



SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist of Rio Vista

October 2017

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



President's Corner

This is my favorite time of year. Warm days and cool nights. It also means it's time for the Bass Derby Festival, October 13-15. Thank you to all our members who have taken the RBS training and signed up for the Beer Booth.

I've already started planning what I'm baking for the Western Railway Museum Pumpkin Patch. Facebook and Pinterest are great sites to visit for idea. For any questions contact Vicky Dolk or Sandra McCosker.

Thank you Hope Cohn for stepping up and getting all the paperwork needed for the Turkey Trot 5K Run/Race. More information to come

Teri Malkin,
President 2017-2018

Dream Big



Announcement: Soroptimist selected as first charity to launch with new Torrid Foundation

Soroptimist International of the Americas Inc. (SIA) and its online volunteer community, LiveYourDream.org, have been selected as the first charity for the newly launched Torrid Foundation. The Torrid Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Torrid, LLC, a rapidly expanding women's retail clothing company with more than 500 stores across the United States and Canada.

All Aboard the MemberSHIP

Our two newest members

Eleanor Rush

Ronnie Kamps



Congratulations to Deborah Roden who won the emerald necklace drawing for bringing two new members

FOUNDERS DAY, OCTOBER 3RD

On June 21, 1921, the historic first meeting of the Members Committee met at the Hotel Oakland to officially launch the first Soroptimist club (Soroptimist Club of Alameda County). The core group met once a week and in three short months they had gathered the support of 80 women in Alameda County, California, which was the number stipulated as minimum to form a charter club. The presentation of the Charter and the officer installation ceremony for the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County took place in formal style at the Hotel Oakland in Oakland, California, on October 3, 1921. The real significance of this first ever women's service club may today be underappreciated but at the time it was revolutionary. By the beginning of the 1920's women in North America had established themselves in the political arena through suffrage and in the professional world as a result of World War I. However, the idea of a service club exclusively for women was unheard of. With the advent of this first Soroptimist club in 1921 a major social divide had been bridged.



October Meetings

10/5 12:00 pm Business Meeting

10/12 12:00 pm Committee Meetings

10/19 12:00 pm Jeff Armstrong, Rio Vista Fire Chief, At Risk Girls and Women

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10/13-10/15 Bass Derby Festival

10/21-10/22 Pumpkin Patch



11/23 Turkey Trot



October Birthdays

Cierra Starnes 10/4 Mandy Elder 10/11
Rachel Barrows 10/28 Lupe Finch 10/30

October Anniversaries

Carolyn Azbell 10/24 Mandy Elder 10/29

October Club Anniversaries

Carolyn Azbell Sue Conklin
Mandy Elder Sue Esperson
Pat Dyer LeeAnn Frable
Mary Ellen Lamothe

I was born and raised as the youngest of three in Sacramento, CA. My father worked for the federal government at the Sacramento Army Depot and my mother was a true 50's, 60's and 70's stay-at-home mom. I graduated from Hiram Johnson Senior High School in South Sacramento.

Some of my youngest memories are of traveling with my father as a young child to Brannan Island and Rio Vista to fish and picking pears and tomatoes up by Clarksburg. Living here and traveling upriver on Hgwy. 160 toward Sacramento gives me great comfort.

My adult life took me in 1981 to Manteca with a first husband where in one year we physically built a breathtakingly beautiful three story Victorian reproduction home. I also began a successful retail business in Manteca which I had for 2 ½ years and sold it at a 2000% profit. The next stop was North Stockton in 1989 as a single mom of two; then remarried and lived in Antioch for eight years and lastly to Brentwood in 2003. I sold the Brentwood family home and moved to Rio Vista in October 2015 with Bella, my now almost 14 yr. old Golden Retriever. The move was part of my plan to downsize and eventually retire which I did in July 1st, 2016 from a 30 year career in public and private education.

I taught 1st and 2nd grades, which I loved! My last nine year stretch in education was as a site Principal in Antioch, CA. My school had 800+ students in K-5, 70 employees, and was the highest achieving non-charter school in Antioch. Through my 20 years in Antioch Unified I was nominated twice as a Teacher of the Year; became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2001; and named Principal of the Year in 2014. I still occasionally substitute as a site administrator if/when a principal or the district needs me.

I earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies w/ a Personnel Management emphasis from National University and a Masters Degree in Elementary Reading and Literacy from Walden University. I also hold a Pre K- Adult CA Teaching Credential

**We meet on
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays
The Point Restaurant
120 Marina Drive**

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