



SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist of Rio Vista

September 2017

"I love people who make me laugh."

-Audrey Hepburn



President's Corner

The summer has flown by. Many of our committees met over the summer so we will be off to a great start. Don't miss our Business Meeting September 7th where you will hear from each of the Committee Chairs what they are planning for our 2017-2018 year.

We will be inducting 2 new members in September. Talk to your friends and neighbors about joining our great group of women making a difference. Harriet Tubman said, "always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world"

Teri Malkin,
President 2017-2018



All Aboard the MemberSHIP

The Membership Committee hosted a summer lunch at Carolyn Azbell's. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed a delicious lunch.



Founder Region Governor Pam Parker at Governors Roundtable in Toronto

"Congratulations are in order to SI/Rio Vista for winning the Soroptimist's Celebrating Success Honorable Mention for Membership!"

Welcome to our new Members
Gayle Crowley
Kay Kelley
Leila Mazo
Cierra Starnes
Robie Williams



Soroptimist International of the America's Update

SIA held its 2017 Recognition Banquet on June 24th in Toronto. Soroptimist from around the world gathered to celebrate the accomplishment of clubs and regions, recognize our Dream programs and honor leadership.

Between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017, clubs donated nearly \$710,000 to Club Giving – an 8% increase over last year. This is significant give that 10 fewer clubs contributed. Five clubs gave \$10,000 or more.

The past year marked the second phase of the All Aboard the MemberSHIP campaign. SIA gained 3,953 new members – an 11% increase. Soroptimist of Rio Vista was recognized with an Honorable Mention for our success in recruiting new members.

We reached 1,500 women this year with the Live Your Dream Award giving more than \$2 million dollars in award money.

SIA has an ambitious plan to dramatically increase the number of women and girls we reach through our Dream Programs but it can't succeed without the support of all our regions and clubs.

SIA has added the word disadvantage to our mission. It is now "improving the lives of disadvantaged women and girls through social and economic empowerment."

September Meetings

9/7 12:00 pm Business Meeting

9/14 12:00 pm Committee Meetings and Club Picture (wear a white top)

9/21 12:00 pm Speaker Toni Tucker, Marijuana and its Effect on our Youth

Mark
Your
Calendar

In the
Spotlight



**Mingo
Greco**

10/13-10/15 Bass Derby Festival

10/21-10/22 Pumpkin
Patch



11/23 Turkey Trot



September Birthdays

Hope Cohn 9/9 Sue Walker 9/9
Deb Puppig 9/16 Gayle Crawley 9/17
Mingo Greco 9/19

September Anniversaries

Sue Conklin 9/28

September Club Anniversaries

Rachel Barrows Sue Walker
Donna Armanino Dorothy Fest

The first thing people ask when I meet them is the origin of my name. It is my maternal grandmother's name. She was named for the loway Indian midwife who delivered my grandmother during a 1905 February blizzard in Iowa. I have since discovered that Mingo was not the women's name but her title. Native Americans regarded their women healers with great reverence and Mingo means Chief.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin I moved to California as an infant when my father returned to help his parents manage their walnut ranch in Merced. I grew up in a large, close Italian family and learned my work ethic working on the ranch. I have lived in the Central Valley all my life except for my college years at San Jose.

In 1972, I graduated from San Jose State University and married Jim Greco three weeks later. We have three daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah and Angelina. Elizabeth is married to an Air Force Colonel assigned to the office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. She is a vice president for Sales Force. They make their home in Alexandria, Virginia. Sarah is a counselor at Carmel Middle School in Carmel and is mother to two of our grandchildren, Samantha (10) and Christopher (6). Angelina lives in Erie Colorado with her husband and our other two grandchildren, Reilly (13) and Hayden (11). She is a teacher for the local school district. Her husband is the CEO for the family company.

I began my career teaching for Merced High School and later, when we relocated to Stockton, Stockton Unified School District. I have taught students at the secondary level and elementary level, retiring after 21 years with SUSD as the principal of Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. I hold a BA in Journalism and History, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, a California State Teaching Credential, and a California Administrative Credential.

When Jim retired from job as an administrator for the California Department of Education, we began to explore places outside of Stockton. Choosing to move to Rio Vista was one of the best decisions we have ever made. We enjoy the community and the small-town lifestyle. After a year of getting settle and acclimated, we're beginning to become involved in community events and projects. Joining Soroptimists was one of those steps for me. Women supporting and empowering women and girls is something I believe in and I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful and likeminded group.

Both Jim and I enjoy golf, traveling, gardening and spending time with our family. Jim is a Master Gardener. I enjoy reading and count cross stitching and of course, spoiling my grandchildren!

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



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