

Monthly Update



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

January 2021

This update covers what you may have missed from our January 7 business meeting. Open this update from the **Members** tab on our SIRV website. The Members password is **SIRV**.

Attendance & Meeting Summary

Once again we met on Zoom. We had 3 guests and 24 members. More about our guests later. During introductions we each shared our name, length of time with the club and whether we held or currently hold an office.



District II Director Jackie Arnold

Initially, Jackie introduced herself and her role as District II Director. Later, Jackie thanked the club for continuing our work and encouraged us to stay strong despite the many obstacles.

Student of the Month Jaqueline Leal

Articulate and accomplished Jaqueline Leal was our January student of the month. We enjoyed hearing her talk about the schools she attended during the summer and her robotics endeavors. Jaqueline's favorite school subjects are English and engineering. She is active in the Robotics Club, Co-President of the Health and Science Careers Club and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Netherlands Yearbook. She hasn't decided which school she wants to attend, but intends to study biomedical engineering.



Live Your Dream Award Winner Sydney Habig

The Live Your Dream program, sponsored by the Women's Rights committee, is dedicated to helping women achieve economic empowerment by providing education grants to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or skills training. This year's recipient, Sydney Habig, has completed her vocational nursing studies at Los Medanos College as well as many prerequisites for the Registered Nursing program that she hopes to begin in the near future.

Minutes, Correspondence & Treasurer's Report

December minutes were presented by Wanda Apel. Treasurer Laurie Oleksiewicz reported there is \$19,195.38 in our Operating Account, \$23,653.67 in our Special Projects account and \$42,849.05 Total. Open the minutes or treasurer reports on the **Members** tab of our SIRV web site.

Committee Reports

A few committee highlights below...



Women's Rights

The committee was excited to have Live Your Dream Award Winner Sydney Habig as their special guest. Their survival bag project, providing necessities for domestic violence and human trafficking victims, is more important than ever as stay-at-home orders intended to protect the public and prevent widespread infection leave many victims trapped with their abusers. Stacia Olsen plans to

create a link on our web to enable credit card donations directly to the Survival Bag project.

Publicity

Robie Williams reported that the team advertised the lobster/crab sale on social media including Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor and published the December Monthly Update. Updates to the website included new info about the lobster/crab sale and creation of a link from the Member page to the new Square payment site created by Stacia Olson. Our social media presence was average. We need our members to “like” our posts on Facebook and Instagram.

Fundraising

Stacia Olson reported that our Lobster/Crab sale netted over \$3,000, raising over \$12,000 for high school scholarships and meeting the committee's fundraising goal for the year. The committee may run the “Freezer Full of Meat” fundraiser in August.

Membership

Lupe Finch announced the Fellowship Board Challenge – a February 10 drawing for an assortment of wine and an antique-style cork pull. The Fellowship board raises \$1,000 toward the Founder Region Fellowship program that awards grants to women in the final phase of their doctoral degree. To donate, click [here](#) to display the Soroptimist website. If prompted, the password is **SIRV**. Under **Member Info** and **Link to Online Payment**, click **Fellowship Board Challenge** to display the payment site, then follow the prompts to purchase one, two or four squares.

Education

Sue Walker announced that review of the three Violet Richardson Award candidates is currently underway. This award goes to a young lady age 14-17 who exhibits exemplary volunteerism in the community. Mingo Greco and Carolyn Azbell are attending a Zoom conference about conducting Dream It Be It remotely.

Celebrations

Wanda Elected School Board Trustee

We celebrated Wanda being elected as a River Delta Unified School District board trustee.

Birthdays

Becky Burch 01/02, Robie Williams 01/04, Carolyn Azbel 01/10, Stacia Olson 01/11, Donna Kiecker 01/16, Florence Inouye 01/24.

Wedding Anniversaries

Hope Cohn 01/01

Club Anniversaries

Jennifer Torres 01/02/2020, Kimberly Guggemos 01/02/2020, Minnie Howell 01/02/2020, Karolyn Kropacek 01/09/2020, Laurie Oleksiewicz 01/14/2016.

Fill the
Fellowship Board
CHALLENGE

Buy a square or 2 or more.....

SIRV WILL MAKE A \$1000 DONATION TO FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND EACH TIME THE BOARD IS FILLED! - WITH EACH \$1000 DONATION, 1 LUCKY MEMBER WILL BE HONORED WITH THEIR NAME AS THE FELLOW DONOR ALONG WITH THE CLUB.

Your donation supports Founder Region Fellowship's mission of advancing the status of women through financial support in the final phase of their doctoral programs. Fellowship recognizes the value of empowering highly motivated women engaged in academic research in fields including science, technology, education, the environment, women's issues and international relations.

EACH \$5 SQUARE PURCHASED BY FEB 10TH WILL BE ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE BEAUTIFUL WINE OPEWER & ASSORTED WINES. THIS IS A PERFECT VALENTINES GIFT. PURCHASE SEVERAL SQUARES FOR MORE CHANCES TO WIN.

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