



SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist of Rio Vista

February 2019

Everything you do is based on the choices you make. It's not your parents, your past relationships, your job, the economy, the weather, an argument or your age that is to blame. You and only you are responsible for every decision you make.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President's corner continued...

Coming soon! **Paint and Pour Night** will be on 2/23/19, 5:00 pm, at the Rio Vista Center for the Arts. Reserve your spot as space is limited. See Wanda Apel for details or email her at wandaapel4467@comcast.net.

Have you purchased your ticket(s) for LUNAFEST®, Tickets are selling **FAST!!!!** See page 5.

Finally, a big shout out to the many members who regularly attend meetings, volunteer at events and keep things going! We need everyone to participate in a way that works for them. As the saying goes.... "Many hands make for light work!" If you are interested in learning more or serving in a leadership role in the near future, please contact me or MaryEllen Lamothe, Chair of the Nominations Committee. We need some awesome, dedicated members to serve in several different roles next year!

Deborah Roden
2018-2019



Aloha Spirit

FEBRUARY FUN FOR FELLOWSHIP

Founder Region Fellowship has a long-standing tradition of celebrating our region identifying project by asking clubs to support our program through "FEBRUARY FUN FOR FELLOWSHIP".

Over time, this exciting way to support Fellowship may have been forgotten for some clubs, and your 2018-2020 Founder Region Fellowship board members would like to rejuvenate, revive and help you find an easy way to support Fellowship in February 2019.

Your Fellowship District Directors, Teri Malkin attended the District III Presidents' Roundtables in November 2018 and shared information about "FEBRUARY FUN FOR FELLOWSHIP" with club presidents.

We want to share with all members through the region newsletter an easy and fun way to support Fellowship through your club or individually.

With Past Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf's help, we are presenting a February calendar for each member to use throughout the month to support our program. We hope you will take it to "heart" (don't forget Valentine's Day) and participate. If you did not receive a copy of the calendar at the 1/17 meeting, a copy can be found on page 3.

*February
Meetings*

- 2/7 6:00 pm Business Meeting (5:30 pm Social)**
- 2/14 12:00 pm Committee Meetings**
- 2/21 12:00 pm Program Meeting**



2/2 Princess Ball 5:30pm	February Birthdays
2/23 Paint and Sip 5:30pm	Tina A 2/15 Kay K 2/20
3/2 LUNAFEST® 1:00 or 5:00 pm	February Anniversaries
3/9 Dream It Be It Conference	Sarah D 2/8 Meri W 2/16
4/17 Human Trafficking Forum	February Club Anniversaries
	Cindy K, Deb P, Deborah R, Ann S



Connie Romweber

As a high school student who enjoyed making things my whole life, it never occurred to me that a career in the arts was possible. My high school art teacher, Len Madura, made it his mission to help. Because of him I was the first female allowed to take shop classes at Hillcrest High and the first female to graduate from the University of Illinois with a BFA in Industrial Design.

Since graduating I've enjoyed designing everything from oil cans to children's wear. A few highlights include Muppet Babies Weeboks for Reebok, set details for Disney's 'Honey, I Blew Up the Kid' and custom decor for Hyatt Regency and many other hotels.

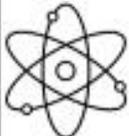
It was Mr. Madura's mentoring that set me on a path to a very satisfying career that has spanned 5 decades and as a Soroptimist I hope to do the same for the young people we've vowed to help.



We meet on Thursdays
1st (6:00 pm), 2nd and 3rd (12:00 pm)
The Point Restaurant
120 Marina Drive

Follow us at siriovista.org or Soroptimist of Rio Vista on Facebook

Founder Region ***Fun for Fellowship*** February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>February = Fun for Fellowship – Have FUN and raise FUNDS for our region identifying project - one day at a time! Add up your fun fees and make checks payable to your club.</p>				<p>1 Play every day and at the end of the month total up your fun fees!</p>	<p>2 </p>	
<p>3 Do you plan on attending region conference in May? Yes = Free No = 50¢</p>	<p>4 Did you exercise today? Yes = 10¢ No = 50¢ (there are benefits to exercising.)</p>	<p>5 </p>	<p>6 Founder Region Fellowship began in 1948.</p>	<p>7 How many televisions do you own? Fun fee only 50¢ each.</p>	<p>8 Did you read the Soroptimist Summary this month? Yes = Free No = 50¢</p>	<p>9 Do you regularly recycle? Yes = 25¢ No = 50¢</p>
<p>10 </p>	<p>11 Are you currently reading a book? Yes = 25¢ No = 50¢</p>	<p>12 </p>	<p>13 Julia "Bess" Combs was the first Fellowship President.</p>	<p>14 Did you wear red today? Yes = 25¢ No = 50¢ <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i></p>	<p>15 How many states or countries have you lived in? Fun fee only 25¢ each.</p>	<p>16 Have you had a cup of coffee or tea today? Yes = 50¢ No = 50¢ (LOL)</p>
<p>17 Have you attended our region Memorial Grove Service? Yes = Free No = 50¢</p>	<p>18 Do you wear your pin & name badge to club events? Yes = Free No = 75¢</p>	<p>19 </p>	<p>20 The first Fellowship Grant awarded was in the amount of \$1,500.</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22 Have you attended another club's event this year? Yes = Free No = 50¢</p>	<p>23 Did you read the Founder Region Newsletter this month? Yes = Free No = 50¢</p>
<p>24 </p>	<p>25 How many make-up products do you own? Fun fee only 25¢ each.</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27 Funding for Founder Region Fellowship comes solely from your generosity.</p>	<p>28 FUN FEE TOTAL: <i>Supporting Fellowship is fun!</i></p>		

"Empowering Change Through Education"

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017–AUGUST 31, 2018

SOROPTIMIST®

PROGRESS IN FY17/18

Empowering Women & Girls Through Access to Our Dream Programs

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

\$2,414,864

in Live Your Dream Awards was given through the program ▲15%

1,595

deserving women ▲9%

93%

increased their self-esteem

86%

completed their education and increased their standard of living



DREAM IT, BE IT

14,547

girls participated ▲79%

88%

feel prepared to pursue their career goals

91%

feel more confident about their future success



Gaining New Members and Supporters

3,714 new and charter members

+9 net increase in clubs (best net change since FY97/98)

127,825 people in our LiveYourDream.org community

101,638 program activities conducted through LiveYourDream.org



Attracting More Financial Support

\$2,284,366 raised ▲22%

• **\$1,141,420** in total individual contributions ▲44%

• **\$748,304** contributed through Club Giving ▲3%

Corporate Philanthropy

\$180,375 raised ▲\$168,375

- **\$150,000** received from Torrid Foundation
- **17** unsolicited corporate partnership requests were received through LiveYourDream.org



\$14,291,581

in Net Assets ▲5%



Growing Recognition

537,654 unique visits to Soroptimist.org and LiveYourDream.org ▲57%

41,567 social media followers ▲8%

1.5 million people reached through SIA and LYD.org social media networks

6 million+ women across the US saw our online ads (Google Grants and Facebook Ads)



LUNAFEST®
Special Pricing Members Only \$25



**Soroptimist International
of Rio Vista presents....**

..... ✂
LunaFest Saturday, March 2, 2019

General tickets

tickets _____ 1:00 show @ \$35 = \$ _____
tickets _____ 5:00 show @ \$35 = \$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Names and email:
Name _____ email _____
Name _____ email _____
Name _____ email _____
Name _____ email _____

Name and number in case we need to contact you:
Name _____ Ph # _____

Make checks payable to SIRV. Cash is also accepted.
General tickets may also be purchased at Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soroptimist-international-of-rio-vista-lunafest-2019-tickets-51569301168>
Credit cards are accepted on Eventbrite.

LunaFest:
short films by
and about
women
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Veterans
Memorial Hall
610 St. Francis Way
Rio Vista, CA 94571
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**Saturday,
March 2, 2019**
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Two showings: 1:00
pm and 5:00 pm
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1:00 showing
includes fashion
show by Chico's
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5:00 showing
includes awards
ceremony
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Appetizers (included in
ticket price) and raffle
prizes (tickets 1 for
\$5.00, 3 for \$10, 10 for
\$20) at both showings.
Designer Bags+ more
in raffle.
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