

Club Update



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

May 10, 2017



Next Meeting – Thursday, May 11th

The May 11th meeting will include a description of the conference from attendees.

Meeting Summary

Our May Greeter is Sue Walker. May 4 was our business meeting.

Twelve members have perfect attendance, and they are the winners for the Winners Lunch Thursday, June 8 at Debra Spinardi's. The less-than perfectly-attended losers pay, and volunteers from among them are needed to help with setup and cleanup.

As part of the budget discussion, there was comment about last week's Every15 Minutes program at the high school. Several members gave positive feedback about the activity, which dramatizes teenage alcohol-related accidents. We donate \$1,000 every other year toward the total cost of over \$20,000. Read the article about the event in the Fairfield Daily Republic April 28 (<http://www.dailyrepublic.com/solano-news/rio-vista/rio-vistas-real-life-tragedy-brings-truth-to-every-15-minutes-drama/>). There is also a YouTube video of the RVHS enactment, and a commentary in the DR (May 3) from the mother of a former RVHS student injured by a drunken driver. We will have the final vote on the budget at our June 1 business meeting.

Installation of next years' officers will take place at a brunch at Lupe Finch's home June 11. It was noted that, by Board vote, Sandra McCosker will replace Sue Esperson as Club liaison next year.

A card has been sent to Chandra Drury; her mother, Thelma Martin, passed away last week.

The club voted \$750 each from Sheepdog Trial ticket proceeds to the Rio Vista Food Pantry and Rio Vista Food Services. Both of these service organizations worked very hard at the Sheepdog Trial but didn't make nearly as much as the club, so it seemed appropriate to share our largesse.

The club also voted to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day parade.



Academic Awards

Thanks to everyone who attended the May 3rd Academic Awards night. There were about 300 people in attendance, and it was great to see how many RVHS students have honor-roll level grades. Pictured left to right are Soroptimist scholarship winners Susanne Johnson, \$1500.00 Valerie Jackson scholarship winner. Susanne is attending Cal Poly SLO as a Bio Chemistry major focusing on pharmaceutical research. Continuing left to right are \$1200.00 Soroptimist Scholarship winners Jake Hagan,

attending Maritime Academy in Mechanical Engineering, Jacob Fortes, attending Cal Poly Pomona as a Kinesiology major focusing on physical therapy, Daryn Katsuki, attending Sonoma State as an Accounting major, and Karina Mandujano Rojas, attending U.C.Davis as a Computer Engineering major with a plan to receive a masters degree in this field.

The five are invited to our May 16 meeting to tell about their plans.