



Riversidelines

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE MAY 2024



SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON APRIL 17, 2024

LEFT TO RIGHT IN PHOTO: Raincross Service Award - Toya Smith * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Tanina Keely * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Tanesha Grant * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Jessica Davila * Dream It, Be It Scholarship - Lizet Avila * Dream It, Be It Scholarship - Kimberly Marquez * Gold Key Award - Yoko Boucher. **NOT IN PHOTO:** Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Sara F. * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Sarah O. * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award - Sofia N.

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*

Soroptimist International of Riverside's mission is to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to help achieve economic empowerment. We offer awards and scholarships that are designed to educate, empower and enable women and girls to pursue their dreams.

On April 17, 2024, we celebrated our annual Salute to Service Awards luncheon and presented the following awards and scholarships to deserving women and girls:

- * Live Your Dream Education & Training Award
- * Dream It, Be It Scholarship
- * Raincross Service Award
- * Gold Key Award

I would like to express my gratitude to Event Chair Charlene Johnson and Award Chairs Chris Deviny, Edith Gingerich, Tillie Soliz and Sophia

Mendoza. I'd also like to thank JoAnn Moore for the beautiful centerpieces as well as the Salute to Service Committee for organizing this luncheon.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our 2024 Gold Key Award winner, Yoko Boucher, and express my thanks for her kind and generous donation to SI Riverside.

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

ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER



**MAY 2024
CALENDAR**



- 6- **NOTHING BUNDT CAKES**
- 11 **FUNDRAISER**
- 7 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 9 **CALIFORNIA PIZZA
KITCHEN FUNDRAISER**
- 14 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside
- 15 **INTERNATIONAL FAMILY
DAY**
- 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**

**JUNE 2024
CALENDAR**



- 4 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM on ZOOM
- 5 **WORLD ENVIRONMENT
DAY**
- 11 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside
- 15 **WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY**
- 19 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ELIMINATION OF
SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN
CONFLICT**

To Be Announced
**2024-25 INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS**

**NO PROGRAM MEETING
IN JUNE**

DATES TO REMEMBER



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.

**MAY 15, 2024
INTERNATIONAL
FAMILY DAY**



**INTERNATIONAL
FAMILY DAY**

In 1993, the United Nations passed a resolution to showcase the determination of the organization to encourage better living standards and social progress of families across the globe.

In 1994, the United Nations officially declared the International Day of Families in response to the changing economic and social structures that are affecting the stability and structure of family units in different parts of the world.

International Day of Families basically celebrates the fact that families are the central part of any society.

Why Is World Family Day Celebrated?

This day is celebrated with a dual purpose in mind – to raise awareness of the significance of families and the different aspects that are negatively affecting this unit. It acknowledges the power and abilities of what is considered the most basic unit of society in several parts of the world.

Each year, the day is used as a launch pad to highlight the issues plaguing families and the appropriate actions individuals, societies and the governments can take in order to resolve said issues. The day is also used to showcase how a strengthened family unit eventually helps strengthen societies and nations.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS



Why Education & Economic Empowerment Matter

"Girls' education is first and foremost a fundamental human right but it's also the most powerful force in our hands to ensure significant improvements in health, stimulate economic growth, achieve gender equality, and unlock the innovation we need to build more resilient and sustainable societies."

Audrey Axoulay
Director General of UNESCO
July 2019

A quality education, more than any other intervention, holds the greatest potential to transform the lives of women and girls.

Access to education addresses many of the other issues that impact women, including domestic violence, trafficking, teen dating violence, homelessness, teen pregnancy, and sexual assault.

Education allows women to develop the skills that command decent wages, giving them the freedom to avoid and leave unsafe situations as they have the resources to make their own decisions.

Investing in women's education provides a more even playing field for women to pursue opportunities in the workforce, leading to economic empowerment.

Education enables women to command higher wages in the workforce, increasing their standard of living for themselves and their families. When women control more of the household income, more money is spent on

their children's education and healthcare, and children are better educated and healthier.

Greater gender equality boosts country-wide economic growth. The economic empowerment of women is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do, as it is an investment that benefits individuals, households, communities, and countries.

From SIA Website:
www.soroptimist.org

APRIL 9, 2024 2024-25 SLATE OF OFFICERS



The slate of officers for SI Riverside's 2024-25 Board of Directors was presented to the club by Nominating Chair Tillie Soliz at our April business meeting. Voting will take place at our business meeting on May 14th.

President
Edith Gingerich

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**APRIL 17, 2024
PRESENTATION TO
TRANSITIONAL LIVING
PROGRAM**

At the beginning of our Salute to Service Awards program, SI Riverside President Melanie McKee presented Julie Hale from Operation SafeHouse (Transitional Living Program) with a donation check from SI Riverside in the amount of \$500.



Julie Hale, Operation SafeHouse, and Melanie McKee, SI Riverside President

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

**SALUTE
TO SERVICE**

SI Riverside's Salute to Service Awards Luncheon was held on April 17, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church.

SI Riverside honored 10 amazing women with our Live Your Dream Education & Training Award, Dream It, Be It Scholarship, Raincross Service Award and our most prestigious award, the Gold Key.

**LIVE YOUR DREAM
EDUCATION & TRAINING
AWARD**

The Live Your Dream Education & Training Award is a monetary award that was established by Soroptimist International of the Americas in 1972 to assist women entering or re-entering the workforce in obtaining the education and skills training they need to improve their employment status. These awards are designed to give women heads of household, who provide the primary source of financial support for their families, the opportunity to achieve their career goals, an opportunity they have not previously had, whether because of economic or social barriers or personal circumstances. These awards are for women who are attending, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.



TaNina Keely with LYDETA Chair Edith Gingerich



Taneshia Grant with LYDETA Chair Edith Gingerich



Jessica Davila with LYDETA Chair Edith Gingerich

ADDITIONAL WINNERS
(No Photos):

*Sofia N.
Sarah O.
Sara F.*

**DREAM IT, BE IT
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dream It, Be It Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who attended our Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference in her AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) middle school education years.



*Dream It, Be It Scholarship Chair
Chris Deviny with
Kimberly Marquez*



*Dream It Be It Scholarship
Chair Chris Deviny with
Lizet Avila*

**RAINCROSS SERVICE
AWARD**

The Raincross Service Award was established in 2021. Club members submit suggestions of worthy organizations and the Raincross Service Award Committee selects one of the organizations. The selected organization's personnel will choose a woman from Riverside that they recognize as an amazing volunteer in their organization. She must have made a significant contribution to the Riverside community through their organization and volunteered a minimum of five years at the establishment. Additionally, her volunteer work must benefit women and girls in addition to

others. This year the chosen organization was Operation SafeHouse who picked one of their long time volunteers for SI Riverside to honor.



Raincross Service Award Chair Tillie Soliz with Toya Smith

GOLD KEY AWARD

The Gold Key Award was established in 1972 and is SI Riverside's most prestigious recognition. It is presented to an outstanding woman from the Riverside area who has given fifteen or more years of volunteer service to the community.



*Yoko Boucher with Gold Key Chair
Sophia Mendoza*

During the Gold Key Award ceremony, Yoko Boucher was also presented with proclamations, resolutions and recognitions from various California governmental offices.



*Yoko Boucher receiving award from
California State Assembly*

**SALUTE TO SERVICE
AWARDS LUNCHEON
PHOTOS**







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



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

Show the flyer that was sent to you or mention "Soroptimist International of Riverside" and California Pizza Kitchen will DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES on your check to SI Riverside.

Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering and online orders at CPK.com when you enter PROMO CODE: BACK20% at checkout.

**California Pizza Kitchen
Riverside Plaza
3450 Riverside Plaza
Suite 308
Riverside CA 92506
(951) 680-9362**

**MAY 6 - 11, 2024
NOTHING BUNDT CAKES
FUNDRAISER**



**Come in the
week of
May 6-11, 2024**

Nothing Bundt Cakes will donate 30% of all purchases to SI Riverside during the week of May 6-11, 2024.

You must mention "Soroptimist" when placing your order to assure proper credit.

Valid on in-bakery and telephone orders only. Not valid for online orders.

**NOTHING BUNDT CAKES
3639 Riverside Plaza
Drive #502
Riverside CA 92506
(951) 787-1885**

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



**YEE HAW!
IT'S ALMOST
HERE!**

There's still time to purchase tickets to Soroptimist International of Riverside's Rhinestones, Cowgirls and Auction Fundraiser but you need to giddy-up.

This May 17th you will have an opportunity to enjoy a succulent BBQ meal with all the trimmings from Spirit of Texas in Riverside. Finger-lickin' good at a fun and casual event to be held at the Riverside Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave. The doors open at 11:30 AM and plan to stay awhile because we have tons of baskets and auction items for you to claim.

If you're a fan of KFROG Radio, be sure to listen to Pepper's interview with our President and Vice-President about the event.



You can get more details about our fundraiser on our website:

www.soroptimistriverside.org

On the website you'll find a convenient and safe link to Ticket Stripe for your ticket purchases. We even have a QR code to make

it easier still. Spread the word and saddle up for a good time.

What's going to be there you ask? We will have Stan Morrison as Auctioneer describing the many items offered including Lunch with the Mayor, Dinner at a Firehouse, a Don O'Neill lithograph of the Mission Inn, Lunch with the D.A., and a week's vacation at the Grandview in Las Vegas!

There will also be a basket assortment including Goodies from Gless Ranch, Aroma Therapy, Coach Handbag and Movie Night.

We mention rhinestones in the title because we brought the BLING to this year's event. As you enter you can purchase a numbered balloon (more festive than a ticket) that includes a surprise bag of bling (accessories such as jewelry, scarves or bags) with a value of at least \$30! And we encourage swapping with your table mates if a trade looks appealing. Think of it as the bling trading post.

Of course, if you can't make it, we appreciate your donations and will publish advertising and announcements for the following amounts - Business card ad \$50, Quarter-page ad \$100, Half-page ad \$200 and Full-page ad \$400. Send camera ready art to pambradford@pamsemail.net or jamatlakelemon@aol.com.

JoAnn Moore



**MAY 30 TO JUNE 1, 2024
GOLDEN WEST REGION
SPRING CONFERENCE**



Hello Golden West Region! To all of the incredible members of the Soroptimist Golden West Region, I am excited to invite you to our 46th annual Spring Conference.

It is time to celebrate all that we have done this past year to serve the women and girls in our communities and throughout the world. Spring Conference is a time to celebrate with each other and reconnect with fellow Soroptimists in our region.

My underlying theme for the past two years has been to have "Fun and Engagement" and you all have taken it to heart. We have not lost sight of having fun in being a Soroptimist while we are doing the work of being a Soroptimist.

The theme for our Spring Conference is "Inspire." We find inspiration everywhere if we are open to it, it will find us. We will begin the conference Thursday night with a "Governor's Leadership Appreciation" buffet for all members to honor the leaders of our region. All of the women who have stepped up into leadership positions as Region Pillars, Region Committee members and Club Presidents deserve to be celebrated. These women truly have made a difference in the success of our region over the past year!

Friday Morning we will start bright and early with our Delegate's briefing (all delegates must be credentialed by 8:00 AM Friday), then our first general session followed by our 1st group of inspiring workshops and a luncheon with our guest speaker SIA President-Elect, Ginger Cole, a member of SI Los Angeles, Camino Real Region.

Our "Haute Couture" evening fundraiser will take place Friday night followed by our "Live Your Dream Award" Dinner. Come and support our Fundraising Committee in a fun and engaging way. What better way to celebrate than in a little black dress with some bling! Get creative and celebrate couture.

As a reminder, the funds we raise at our Spring Conference support our 2025 awardees. This includes your support with Dream Jars, back by popular demand.

Saturday will be filled with more ways to celebrate our region leadership with the installation of our 2024-2026 Golden West Region board in Margaritaville the Jimmy Buffett way.

I can't wait to see how you all take it to the next level with the "Jimmy Buffet" Club Lip-Sync contest. This region is very competitive and I know you will all have fun participating in some way.

Spring Conference is the jolt we all look forward to in bringing into perspective our mission locally and throughout the world and renewing friendships while we are "Giving Dreams Wings". See you in a few months!

Margie Burke
2022-2024 GWR Governor



HISTORY WALK



The original Bicentennial History Walk was dedicated during a ceremony held on December 7, 1976, as a gift from SI Riverside to the City of Riverside.

Did you know that when SI Riverside celebrated its 50th anniversary, it rededicated the Bicentennial History Walk to the City of Riverside. A wonderful ceremony was held on April 10, 1998, in the Forest of Lights Plaza, the original location of the History Walk.

Then members of the club and community walked down the Main Street Mall to the Mission Inn to enjoy a celebratory dinner in the Music Room where the club held its inaugural meeting.

For the rededication ceremony, new booklets were prepared and then President Glenda Lanford Richards prepared an Epilogue, which appears as the last page of the updated booklets. The Epilogue reads:

"The Riverside History Walk Booklet is being reprinted at the request of the Fauth family and others in the community. Mrs.

Betty Fauth, who passed away earlier this year, was the artist who designed and researched the plaques.

On April 10, 1998, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the chartering of Soroptimist International of Riverside, the History Walk was rededicated and once again presented to the City of Riverside.

Rededication plans also included reprinting copies and making said copies of this booklet available to the Riverside Unified School District. RUSD agreed to include it as part of the district's history curriculum for all 3rd grade students. Additional copies will be given to city libraries, University of California Riverside, Riverside Community College and other institutions of learning.

Special thanks go to the following for their donations, hard work and dedication to the reprinting of the Riverside History Walk Booklet:

Mr. Henry Coil, President, Tilden-Coil Construction, Inc. for underwriting the reprinting.

Dr. Susan A. Stark, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and member of Soroptimist International of Riverside, for overseeing the reprinting project.

Ms. Rose E. Conner, Secretary to the Deputy Superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education, and member of Soroptimist International of Riverside, for her assistance in typing the booklet.

Mrs. Alyce Huie, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education, for proofreading the booklet.

Mr. Jim Parsons and the Riverside Community College Graphics Department for their assistance in printing the booklet."

Susan Exon
History Walk Chair



SOROPTIMIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING



SOROPTIMIST BASICS

WHO WE ARE:

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. Our network of over 75,000 club members in 122 countries works at a local, national and international level to Educate, Empower and Enable opportunities for women and girls. The name Soroptimist means "Best for Women," and that is what the organization strives to achieve.

WHAT WE DO:

The Soroptimist mission is to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. In order to accomplish this goal, the organization administers several international programs. Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities and their participation in region, federation and international programs and projects.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Linda Robertson – 2nd
Debbie Kelley – 4th
Michelle Paradise – 29th

MAY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



**No Anniversaries
In May**

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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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Submit articles and photos by the 25th of each month to Pam at:

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

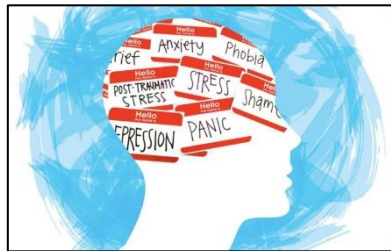


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Mental health problems don't define who you are. They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and you feel the rain, but you are not the rain.
MATT HAIG

FACT:
EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 44 MILLION AMERICAN ADULTS WILL EXPERIENCE A SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION ...
LESS THAN HALF WILL SEEK TREATMENT DUE TO STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

#MentalHealthAwareness

MENTAL Health AWARENESS
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What YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND



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JOHN GREEN

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