



# Riversidelines

## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE APRIL 2024

### SOROPTIMIST VISION

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

### SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

### SOROPTIMIST TAG LINE

**"INVESTING  
IN  
DREAMS"**

### 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.

### SOROPTIMIST 2021-2031 BIG GOAL

Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Melanie McKee  
2022-24 President

Dear ladies of Soroptimist of Riverside:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the very successful "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" Conference this month. I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Tiffanie Tate for her inspiring keynote speech. Dr. Tate is a member of SI Riverside, a retired OBGYN, a U.S. Navy Veteran and the author of "Bad Touching."

I would also like to thank Michelle Paradise for chairing the conference and her committee members for their hard work: Ellen Clizibe, Chris Deviny, Tillie Soliz, Sophia Mendoza, Debbie Kelley, Charlene Johnson, Barbara Walling, Irma Flores and Jeanne Holmes.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge my good friend and fellow Soroptimist, Mary Figueroa, for her outstanding leadership and community service. Mary has been a dedicated member of the Riverside community since she was 16 years old. She has been elected to the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees seven consecutive times and has held key positions such as President, Vice-President

and Secretary on that board. Mary's leadership extends beyond the boardroom, as she has achieved three terms on the California Community College Trustee Board and has been elected as one of 25 national board members of the Association of Community College Trustees. Her extensive community involvement, from serving on the City of Riverside Human Relations Commission to contributing to the UCR School of Medicine, showcases her commitment to positive change. Mary Figueroa is a true force in our community and was recognized by Congressman Mark Takano during the Women of History Month in March 2024. Congratulations, Mary!

Once again, thank you, ladies, for another successful year of the "Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It" Conference.

Melanie McKee, Dr.B.A.  
2022-24 SIR President



**APRIL 2024 CALENDAR**



- 2 BOARD MEETING  
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 7 WORLD HEALTH DAY
- 9 BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside

- 10 SI RIVERSIDE CHARTER DATE  
April 10, 1948
- 12 EQUAL PAY DAY
- 17 SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON  
First United Methodist Church
- 22 INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY

**NO PROGRAM MEETING IN APRIL**

**MAY 2024 CALENDAR**



- 6-9 NOTHING BUNDT CAKES FUNDRAISER
  - 7 BOARD MEETING  
12:00 PM on ZOOM
  - 9 CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN FUNDRAISER
  - 10 SI RIVERSIDE CHARTER DATE  
April 10, 1948  
Happy 76th Anniversary
  - 14 BUSINESS MEETING  
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside
  - 15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES
  - 17 RHINESTONES, COWGIRLS & AUCTION FUNDRAISER  
Riverside Elks Club
- May GOLDEN WEST REGION

31- SPRING CONFERENCE

Jun Casino Del Sol Resort

2 Tucson, Arizona

**NO PROGRAM MEETING  
IN MAY**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Save the Date*

July 24-27, 2024

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
OF THE AMERICAS 48th  
BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

Bellevue, Washington

July 27-28, 2024

**SIA LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE**

Bellevue, Washington

July 2027

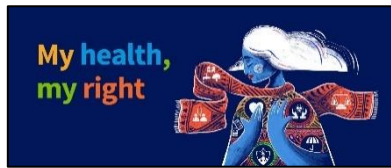
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION**

"Waves of Change" Cruise  
along the shores of Alaska

**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. We meet at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa 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.

**APRIL 7, 2024  
WORLD HEALTH DAY**



**WORLD  
HEALTH DAY**

Around the world, the right to health of millions is increasingly coming under threat. Diseases and disasters loom large as causes of death and disability. Conflicts are devastating lives, causing death, pain, hunger and psychological distress.

The burning of fossil fuels is simultaneously driving the climate crisis and taking away our right to breathe clean air, with indoor and outdoor air pollution claiming a life every 5 seconds.

The World Health Organization Council on the Economics of Health for All has found that at least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution. Yet countries are not passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their populations are entitled to access health services. This underpins the fact that at least 4.5 billion people, more than half of the world's population, were not fully covered by essential health services in 2021.

To address these types of challenges, the theme for World Health Day 2024 is "MY HEALTH, MY RIGHT."

This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality health services, education,

and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions and freedom from discrimination.

**SOROPTIMIST  
INTERNATIONAL OF THE  
AMERICAS**



**SOROPTIMIST'S  
48TH BIENNIAL  
CONVENTION**

Join us to reach new heights in the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest, July 24-27, 2024 for an event like no other at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside. Four full days of exciting opportunities to connect, learn and celebrate how Soroptimists are transforming the lives of women and girls.

**An event you don't  
want to miss!**

- Ignite your passion with inspiring presenters and interactive workshops that promise to broaden your horizons and spark new ideas!
- Start each morning by joining us on a group walk to breathe in fresh air, connect with fellow Soroptimists, and energize for the rest of the day.

- Join hands in a meaningful service project, making a positive impact on the lives of local girls.
- Plus, evening events like the Opening Friendship Reception, the Denim and Diamonds Dance Party, and the Volunteer Recognition Closing Gala are included in the registration fee!

## REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

For more information and the Call to Conference go to the following link:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/24d67ce3-5437-4ab7-a879-75592379f3ae/summary>

**Secure your spot now, and get ready for the most exciting event of 2024!**

### SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER



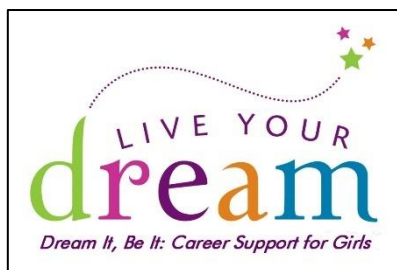
Thank you to all who participated in our Easter See's Candies fundraiser.

Yum-Raising profits are headed our way in the amount of:

**\$335.55**

What a delicious way to make money for the club!

**MARCH 9, 2024  
LIVE YOUR DREAM:  
DREAM IT, BE IT  
CONFERENCE**



First, WE DID IT!

Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment, energy and love for this conference!

Were there some hiccups? Yes, and that's okay! Did we overcome them? Yes, of course we did! That's what we do!

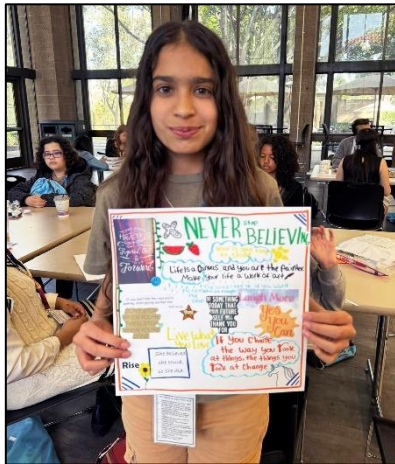
Although we had a lower turn out of students compared to prior years, 60 out of the 70 registered students did attend. That's an 85% attendance!!

Although I do not know what the student evals say, I do know I saw a lot of smiling young ladies, and several panelists thanked me for the opportunity to participate in the conference!

That's yet another success!!! So, thank you and congratulations!

Michelle Paradise  
Conference Chair











APRIL 10, 2024  
SI RIVERSIDE CHARTER  
DATE

## HAPPY 76th ANNIVERSARY TO SI RIVERSIDE

**Club Charter Date:  
April 10, 1948**



*Presentation of the Club Charter to  
SI Riverside President Mary Ellen  
Pangle on April 10, 1948*

Over 200 members and guests including representatives of various community organizations were present for the Charter Banquet at the Mission Inn where the new Soroptimist Club of Riverside received its charter on April 10, 1948.

Lois Reeves McCarty, president of the Pomona Soroptimist Club, acted as toastmistress for the program which opened with "God Bless America" directed by Mildred Belt, Chairman of Music for the Southwestern Region of the Soroptimist Federation.

Mary Ellen Pangle was installed as president of the Riverside Soroptimist Club by Alida Dyson, Chairman of Education for Statesmanship of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs. Presentation of the charter was by Dr. Ruth S. Thomas of Sacramento, Director of the





Southwestern Region. Dr. Pearl Shrode Rittenhouse, member of the Extension Committee of the Southwestern Region was assisted by Gladys Donlavy of Pomona in presenting the president's pin.

Red tulips and white flowers sent by the Riverside Zonta Club decorated the piano. Greetings and gifts were received from many organizations.



*Charter Banquet in the Music Room at the Mission Inn*

**APRIL 17, 2024  
SALUTE TO SERVICE  
AWARDS LUNCHEON**



**SALUTE  
TO SERVICE**

SI Riverside's Salute to Service Awards Luncheon is on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. It will take place at the First United Methodist Church with check in at 11:30 AM and lunch at noon. The cost to attend is \$55/person.

Since this is a small intimate gathering of our award winners and their families, it is of the utmost importance that all SI Riverside members plan to attend to support these amazing winners as we honor them.

Please fill out a registration form and give it with your payment to Chris Deviny or mail it with your payment to Salute to Service, Soroptimist International of Riverside, P. O. Box 1631, Riverside CA 92502. The deadline is **APRIL 10th** so get your registration forms and payments in as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do!

**MAY 9, 2024  
CALIFORNIA PIZZA  
KITCHEN FUNDRAISER**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Thursday,  
May 9, 2024  
All Day Event**

**More details to  
come!**



**MAY 6 - 9, 2024  
NOTHING BUNDT CAKES  
FUNDRAISER**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Monday, May 6  
through Thursday,  
May 9, 2024**

**More details to come!**

**MAY 17, 2024  
RHINESTONES,  
COWGIRLS & AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER**



**MAY 17, 2024**

**RHINESTONES, COWGIRLS  
AND AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER**

**ELKS CLUB  
6166 BROCKTON AVENUE  
RIVERSIDE**

**11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM**

**BBQ LUNCHEON  
LIVE AUCTION  
OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS  
MYSTERY GIFTS  
PHOTO OPS IN FRONT OF  
OUR PINK BARN  
COUNTRY MUSIC  
LINE DANCING LESSONS  
AND MUCH MORE...**



**REMINDERS:**

Keep up the great work on obtaining baskets for our Opportunity Drawings and Live Auction items. To assure inclusion in the Auction Program, please remember that the deadline is April 26, 2024.

**LOTTERY TICKET BASKET**

If every member donates one Lottery ticket (or more), we should have enough tickets to make up a Lottery Ticket Basket for our May fundraiser. Please bring your lottery ticket (or more if you are able) to Melanie McKee by the MAY 14th business meeting.

**GIFT CARD HAT**

Linda Robertson is putting together a cowboy hat (or basket) decorated with gift cards donated by members. Please bring your unused gift cards to Linda by MAY 9th. If arrangements are needed to get your gift cards to Linda,

please contact her directly.



**HISTORY WALK**



The History Walk Committee had a great meeting with Ward 1 Councilmember Erin Edwards on March 4, 2024. She likes the grassy area in front of City Hall and had an idea that perhaps the History Walk could be tied into the Civil Rights Walk that is being planned to be placed along the Main Street Walking Mall. The idea is that people could first view information about the history of Riverside and then begin the Civil Rights Walk.

Erin has put us in touch with Public Works and we hope to have a meeting in April to begin discussions as to whether this whole concept is feasible. For your information, plans are underway to add new buildings around the Convention Center

and possibly expand the Convention Center over the next ten years so placing the History Walk there is not feasible.

Thanks to all club members for your continuing support.

Susan Exon  
History Walk Chair



**SOROPTIMIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING**



**Soroptimist International of the Americas Logo**

In 2004, SIA conducted a marketing research study in which participants indicated there was a need to update and modernize the Soroptimist "look." This led to the creation and adoption by SIA of the "S" logo to project the qualities of a contemporary and relevant organization.

This "S" logo has now replaced the Soroptimist emblem as the official pin for all members of the

SIA federation. The "S" logo is a simple stylish graphic representation of the modern Soroptimist organization intended to foster brand unity in today's environment. All SIA clubs are encouraged to use the "S" logo on their materials.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



No Birthdays in April

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



**Lynn Scecina  
4-26-2011**

**JoAnn Moore  
4-1-2015**

**Susan Wolf  
4-3-2018**

**Charlene Johnson  
4-3-2018**

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## SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



**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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## APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

*"Volunteers are not paid  
-- not because they are  
worthless, but because  
they are priceless."*

*"THERE'S NOTHING  
STRONGER THAN  
THE heart OF  
A volunteer"*  
- JAMES DOOLITTLE

