

*This is the beginning of anything you want.*



## President's Corner

### New Year's Poem

I have seen one full year go by,  
Three-hundred sixty-five days,  
oh my!

For it is here,  
The last day of the year.  
December, thirty-first,  
I'm going to burst.

To this year, I say goodbye,  
For next year I see in my eye  
A year full of fun and joy,  
I will certainly be older, oh boy!  
So many days to be all mine,  
I know for sure the sun will always  
shine!

I place myself in a fresh new time,  
Where I make resolutions that are  
just fine

Teri Malkin,  
President 2017-2018



### LIFTING WOMEN UP

**Live Your Dream Awards** recipients face enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic and sexual violence, substance abuse and death of a spouse. Yet, with just a little help, they have the strength to achieve their goals. The numbers tell the story.

**94%** earned or are continuing to work toward an educational degree/certification

**81%** of those who completed their education have secured higher-paying employment

**82%** of those who completed their education report an increased standard of living for themselves and their dependents

**95%** have increased self-esteem

**96%** are serving as a role model for their dependents

### All Aboard the MemberSHIP

**SIA Clubs: 1,284**

**Members: 30,230**

**FY 786 increase in membership**

SIA comprises 20 countries and territories, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United States and Venezuela.

*If you have someone who is interested in joining, invite them to our Program Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month or contact Lupe Finch.*

SIA UPDATE:

### *BUILDING THE DREAM*

Since 1921 Soroptimist has been on a mission to help women and girls around the world realize their potential and live their dreams. We know that when women are educated and have opportunity and choice, they lift themselves up, build healthier families, break the cycle of poverty, and improve their communities and the world.

In FY15/16, we laid some important groundwork for the future of our organization. We strategically thought about what our next 100 years will look like and how we can achieve our ambitious goals to reach exponentially more women and girls who need our help. With support from our leaders, clubs, members and supporters, we've committed to the future of soroptimist by investing in the dreams of women and girls through our Dream Programs. These programs have demonstrated their impact and ability to change lives in powerful ways.

Thanks to the dedicated work of our soroptimist clubs and members, and the support of our generous donors and supporters, soroptimist accomplished much in the last year. We are proud to share highlights of our efforts in this report. Together, we're empowering women and girls to live fuller, more productive lives.

**January  
Meetings**

**1/4 12:00 pm Business Meeting**

**1/11 12:00 pm Committee Meetings**

**1/18 12:00 pm Jessica Torrecampo, *Children in Foster Care***

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

2/3 Dream It Be It Conference

**2/10 Princess Ball**

2/24 District III/IV Meeting,  
Pleasant Hill

3/3 LUNAFEST® films by  
women, about women, for women,  
lineup attached

### January Birthdays

Julie M. 1/4      Robie W. 1/4  
Carolyn A. 1/10      Stacia O. 1/11  
Teri M. 1/16      Donna A. 1/17  
Florence I 1/24

### January Anniversaries

Hope C. 1/1      Cindy K. 1/23  
Vicky D. 1/28

### January Club Anniversaries

Vicky D.,      Debra S.,      Laurie O.



**Kay Kelley**

My husband Jim and I moved to Rio Vista in February 2017 to be closer to our daughter and grandsons who live in San Francisco. We have two other children, a son who lives in Orange County and another who lives in Denver, CO.

Originally from Detroit, MN, we moved to Houston, TX where my husband practiced Medicine until 1986. We then moved to Redlands, CA where we stayed for 28 years.

I have a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan where I studied Music. My graduate studies were at Houston Baptist University where I sang professionally. Upon moving to California, I started my career with non-profit organizations at the YMCA in Redlands, CA eventually pursuing a career in Non-Profit management where I worked for thirty years.

I retired from the YWCA USA where I served as Director of Training for the United States. Prior to that I was the Regional Executive Director for the YWCA Pacific Region, which serves Associations in California, Texas, New Mexico, Hawaii Island and Arizona. I also served as Executive Director/CEO of the Riverside County, CA YWCA and as Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire; San Bernardino, CA.

I am an active member of the California nonprofit community. I have served on the State Superintendent of Schools Delaine Easton's Task Force for Service Learning and on the City of Riverside Mayor's Healthy City Task force. I also was on the Major Allocations Committee for the United Way, co- chaired the United Way Agency Campaign. I was the co-founder of the Inland Empire Day of Training for nonprofits. As Director of the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire, I helped to form community collaboration for the National Make a Difference Day. As a result, the project was chosen as one of 10 in the nation, awarded by Hillary Clinton at the Presidential Summit in Philadelphia. I've served on the State of California Service and Volunteerism Conference Planning Committee and the State Department of Education Service Learning Task force. I have provided training for nonprofit organizations in Board and Staff Development, Volunteerism, Supervision, and Membership Development. I am the founder and director of the YWCA Leadership Schools that ran from 2002- 2007. I have facilitated mergers and acquisitions/dissolutions as part of strengthening community services for area non-profits. I have also served on many community boards of directors.

I enjoy singing, riding her horse, quilting gardening and spending quality time with her friends and family.



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

**Follow us at [siriovista.org](http://siriovista.org) or Soroptimist of Rio Vista on Facebook**

**LUNAFEST**  
**2018 season**  
 Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Buttercup** BY MEGAN BROTHERTON



Maggie needs her best friend today more than ever, but never expected she'd actually show up.

**Girls Level Up** BY ANNE EDGAR



A young Pakistani woman who grew up in a conservative Muslim neighborhood in the Middle East helps middle school girls in Silicon Valley realize their dream of designing their own video game.

**Toys** BY AMANDA QUAID



In 1930s farm country, a father wants a son, but he gets a little girl. He tries to toughen her up by giving her toys intended for boys. His efforts backfire when she proves a little too capable for comfort.

**Fanny Pack** BY UTTERA SINGH



A comedy about a young Indian-American woman who wants to follow her dreams and a fanny pack-clad Indian father who chases his daughter through an airport hoping that she will follow his.

### **Joy Joy Nails** BY JOEY ALLY



In an upmarket Connecticut strip mall, Korean Sarah manages a Korean-owned nail salon with an ever cheerful, K-pop pumping, manicured iron fist. When Chinese Mia starts training as a manicurist, and looks to be stealing the boss's son's affections, Sarah gets her

claws out—only to discover the terrible truth under the varnish at JOY JOY NAILS.

### **Yours Sincerely,** LOIS WEBER BY SVETLANA CVETKO



A tribute to the highest-paid silent film director at Universal Studios in 1916

### **Jesszilla** BY EMILY SHESKIN



Jesselyn "Jesszilla" Silva is serious about boxing, and at 10 years old trains seriously with dreams of becoming a professional fighter. Her father, Pedro, finds himself caught in between supporting her dream and worrying about her future as she tries to master a combat sport

### **Waiting For Hassana** BY IFUNANYA MADUKA



In 2014, the extremist organization, Boko Haram, kidnapped 276 teenage girls from a town in northeastern Nigeria. WAITING FOR HASSANA is a harrowing first-person account of one girl's escape from captivity and a heart-wrenching lament for her closest friend

Hassana — one of the many girls still unaccounted for...

### **Last Summer, in the Garden** BY BEKKY O'NEIL



Last summer, in the garden recounts one woman's journey through a joyful, fearful time of death and rebirth. Last summer, in the garden is featured in the touring program The 18th Annual Animation Show of Shows.

