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***SI RIVERSIDE GROUP PHOTO AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY IN DECEMBER***

## SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

## SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist transforms the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

## SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- **GENDER EQUALITY:** Women and girls live free from discrimination
- **EMPOWERMENT:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION:** Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.

- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:**  
Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Vicki Hightower  
2018-19 SIR President*

*"Great people do things before they are ready. They do things before they know they can."  
...Amy Pohler*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday with friends and family.

As we begin 2019 I'm excited for everything that is coming. Our major fundraiser, the Valentine Dessert Auction under the capable leadership of Joann Moore, is quickly approaching.

What I'm really looking forward to, as I do every year, is our signature event, the Live Your Dream, Dream It Be It conference in March. When I look into the excited faces of 150 7th and 8th grade girls who realize via this conference that their horizons are limitless, it makes all our fundraising efforts throughout the year well worth it. After my first conference shortly after joining Soroptimist International of Riverside, I called my husband on the way home to excitedly tell him, "This is why I joined!"

I feel blessed to be part of this amazing group of caring and determined women. Thank you for all your efforts, and I think 2019 will be our best yet!

Vicki Hightower  
2018-19 SIR President

*Educate a Woman  
Empower a Woman*



## JANUARY 2019



- 2 **BOARD MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 8 **BUSINESS MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 11 **NATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**
- 22 **PROGRAM MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside

## FEBRUARY 2019



- 5 **BOARD MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave, Riverside
- 6 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**
- 7 **VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION AND BATTLE OF THE BAKERS**

12 **BUSINESS MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 4845  
Brockton Ave, Riverside

14 **V-DAY - GLOBAL DAY TO  
END VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN**

26 **PROGRAM MEETING**  
12:00 PM, First United  
Methodist Church, 4845  
Brockton Ave, Riverside

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



March 16, 2019  
**LIVE YOUR DREAM - DREAM IT  
BE IT CONFERENCE**  
Riverside Community College

April 23, 2019  
**SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS**

June 6-8, 2019  
**GOLDEN WEST REGION  
SPRING CONFERENCE**  
Pala Casino Spa Resort  
Pala, California  
July 18-21, 2019

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
2020

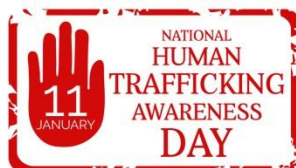
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ANNIVERSARY**  
San Francisco, California  
2021

## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting. Lunches are approximately \$16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis. For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

### **JANUARY 11, 2019 NATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11th.

This observance was started in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

In 2011, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Slavery was officially abolished in the United States by the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865, however, its forms still exist to date with the present day U.S. becoming the source, transit and destination country for modern slaves: children, women and men.

These people can be of foreign nationalities or the citizens of the U.S. but they are all subjected to injustices of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage. Many mass campaigns are organized to observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

This helps raise public awareness of modern slavery and creation of a number of organizations supporting and preventing human trafficking helps protect vulnerable members of our community.

### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**



## **our Work and Impact**

Our years of experience working with women and girls has taught us that education is the key to unlocking economic empowerment of the world's women and girls. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice and power to



make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

## How We Do It

Our Dream Programs are primarily delivered locally by our clubs and members in 21 countries and territories. They provide the muscle and on-the-ground work that make our programs come alive.

## Live Your Dream Awards

Soroptimist's "Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women" assist women who provide the primary financial support for their families. Live Your Dream Awards give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

## Dream It. Be It

"Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls" gives girls the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals, empowering them to break cycles of poverty, violence and abuse.

**LiveYourDream.  
org**

LiveYourDream.org is a movement fiercely dedicated to ensuring every woman and girl has the opportunity to reach her full potential, be free from violence and live her dreams.

**DECEMBER 11, 2018  
NEW MEMBER  
INDUCTION**

At our business meeting in December, Paula McCloskey was inducted into our club.



*Membership Chair Lynn Scenina,  
New Member Paula McCloskey and  
SIR President Vicki Hightower*

Paula is retired from Riverside City College District where she was Dean, Counseling & Specially Funded Programs.

We are very pleased to have Paula join SI Riverside and look forward to using her many talents in our programs to help women and girls.

## WELCOME PAULA

**DECEMBER 13, 2018  
HOLIDAY PARTY**



On December 13th, SI Riverside members and their guests came together for a fabulous Holiday Party at the beautiful home of Susan Wolf.

The food was plentiful and delicious, the ornament exchange was fun and full of laughs and the company was extraordinary.

Many thanks to Susan for being the hostess with the mostest. A great time was had by all.







**FEBRUARY 7, 2019  
VALENTINE DESSERT  
AUCTION**



**Valentine Dessert  
Auction and  
Battle of the  
Bakers**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Valentine Dessert Auction Committee has been working hard to make the 2019 event one of the best. And there has been a lot of NEW ideas put into place.

We have a NEW venue this year. The Victoria Club is a beautiful site overlooking a luscious carpet of green grass and trees. The elegant interior is the perfect setting for our event and the food is renowned.

Of course, we will still have a fun time bidding on items as we enjoy our food and drink. This year, however, there's more than just a NEW venue.

We will have NEW basket offerings in the Silent Auction. Be sure to check them out and keep tabs on your bid.

There will also be a lot of NEW offerings on the Small Gift Table for loved ones, friends and coworkers. Sweet for your mouth and your pocketbook. Practical

or fun, you're bound to find something that's just right.

The Live Auction will be full of some of your favorite bidding opportunities from the past, as well as the NEW Battle of the Bakers entries. They are a delight to everyone's eyes and to the winning bidder's mouth.

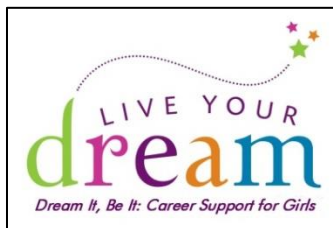
So be sure to share the NEW year with us on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019.

See you there!

JoAnn Moore  
VDA Chair

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our website at  
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**MARCH 16, 2019  
LIVE YOUR DREAM -  
DREAM IT, BE IT  
CONFERENCE**



You should have Saturday, March 16, 2019 saved on your calendar! Don't let anything interfere!

We are going to have another exciting Live Your Dream "Dream It, Be It" Conference for 150 7th and 8th grade girls from Alvord, Jurupa and Riverside Unified School Districts.

This is our signature event for the year, so you don't want to miss it. Every SIR member will have a job.

Also, remember the funds we raise from the Valentine Dessert Auction help to financially support this conference. We can only do LYD "Dream It, Be It"

with the support from all members, so thank you in advance.

Jeanne Hatcher  
LYD Chair

**INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS  
TRAINING**



I'd like to share with you a holiday message and some photos that I received from Inspire.

Vicki Hightower  
Inspire Chair

**YOU MADE OUR YEAR  
MERRY AND BRIGHT**

*As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded of all the amazing moments and breakthroughs for our youth which were made possible because of your generosity and support.*

*Ashley is only a couple of classes away from graduating from CBU, two students earned full scholarships for vocational programs, Ramses earned his license and saved for his first car and many more milestones were reached in 2018 by our awesome students.*

*You made it possible for Inspire to provide safe and stable housing, mentoring and a college education for 32 foster and homeless youth this year. You supported the new Leadership Development program that has been teaching them emotional intelligence and resilience.*



*The year culminated in giving all of our students their Christmas Wishes at a beautiful party alongside their wonderful mentors.*

*Thank you for reminding them that they are cared for and that so many people are cheering them on toward growth and success!*

*We hope that your Christmastime is full of love and joy as well!*

*From all of us at Inspire*



## GED PROGRAM

Soroptimist International of Riverside  
GED Program  
**First Step to Your Future**



Soroptimist International of Riverside is starting a program to sponsor women in obtaining their GED credentials. The program is called: "First Step to Your Future."

The General Education Development (GED) tests are a group of four subject tests which, when passed, provide certification that the test taker has high school level academic skills. The GED test credential improves an individual's economic opportunities beyond those that are available for women without high school diplomas.

The GED cost is \$35 per subject test. There are 4 tests that must be passed and Riverside Adult School offers free GED prep classes. SI Riverside plans to underwrite the cost of three women obtaining their GED credentials in this club year.

Janet Payton has accepted the chairmanship of the GED program committee and her committee members are Edith Gingerich and Vicki Hightower.

They will report monthly on the progress of the committee.

## SI RIVERSIDE BROCHURE UPDATE



## Updated SIR Brochure

As committee chair for updating our club brochure, I have the

best committee members to work with. Thank you Chris Deviny, Ellen Clizbe, Annamarie Megrđichian, Amy McKenzie and Melody Hendrickson for your help and input working with me.

We got off to a slow start but after our last full committee meeting we are now well on our way. Our goal for the new brochure is one that says to the person reading it, "Come and join us. Be a part of doing what we do." Having the input of new millennium members, long time members and members in between will assure the brochure is relevant to more women.

With all the holidays and traveling by some of the members, our next committee meeting will be in January 2019. Until then, we each have our homework to do. 2019 is looking to be a great year.

Linda Robertson, Chair  
Brochure Update Committee

## FRIENDSHIP LINK SI ERLANGEN, GERMANY



Dear President Vicki and Karin:

Thank you very much for your Christmas greetings in written and digital form! I shared them with all members of SI Erlangen.

At our Christmas party last week we were looking back onto our year and the many great interactions we had with you with regards to our young talent programme and the anniversaries on both sides. I'm sending you an impression from our Christmas party.

Wishing you and all of the SI Riverside members and families a merry Christmas and a good start into 2019.

I'm looking forward to many new contacts with you next year!

Yours sincerely,  
Christine  
President, SI Erlangen

## SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



SI Riverside President Veronica Forest presented a donation from SI Riverside to the YWCA Born Free Program.

The Born Free Program operates a home for six women who are eligible to stay from early pregnancy until their baby is two months old.

Some of the services available to the Born Free women are AA meetings, stretch classes, chair aerobics and classes such as new parenting, self-esteem, anger management, narcotics, life skills, grocery shopping and cooking.

## SOLT Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training



## Leadership Tip: Collaborative Leadership

By definition, club leaders lead the direction of their clubs and set the example for where we are headed. Sometimes, it can be easy for leadership to stick with things that made them successful in the past. But, one of the core responsibilities of leadership is to understand when we need to change. We never change for the sake of change. We change when we think change will make us better, stronger and more successful.

Regardless of how creative, smart and savvy a leader may be, she can't transform her club without the brain power and commitment of others. No matter what the issue involves, success dictates that the individuals impacted by change be involved in the change from the very beginning.

This is where using a collaborative leadership style comes into play. It's a process in which teams work together toward a common goal. In collaborative leadership, club members work on tasks together and consider problems while the leader helps the team find the solution.



Some of the benefits of practicing this type of leadership style within your club are engagement, trust and leadership succession. Members become more engaged because they have a higher participation in the club and trust is built simply by the nature of working so closely with others. Also, new leaders emerge more naturally in a collaborative setting. When others are invited to get involved in a committee or a project or share their knowledge, they start getting their feet wet and become more comfortable stepping up in the future.

Finally, we can't overlook one more important element of a collaborative environment. It's FUN! Members value being with other like-minded women and working together to accomplish our mission. Building relationships is important and fun. Friendship is always a top reason why members join and stay Soroptimists.

Try the following tips to help you practice collaborative leadership in your club or region:

- Recognize that change is accomplished in a team environment, not when one person dictates the process.
- Share information and keep communication lines open.
- Encourage brainstorming because different perspectives can bring about the best possible ideas. Keep in mind, brainstorming is a process and all suggestions should be considered in the early stages.
- Assure everyone in the club has a chance to be heard and positively acknowledge their contributions.
- Promote and model inclusiveness by welcoming new members, making sure they meet others and include them in discussions.

- Help members make real connections with each other by including team building exercises that encourage trust.
- Solve problems and challenges by actively seeking input from club members.
- Be flexible with rules and responsibilities.
- Address conflicts quickly and fairly by mediation.
- Provide immediate feedback for a job well done or give constructive criticism when necessary.

Remember that collaborative leadership is about creating an inclusive environment where everyone's knowledge and creativity are put to good use. Because we live in a diverse and complex world, sometimes, especially for Soroptimist clubs, a collaborative leadership approach is the best way to meet our goals.

Additionally, for Soroptimist the concept of leading collaboratively speaks to increasing our big goal to increase our collective impact which breaks down to:

- Strengthening our organization (increase)
- By working together (collective)
- We provide women and girls with access to education and training to make a sustainable and measurable difference in their lives (impact).

As Soroptimists, we know women and girls face obstacles and discrimination solely because of their gender. One member alone does not have all the knowledge, information and resources necessary to address these issues. However, when we collaborate, we are more

effectively able to effect change and make a difference.

Put the above tips in practice and give the collaborative leadership a try in your club today!

Article taken from the  
SIA webpage: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



*Carol Allain Spear  
January 10th*

*Debi Sullivan  
January 23rd*

*Susan Exon  
January 28*

## JANUARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



*Glenda Richards  
1-1-1973*

*Judy Pekarek  
1-8-1985*

*Jeanne Hatcher  
1-9-2001*

Kathy Michalak  
1-11-2011

Lisa Williams  
1-11-2011

Anh Nguyen  
1-26-2016

## MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Jill Borth posted: "Kaiser Clinic Staffing & Payroll Holiday Party! Good food and fun Pictionary games! Confirming why we are staffers and not artists!"



Pam Bradford posted: "Christmas past and present with older sister Patti and younger brother Scott. I'm the kiddo with the doll."



Ellen Clizbe was tagged in a photo by Kari Clizbe Haloviak.



Jana Cook posted: "Ready for the Reindeer Run tomorrow."



Chris Deviny was tagged in a post by Dawn Deviny Donatoni: "Happy Birthday to the best Mom and G-ma ever! We love you!"



Susan Exon posted: "Thanks for your 33 years of civil service to the Navy, Dan Bergstrom. What a fabulous retirement party and tribute to a wonderful man."



Debbie Ferraro was tagged in a post by Chelsea Lea Storm-Larsen: "Leaving Rome with a full belly and heart."



Jeanne Hatcher posted: "Sunset in California...not a fire."





Melody Hendrickson posted:  
"Merry Christmas from the  
Hendricks!"



Vicki Hightower posted: "In Reno  
and nope didn't win so have to  
go to work tomorrow."



Charlene Hildebrandt posted:  
"Congratulations to my brilliant  
and beautiful niece. We love  
you and couldn't be more  
proud of you."



Caroline Leach posted: "Today  
we flew over the beautiful  
beaches in Southern California in  
the Good Year Blimp. One of  
Russ' bucket list items. It was a  
gorgeous day. Our daughter  
Carissa and her boyfriend  
Derek Smith joined us. Her  
birthday is tomorrow."



Paula McCroskey posted: "Thank  
you Barbara Lewis for hosting a  
Women's Afternoon Tea for all of  
us in your beautiful home. I can't  
think of a better way to spend a  
Sunday afternoon than sharing  
great food, wine, love and  
laughter with such fun ladies."



Melanie McKee is eating dinner  
and cocktails at Duane's Prime  
Steaks & Seafood at the Mission  
Inn Hotel & Spa.



Amy McKenzie posted:  
"Naughty or nice?"



Annamarie Megrdichian updated  
her cover photo.



Kathy Michalak was tagged in a  
post by Christy Dfi: "Keeping  
great company with these  
wonderful people. What a  
blessing to be able to attend the  
ribbon cutting ceremony of the  
Grove Village, the first set of  
Riverside's Housing First projects."





Michelle Paradise posted:  
"Date Night."



Kathleen Parra posted: "Decided to hit the Mission Inn for a toast. May your dreams come true in 2019."



Janet Payton posted a photo.



Judy Pekarek was tagged in a post by Paula McCroskey: "What a fun Ladies Night Out. Thank you all for making my heart smile. Great food, lots of laughs, good wine and incredible conversation!"



Linda Robertson posted: "Good time last night celebrating Sue Oren Boyd's birthday at Sire's with Robbin Staley Banks, Traci Latta Brown, Melissa Schmidt Milanovich and about a dozen or more other people. Always a good time with these beautiful ladies."



Lynn Scecinga posted: "We had a wonderful family time in

Yosemite and at our mountain house. So good to relax a bit."



Carol Allain Speer was tagged in a post by Tasha Speer.



Debi Sullivan was tagged in a post by Santini Alba: "Dinner party at the Mission Inn. Thank you, Debi Sullivan."



Lisa Williams posted: "Feeling more Christmasy every day!"





*Susan Wolf posted: "Wow! What a great pic and great friends!"*

## OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS

*Some pictures from the Christmas spectacular program at Radio City Music Hall and from Rockefeller Center ...Ellen Clizbe.*



*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie Ferraro on the loss of her wonderful brother Bill in December.*



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## SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



SOROPTIMIST

**Best for Women**

I pledge allegiance to  
Soroptimist and to  
The ideals for which  
it stands:  
The Sincerity of Friendship,  
The Joy of Achievement,  
The Dignity of Service,  
The Integrity of Profession,  
The Love of Country.

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold, and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.

## RIVERSIDELINES



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## NEW BEGINNINGS

THIS  
IS THE BEGINNING,  
OF ANYTHING  
YOU  
WANT.

THERE  
ARE  
FAR  
BETTER  
THINGS  
AHEAD  
THAN  
ANY  
WE  
LEAVE  
BEHIND  
—C.S. LEWIS

AND SUDDENLY  
YOU JUST KNOW  
IT'S TIME TO START  
SOMETHING NEW  
AND TRUST  
THE MAGIC  
OF BEGINNINGS

I HAVE  
DECIDED THAT  
THIS WILL BE  
A VERY GOOD  
YEAR.

Distressed Nest

"I feel a new beginning  
coming towards me  
and I'm running to it  
with open arms,"

—Anonymous

Today is  
another  
chance to  
get better!

HealthyHempool.com

EVERY DAY IS A NEW  
BEGINNING