



SOROPTIMIST



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Save the Date! You are invited to an event "Celebrating Success" by the Fundraising and Membership Committees. The Greco's are hosting the event at their home, 307 Marks Road on Saturday, 3/23/19 at 5:00 pm. Please respond to the Doodle Poll regarding this event and be sure to read the event flyer.

Our fantastic Dream It, Be It Committee is putting the final touches on plans for the annual Dream It Be It Career Support Conference for high school girls. This event takes much planning and organizing; the committee is still looking for magazines, granola bars, and candies. If you have any questions about DIBI, please contact Mingo Greco, Chair, at mingogreco@comcast.net.

March Meetings

Soroptimist of Rio Vista

March 2019

"When women support each other incredible things happen"

-Unknown

President's corner continued...

The Women's Rights Committee is hard at work planning a new event, the Human Trafficking Summit; Education and Awareness. The "Summit" will be held on 4/17/19 at the Veterans Memorial Building from 6:30pm-8:00pm. You will receive much more information soon, but please save the date! You will also receive an EventBrite email about this free event, be sure to respond!

Our Nominations committee is now in place; MaryEllen Lamothe, Chair, Sue Walker, Lynn Oesterle and Claudia See comprise the committee. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role near future, please contact one of them. The nominations will be presented at our Business Meeting 3/7/19 and we will vote at our Business Meeting 4/4/19.

*Deborah Roden
2018-2019*



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8 every year. ... After women gained suffrage in Soviet Russia in 1917, March 8 became a national holiday there. The day was then predominantly celebrated by the socialist movement and communist countries until it was adopted in 1975 by the United Nations.

Today, International Women's Day is a public holiday in some countries and largely ignored elsewhere. In some places, it is a day of protest; in others, it is a day that celebrates womanhood.

International Women's Day 2019 campaign theme:

#BalanceforBetter

The future is exciting. Let's build a gender-balanced world.

Everyone has a part to play - all the time, everywhere.

From grassroots activism to worldwide action, we are entering an exciting period of history where the world expects balance. We notice its absence and celebrate its presence.

Balance drives a better working world. Let's all help create a #BalanceforBetter.

3/7 6:00 pm Business Meeting (5:30 pm Social)

3/14 12:00 pm Committee Meetings

3/21 12:00 pm Program Meeting



**Kathy
Wright**



3/2 LUNAFEST® 1:00 or 5:00 pm
3/9 Dream It Be It Conference
3/23 Celebrating Our Success 5:00 pm, Mingo's
4/17 Human Trafficking Summit
5/3-5/5 Founder Region Conference, San Ramon

March Birthdays
 Laurie O. 3/25
March Anniversaries
 Stacia O. 3/17 Kathy W. 3/22
 MaryEllen L. 3/26
March Club Anniversaries
 Emilia S., Sarah D., Teri M.,
 Susan W., Wanda A.

Kathy Wright is a fourth generation Rio Vistan. She is the daughter of Howard Lamothe and Gwynne Anderson. She is the second of four children in her family. Kathy has been married to Steve Wright for 22 years. They have two incredible children, Nathan and Emma, who are young adults now. Both of their children attend CSU, Chico. Her sister and cherished friend, Noelle Gomes, also lives in Rio Vista with her husband, Warren, Jr., and teaches PE and serves as the Athletic Director at Rio Vista High School. Kathy has 12 super handsome nephews and 3 beautiful nieces.

As a child, Kathy attended the lovely Bea Nunes' preschool, White Elementary School (the 'D.H.' got added in 1994), Riverview Middle School, and Rio Vista High School. She attended and graduated from CSU, Chico and also attended graduate school there to earn her multiple subject teaching credential. Kathy attended St. Mary's College of Moraga to earn her administrative credential and Master's Degree. She taught 2nd Grade and Kindergarten at DH White Elementary, served as Vice Principal at Clarksburg Middle and Delta High School, served as principal of Isleton Elementary School, and worked as a School Turnaround Facilitator for WestEd. Kathy currently serves as the Director of Educational Services for River Delta Unified School District.

In her free time, Kathy loves to take spontaneous trips to Chico with Steve to visit Nathan and Emma, enjoys reading novels about true stories of women who did amazing things in a subtle way, mentor and coach young women in her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, to build and improve their leadership skills, learn all she can and share her knowledge about mental health to end the ridiculous stigma it has, and work with her dear friends to improve our community and opportunities for our youth. She dreams of traveling to France and Italy, learning Spanish, earning a Doctoral degree, and becoming a grandparent.

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

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SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS®

Igniting Change for Women

Our Global Impact in FY17/18



\$2.4 million+

in education awards
disbursed



1,595

motivated women
received an award



802

women received additional
support beyond an award



Across

**21
countries**

Women are Economically & Socially Empowered

Recipients from three years ago report:



86%

completed their education
and improved their
standard of living



93%

increased their
self-esteem



97%

are now living in a safe environment—
of the 55% who are survivors of
domestic violence, sexual assault, child
abuse, trafficking and/or prostitution

Women & Families Gain Independence



Recipients said:

"I have entered into a career that will raise me and my daughter out of generational poverty. Without the women of Soroptimist and their many levels of support, I could not have become the woman I am today nor the mother I've always wanted to be and wished I had growing-up!"

"As a single mother family, we were financially struggling, but I studied hard and obtained a license and now I work as a nurse. The Live Your Dream Award gave me encouragement and energy because I felt that it acknowledged my hard work."

View the full *Live Your Dream Awards* Impact Report at
<<http://bit.ly/17-18LYDAImpact>>

Check out #MotivationMonday club success stories on SIA's Facebook!

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education & training awards for women®



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DREAM IT, BE IT: CAREER SUPPORT FOR GIRLS®

Preparing Girls for a Brighter Future

Our Global Impact in FY17/18

across



14,547 girls participated



14 countries & territories

Girls Are Empowered to Live Their Dreams



91%

feel more confident about their future success



88%

feel more prepared to pursue their career goals



90%

created achievable goals for their future



85%

were introduced to professional role models

Girls are Inspired by Possibilities



They said:

"I learned I am more powerful than any obstacle."

"Dream It, Be It taught me to hope."

"I loved relating to adults who wanted to listen and help me plan for my future dreams."

"I learned that I can make a difference."

View the full *Dream It, Be It* Impact Report at: <http://bit.ly/17-18DIBIImpact>

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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%

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increased their self-esteem

86%

completed their education and increased their standard of living



DREAM IT, BE IT

14,547

girls participated ▲79%

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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)



Human Trafficking Summit: Education & Awareness

Wed, April 17, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm (doors open 6:00 pm)

Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 610 St Francis Way

Free Admission: Tickets at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

The Bay Area has one of the highest rates of human trafficking in the country. In close proximity, Rio Vista may be next. Learn more to end this crime.

Speakers



Eric Stover
Faculty Director Human Rights Center
Adjunct Professor of Law and Public Health
UC Berkeley



Krishna Abrams
Solano County District Attorney



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