



Monthly Update

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

December 2020

This update covers what you may have missed from our December 3 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 & Meeting Summary

Social distancing protocols required that we meet on Zoom but that didn't stop us from having some fun. There were 29 attendees out of 48 members, giving us a 60% attendance ratio. Way to go Zoomers! During introductions we each shared our favorite Christmas song. Responses ranged from "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" to "Oh Holy Night." At various times throughout the meeting, Claudia See raffled gift card and lotion prizes to members on the call. We ended the meeting with a holiday song followed by the Soroptimist pledge.

If county health ordinances allow, our next business meeting will be held at The Point restaurant.



Student of the Month

There is no Student of the Month in December.

WHOO (We Honor Our Own) Award

Dr. Emilia Seiferling was awarded the WHOO award for keeping Fellowship alive with her innovative scrubbie sign-up strategy (Sign up to get a free hand crocheted scrubbie).

Minutes, Correspondence & Treasurer's Report

November minutes were presented by Wanda Apel. To read a copy of the minutes, click **Business Meeting Minutes** under **Helpful Member Info** on **Members** tab of our SIRV web site.

Under correspondence, Wanda read a letter from Rio Vista CARE thanking us for our \$200 donation.

Assistant Treasurer Lynn Oesterle reported there is \$18,529.93 in our Operating Account, \$21,803.67 in our Special Projects account and \$40,329.60 Total.

Committee Reports



Women's Rights

Gayle Crawley reported that the survival bags were taken to the Solano County Justice Center. The committee is excited to have a Live Your Dream applicant.

Publicity

The Publicity committee, headed by Robie Williams, sent out the November Update and submitted an ad to The Beacon for the Lobster's Sale.

Fundraising

Stacia Olson reports that Editor Cindy Green of The Beacon is working with us on advantageous pricing for a large ad about our SIP Lobster event. We won't know until Dec. 15 if crab will be available due to a delay in the commercial crab season.

Pre-order your lobster now and encourage your friends to order too. Click the lobster photo on our web site home page then click the "Order Now" button to access the Square shopping site.

Membership

Lupe Finch and Claudia See reported that Membership recruitment activities are on hold due to COVID-19 but membership would love to hear from members about member talents or other activities that could be shared virtually to keep our club connected.

Education



According to Carolyn Azbell, Sue Walker has worked hard on finding a Violet Richardson Award candidate. This award goes to a young lady age 14-17 who exhibits exemplary volunteerism in the community. Dec. 18th is the deadline.

New Business

Solano Safe House Requests Donation – This is a respite home, supported by the Soroptimist Benicia club and SafeQuest Solano, for girls and women fleeing a violent environment and one bed is for a

sexually trafficked young lady. The club voted to donate \$1,000.00 to Solano Safe House from the Special Projects fund.

Presidents Round Table – Kay Kelley and Mingo Greco attended the meeting and they reported that all clubs were struggling with meeting and fundraising.

Donation to D.H. White School – Jenny Emigh asked for a donation to support the school's drive for gifts for each student. Despite a lively debate, the club was unable to support the request because it did not align to our mission to serve girl's and women. Instead, President Kay suggested those who would like to contribute could do so personally to the PTC, D.H White Elementary School 500 Elm Way, RV, CA 94571.

Celebrations

Club Anniversaries

Greta Jenkins 12/1 and Meri Wheeler 12/5.

