



**Linda Robertson – 2nd
Debbie Kelley – 4th
Michelle Paradise – 29th**

MAY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



NO ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

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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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WOMEN SUPPORTING OTHER WOMEN

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"Women supporting each other, instead of competing against each other, brings a unity and strength like no other."

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