

Club Update



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

May 2, 2017



Next Meeting – Thursday, May 4th

The 4th is our business meeting. Don't forget to pay your monthly bill AND your yearly dues. We will complete a final review of the 2017/2018 budget, led by Treasurer Pat Dyer.

Meeting Summary

We welcomed several guests at our April 20 meeting; Char (?), Mona Whitney and Sue Williams; and Kay Kelly, who will be joining Soroptimists in July. Also Students of the Month Selene Leal-Carillo and mother Maria, and, Holly Witcraft and mother Sandra, and our guest speaker Live Your Dream award winner Cierra Padilla.

We voted to send Deborah Roden as a delegate to Conference, in place of Lupe Finch, who cannot attend.



Students of the Month

Our Students of the Month reported on their future plans; Selena will be attending UC Irvine and Holly Sonoma State.

Human Trafficking Presentation

President Teri described the Live Your Dream program, which funds women who are their sole family support for further education. SIA has donated over \$1.6 million to this project. She passed the microphone to MaryEllen, who introduced our guest speaker, Cierra Padilla.



Cierra is a student at Solano Community College and a social service worker at Mission Solano, where she counsels homeless women. Many of these women have been in prostitution. Cierra has a particular concern for them, as her sister was recruited into that life and was subsequently murdered.

Cierra's presentation was very sobering and thought-provoking, as she described the ways that young women are lured into prostitution as a way to make easy money. Some are recruited by older men, or by boys their own age. She also pointed out that prostitutes operated in Rio Vista; many connections are made by Internet so the activity is not visible on the streets. She mentioned Safequest and Safe Haven as local resources to protect women who want to leave the life.



RVHS Academic Awards – May 3

Our Academic Awards program at the High School is Wednesday, May 3, and we hope for good Soroptimist presence.

Kudos to Fundraising Committee

Kudos to Constance Boulware and the Fundraising committee for earning over \$17,200!!!

Of Interest - Community Center Town Hall Meeting

Join your neighbors for a progress report on the future Rio Vista Community Center! Learn the facilities and services requested by 700 survey respondents. Share your thoughts and feedback Monday, May 8 from 6:00-7:00 pm, after the 5:30 pm Info Forum.