

Soroptimist of Rio Vista

January 2017

*"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book.
Write a good one." - Brad Paisley*



With the New Year
comes challenges
and opportunities.
Let's face the
challenges head
on and embrace
the challenges
with enthusiasm.

President's Corner

New Year's Reality Check

Another year,
Another chance
To start our lives anew;
This time we will leap old barriers
To have a real breakthrough.
We will take one little step
And then we will take one more,
Our unlimited potential
We will totally explore.
We will show off
All our talents everyone will be inspired;
We will give up all bad habits;
We will read and learn a lot,
All our goals will be accomplished,
Sigh...or maybe not.

Teri Malkin, President 2016-2017

SIA Update

Soroptimist International is pleased to announce that recruitment of volunteer role, SI Director of Advocacy (an officer role), for the 2017–2019 biennium **has been extended to January 31, 2017.**

The Soroptimist International Director of Advocacy (SIDA) works closely with the staff team based in Cambridge, UK, the team of SI UN Representatives, the SI Advocacy Committee and the Board of SI to deliver and support SI's strategic priorities for Global Advocacy.

SI invites applications from dynamic Soroptimists around the globe who are suitably qualified and/or experienced for this role. This is an exciting time to join the international team with the global advocacy team working hard to support delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (the SDGs) at the six centers where SI has representation and an international convention to work toward in 2019 in Kuala Lumpur. SI will soon be launching a new website so that we can better communicate these exciting developments.

Please send any general queries to the Global Executive Director by email to: deborah.thomas@soroptimistinternational.org.

Princess Ball -February 11th
Veterans Memorial Hall



January Meetings

- 1/5 12:00 pm Business Meeting
- 1/12 12:00 pm Committee Meetings
- 12/19 12:00 pm Tony Dumont, SafeQuest Solano, Human Trafficking
- 12/26 NO MEETING

Mark
Your
Calendar

In the
Spotlight



Greta Jenkins

Lobsters go on sale

1/1



Lunafest 2/25



Sheep Dog Trials

3/31, 4/1, 4,20



January Birthdays

Carolyn Azbell 1/10
Stacia Olson 1/11
Teri Malkin 1/16
Donna Armanino 1/17
Florence Inouye 1/24



Anniversary

Hope Cohn 1/1 Vicky Dolk 1/28

Club Anniversaries

JoAnn Banford Laurie Oleksiewicz
Debra Spinardi Vicky Dolk

My family moved to Rio Vista in 1997. I took that first year off, but then it was back to it. I began working part time with Solano County Public Defender's Office and at the same time I started my own practice here in town. Over the next couple of years my private practice took off and I stopped working as a Public Defender. I love being my own boss and practicing law in this little berg. My husband, Gary, knows that it was how I saw myself when I was going to law school. It's irritating when I'm tired or frustrated and he goes on about how I'm living the dream.

I grew up mostly in Gardnerville, Nevada the oldest of six kids. The family business was a dog kennel. Although, I love dogs I am the world's worst dog trainer. We trained primarily hunting dogs and I grew up hunting and fishing. Didn't even know you could camp just for the fun of camping. It was always centered on a fishing or hunting trip.

My educational journey after high school began in Missoula, Montana where I spent a very cold year going to the University of Montana. I think I was a sociology major that year. Then it was off to Benicia where I was taken under the wings of old family friends, Bob and Maryann Winters, who were both attorneys. It was observing them over the years that I developed my desire to become an attorney. It was a pretty long drawn out process but I while worked full time at various jobs, I managed to get an AA degree at DVC and a BS degree in Business Administration at State Francisco State University. Going to law school seemed out of my reach until my husband (boyfriend at the time) offered to help. I started at McGeorge School of Law in 1987.

In the last six months of law school my grandmother came to live with me and my husband (still a boyfriend) in Benicia. Just after I graduated my grandmother's health took a turn for the worse and she passed away. Because of the time I spent with my grandmother during her last illness, I was left with three weeks to study for the bar exam. Somehow, I was able to cram 8 to 12 weeks of preparation into those 3 weeks and passed the exam the first time. My husband (still a boyfriend) decided I was now a catch and we were married a month after I got my bar results. He says that my passing the bar had nothing to do with us getting married. I'm still a little skeptical twenty six years later.

It's the combination of these experiences that have coalesced into me now practicing in my own office in the areas of estate planning and estate administration in our lovely little town.



**We meet at 12:00 pm
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays
The Point Restaurant
120 Marina Drive, Rio Vista, CA**