

Monthly Update



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

November 2020

This update covers what you may have missed from our November 5 business meeting. This update is also available on our SIRV website. Simply click **Monthly Updates** under **Helpful Member Info** on the **Members** tab. The Members password is SIRV.

Attendance

Laurie O. and Lynn O. followed indoor social distancing protocols, quickly and safely admitting members into the building. For the most part members wore masks unless they were eating.

17 members attended in person at the Highway 12 Diner and 6 attended via Zoom.

Member introductions included lots of fun responses about favorite Thanksgiving traditions.

Thanks again to Mary Ellen and Howard for hosting our meetings and events.



Student of the Month

Carolyn Azbell introduced November STOM, Devin Petersen. Devin was nominated by the RVHS Science Department.

WHOO (We Honor Our Own) Award

Toni Tucker was awarded a WHOO for her outstanding support of our Zoom connection and attendees.



Minutes, Correspondence & Treasurer's Report

September and October minutes were presented. To read a copy of the minutes, click **Business Meeting Minutes** under **Helpful Member Info** on **Members** tab of our SIRV web site.

There was no correspondence.

The Operating account was \$12,901.95, Special Projects \$22,803.67 and the Total was \$35,705.62.

Committee Reports



Women's Rights

Women's Rights reported donation a of \$300 and 50 bags from F&M Bank to help with the Survival Bag Project. The committee requested that members make a monetary donation to the Survival Bag Project at the December business meeting. (More about this under *New Business/December 5 Meeting* below.) The committee is researching possible ways to deliver the Human Trafficking Summit, possibly in a Webinar format.

Special Projects

This committee report transitioned into a lively discussion and member approval to donate \$1,000 to the Food Pantry to be designated for women and girls in need.

Publicity

Committee member (and supporting member) responsibilities were clarified. The committee supported Cooking with Chef Arvell, LUNAFEST and Student of the Month events. In addition to a weekly Beacon article, event coverage appeared in Facebook, Instagram and the SIA website. A paper-based Publicity Request was handed out but the committee encourages those needing support to use the form on the SIRV website.

Fundraising



Our virtual LUNAFEST fundraiser netted \$4,585. The committee reported that some attendees had issues with computer log on and TV playback. Of the total, the auction made \$2,100 minus 6.5% to the host site. The committee thanked Kay for guiding this fundraiser.

The next fundraiser is lobster tails, live lobster and crab with sparkling wine in January (New Year). Preorders may be made on paper or online.

Membership

Based on the success of the last event, the committee is considering another virtual cooking activity with Chef Arvell. The date and time is to be determined. There were no pending membership applications.

Fellowship

Dr. Emilia Sieferling offered scrubbies and Fundraising offered the remaining movie treat boxes for \$5 each. Purchasers wrote their signatures on the Fellowship Board. The board raises \$1,000 toward the Founder Region Fellowship programs that awards grants to women in the final phase of their doctoral degree.

Education

The team is streamlining the Student of the Month process. Sue Walker is working on finding Violet Richardson Award candidates by November 11. (This deadline has been extended to the week before Christmas.) Contact Sue if you know of a young woman in our community between the ages of 14 and 18 who excels with their volunteer work. The committee is undecided about conducting the Dream It Be It Conference with COVID-19 challenges. Instead, they may support tutoring for girls. Both options are being researched.

New Business/December 5 Meeting

The club decided on a Christmas celebration for our December 5 meeting that will include two possible giving opportunities:

- **Survival Bag Cash Donation** – Rather than individual items, a cash donation helps the committee purchase the specifics needed to complete the bags. To donate, send a check to Laurie O with a notation that it goes to Survival Bags.
- **White Elephant Gift** – To participate, bring a \$20 value wrapped gift. The gift can be something nice, something fun or something you bought and will never use.

Celebrations

There's lots to celebrate this month!



Birthdays

Karolyn Kropacek 11/08

Wedding Anniversaries

Greta Jenkins 11/11

Club Anniversaries

Florence Inouye 11/01/1967

Hope Cohn 11/01/2007

Lupe Finch 11/19/2015

Jennifer Emigh 11/01/2018

Becky Burch 11/01/2018

Suzy Goldberg 11/05/2019