



SOROPTIMIST

# Soroptimist of Rio Vista

June 2017

*"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to look beyond imperfection."*



The Academic Awards Night was held May 3rd at Rio Vista High School honoring all students who have met high academic standards the past school year. Five very deserving students received scholarships from our club.

- Susanne Johnson - \$1500 Val Jackson Memorial Scholarship  
Cal Poly SLO  
Biochemistry
- Karina Mandujano-Rojas - \$1200  
UC Davis  
Computer Engineering
- Jake Hagen - \$1200  
CSU Maritime Academy  
Mechanical Engineering
- Jacob Fortes - \$1200  
Cal Poly Pomona  
Kinesiology
- Daryn Katsuki - \$1200  
CSU Long Beach  
Business Administrations

**We wish them success in their endeavors.**



## President's Corner

This year has been a banner year for our club. It started with us selling our club cookbook and the beer booth at Bass Derby which raised over \$3,400 for our operating budget. The Pumpkin Patch with all the delicious treats was successful despite one bad day and two of our tents being stolen. We still raised \$3649. Next came the Turkey Trot benefiting Project Heart & Sole and Cross Country at Riverview Middle School, the funds allowed us to send 34 kids to a one day Leadership Camp in October and 6 kids this summer to a four day Leadership Camp at UCSB. The Lobster Sale netted \$1457. Lunafest and the Purse Raffle was a huge success raising \$6062. Then the Sheep Dog Trials raised \$6200. All of our Fundraising allowed us to make donations to AFS, Rio Vista Food Pantry, Rio Vista Youth Services, Breast Cancer Fund, SafeQuest Solano, Rio Vista Museum, Girl's Soccer and just to name a few. We honored 4 deserving women with our Live Your Dream, Violet Richardson, Ruby and PH& Sole Awards at Lunafest and gave out \$6500 with our RVHS Scholarships at the Academic Awards Night. It was a busy but rewarding year.

We make a big difference in our community.

Thank you for all your do for our club. It's time to enjoy the summer and come back in September refreshed and ready to go.

Teri Malkin, President 2016-2017

## Founder Region Conference Impressions

by Deborah Roden

Have you ever thought you had it tough? Have you been discouraged when faced with an obstacle? Have you ever felt un-worthy? Few people can compare their own personal experiences with those of the recent Soroptimist Founder Region Conference Live Your Dream Award recipients. The recipients exemplified the Conference motto of "Shine Your Brightest".

The six young women selected to receive the Live Your Dream Awards, one for each of the six Founder Region districts, were awesome examples of striving for more in life and overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles. From teen pregnancy, homelessness, physical abuse to very limited financial resources and little family support, these young women carried on to pursue their education! One honoree is studying physics at UC Berkeley. Another is pursuing a career as a nurse. Another is working on her Master of Science in Counseling. A child of immigrant parents with little education of their own, she has plans to become an economic analyst and do research for the government. Yet another has plans to study physical therapy.

All of the "Live Your Dream Award" recipients were incredibly grateful for the honors and were visibly touched by the attention and gratitude expressed for their perseverance and commitment to improve their own lives. These young women were shining.

**"Soroptimists Are Shining Stars"**

## June Meetings

6/1 12:00 pm Business Meeting & Budget Vote

6/8 12:00 pm Winners Lunch at Debra Spinardi's

6/11 11:30 pm Installation of Offices and New Member Induction at Lupe Finch's

**Dark for the Summer, Business Meeting 9/7**

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

**6/8 Winner's Lunch**

**6/11  
Installation of Officers  
11:30am Brunch at Lupe Finch's**

**June Birthdays**

Nancy Griffin 6/6  
Pat Dyer 6/20



**June Anniversaries**

Mingo Greco 6/24

**June Club Anniversaries**

Stacia Olson



**Ann  
Starkie**

I am Ann Starkie, a new member since February 2017. I grew up in San Francisco attending St. Elizabeth's Grammar School and then Immaculate Conception Academy. I graduated from City College of San Francisco receiving my AS degree with a certificate in Medical Assisting.

My career evolved working at Children's Hospital San Francisco (now Sutter Health) and then for numerous Health Maintenance Organizations as a claims & audit manager. I later left health care and began working at Contra Costa Community College District and Los Medanos College performing accounting duties, budget training to staff and faculty and event planning. I retired December 30, 2016.

I am married with two step children. My husband retired a few months before me. I have lived most of my life in San Francisco and Antioch, California. We moved to Trilogy in 2015 and enjoy Rio Vista very much.

After retiring, I wished to give back to my community by providing my services to Soroptimist International Rio Vista so young women can realize their dreams.



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