

"You never know when kind one act or one word of encouragement will change a life forever"

President's Corner

The Celebration of Val Jackson's life 1/7 made me stop and evaluate where I am in my life and what I want to accomplish. All of us need to learn to enjoy every minute of our life. Be happy now. Not to wait for something outside of ourself to make us happy now and in the future. Remember how precious the time we have, whether it's at work, volunteering or with our family and friends. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.

Teri Malkin, President 2016-2017

Princess Ball - February 11th Veterans Memorial Hall



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Club Update

We submitted to District III our award recipients for the following SIA and Founder Region Programs:

Live Your Dream, Cierra Padilla

Ruby Award, Maryn Anderson

Violet Richardson Award, Suzanne Johnson

Dream It Be It, Project Heart & Sole

We will be honoring these deserving recipients at the Intermission of LUNAFEST February 25. It is a great way for us to show the community why we all work hard to make the difference in the lives of women and girls. Be sure and get the word out.

CONNECTING WOMEN THROUGH FILM

LUNAFEST is a traveling film festival of award-winning short films by, for and about women. This season, the program of nine films – filled with stories of reflection, hope and humor – will travel to over 175 cities and screen in front of 25,000 people. Each year, various organizations bring LUNAFESTs to their communities and raise funds for their local non-profits as well as our main beneficiary - Breast Cancer Fund.

Welcome to our 4 new members who will be inducted 2/2.

Deb Puppig
Cindy Kneibel
Deborah Roden
Ann Starkie



In February, we have the lobster sale through 2/3 and LUNAFEST 2/25. Every member needs to give their all to promote and sell lobsters and tickets. The club relies on each member to support our fundraisers. The funds raised goes toward our awards and scholarships.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together the slate of offices for 2017-2018 to be presented at the March Business Meeting. Refer to your Bylaws for the list of duties for each position. This is a great way to learn more about our club and Soroptimist. The Board meets 1 day per month. 50% attendance required to hold an office.

February Meetings

2/2 12:00 pm Business Meeting

2/9 12:00 pm Committee Meetings

2/16 12:00 pm Constance Boulware,

A History of the Harrison Family Descendants

2/23 **NO MEETING**

Mark
Your
Calendar

In the
Spotlight



Lupe Finch

Lobsters final order
2/3 pickup 2/10



Lunafest 2/25

Sheep Dog Trials
3/31, 4/1, 4,2



February Birthdays

Vera Sunada 2/18
LeeAnn Frable 2/19

Anniversary

Rachel Barrow 2/2
Sarah Donnelly 2/8
Mary Wheeler 2/16

Club Anniversaries

Sarah Graybill 2/27



I was born and raised in Oakland, California in the same house as my mother grew up. I attended St. Elizabeth Grammar and High School. My father didn't believe in educating girls there was not money for me to go to college. But I was lucky enough to receive a partial 4 year scholarship for Holy Names College from a man who helped 2 young girls every year. After graduation, I married my first husband. I have lived in Martinez, Danville, Livermore and Pleasanton. My first husband died when I was 39.

I spent 23 years with Pacific Bell starting as a service representative then working my way up through various sales and marketing staff positions. I became one of the first women to work in Competitive Intelligence & Assessment, a kind of CIA for business or what we laughingly were referred to as "Corporate Spies". I was offered early retirement and decided why not really change my life. So, I moved to North Bend, WA a small town outside of Seattle to be near my brother and future husband. I started Consulting and ended up setting up Competitive Intelligence and Customer Satisfaction Departments for several worldwide companies. For 16 years, I taught Ballroom Dancing with my brother.

Due to the recession, I retired again and decided it was once again time for another change. Trilogy and Rio Vista had the small-town atmosphere that we were looking for. We built a home 5 years ago with a suite for my mother who needed care. She will be 99 on February 5th.

Shortly after moving here, my 2nd husband was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and given only 30 days. He ended up fighting cancer for 4 years and passed in January of last year. During that time I started my new anti-aging skin care business working with Dermatologist Drs Rodan + Fields, the creators of ProActiv. This gave me the flexibility to work where and when I wanted and allowed me to care for my husband and my mother. But most of all it also gave me the ability to let him complete his bucket list trips between cancer treatments. We were lucky enough to travel extensively all over the world.

I grew up in a very large family surrounded by very strong women. My great grandmother came to this country on her own with her 12 children. Most of my great aunts were single mothers. They all worked together to earn money, have businesses and raise their children. My mother had her own beauty salon in Oakland for 63 years that she started with her mother. I started working there at the age of 12 to help her after my grandmother died. My mother didn't retire until she was 82.

I have always wanted to find a way to help young girls to live their dreams. I believe that with the help of the great women of Soroptimist Rio Vista we can help other girls and women to realize their potential and change their lives. I'm so glad that I found this wonderful organization.

We meet at 12:00 pm
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays

The Point Restaurant
120 Marina Drive, Rio Vista, CA

