

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE

SERVICE PROJECTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, HIGHLIGHTS AND MILESTONES SINCE 1948

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ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference
Arlington Temporary Assistance Backpacks
"Mentoring for Young Women" International
Exchange Program

Habitat for Humanity Washer & Dryer Donation for
a Single Mother Moving into a Habitat Home
Transitional Living Program

ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Live Your Dream Education & Training
Awards for Women
Gold Key Award
Student Volunteer Award
Dream It, Be It Scholarship
Raincross Service Award

ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

Valentine Dessert Auction & Battle of the Bakers
California Pizza Kitchen and Nothing Bundt
Cakes Fundraiser
Virtual Fundraisers - Online Auctions
Scrip Gift Cards Fundraising Program
Personal Projects by Club Members

HIGHLIGHTS AND MILESTONES SINCE 1948

1948: SI Riverside is chartered in the Music Room at the Mission Inn on April 10, 1948.

1955: Club members deliver Civil Defense information packets to Riverside homes.

1955: \$100 scholarship given to a nursing student to help defer education costs.

1955: Materials cabinet donated to the Braille Auxiliary Institute.

1956: Club members plant a tree at the California School for the Deaf.

1956: Hosts a member from the Soroptimist Club in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1959: Playground equipment donated to Mathews Cottage.

1960: \$200 scholarship given to a woman attending college to defer her education costs.

1972: Establishes the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center with SI Riverside members serving on the board of directors.

1972: First Gold Key Award given to a woman with 20 years volunteer service to local community.

1972: First Live Your Dream Education & Training Award (Called the Training Awards Program in 1972) given to a woman head of household who provides the primary source of financial support for her family so she can have the opportunity to achieve her career goals.

1973: SI Riverside, Altrusa and Zonta clubs collectively hold a drawing for a new car to raise funds to build a therapy pool.

1973: SI Riverside's Youth Citizenship Award winner is recognized at the Pacific Region Spring Conference.

1976: The History Walk, the bicentennial project of SI Riverside, is dedicated in the Forest of Lights at Raincross Square. History Walk consists of 29 engraved stones that memorialize Riverside's historical events.

1977: History Walk wins accolades from California Historical Societies.

1982: \$350 Training Awards Scholarship given to a woman to further her education.

1982: History Walk becomes part of 2nd grade curriculum with students making tracings of stones describing Riverside history.

1985: Monetary donation given to Riverside Children's Museum.

1987: Scholarships given to three woman who are currently attending college or vocational school.

1990: A van is donated to the YWCA Born Free Program for drug dependent pregnnant women.

1991: Monetary donation to Tech Trek.

1992: Sponsors a Venture Club to provide guidance to young women entering the professional world.

1992: Monetary donation to Janet Goeske Senior Center.

1993: Monetary donation given to Genesis Shelter Services.

1994: Monetary donation given to Meals on Wheels.

1996: Holds first Soroptimist Golf Benefit at Canyon Crest Country club.

1997: First annual Valentine Dessert Auction and Battle of the Bakers is held at the Holiday Inn.

1997: Monetary donation sent to an orphanage in Belarus.

1998: 50th Anniversary is celebrated with a banquet in the Music Room at the Mission Inn.

1998: The Soroptimist Rose Garden is dedicated in front of the Riverside County Court House.

1999: Monetary donation to the Riverside Library and Cybrary.

2000: Holiday Brunch at Transition House held for women in residence and their children.

2001: Hosts Soroptimist Friendship Grant visitors from SI Nakura, Kenya.

2002: Serves refreshments at the Extreme Skateboard Show at Hunt Park.

2002: Receives \$4,000 grant from Soroptimist International of the Americas to prepare survivor kits for the Riverside Rape Crisis Center.

2003: Prepares rape crisis kits and holds a blood drive for the club's Soroptimist Saturday of Service project.

2003: Club members participate in the Mayor's Ball in White Park.

2005: Club members travel to Austria to visit our Friendship Link club, SI Sued-Burgenland.

2006: Hosts the Golden West Region Spring Conference at the Riverside Convention Center.

2006: Monetary donation is given to the YWCA Born Free Program.

2006: Club members volunteer at the annual Military Appreciation Picnic at March Air Force Reserve Base.

2007: \$2,000 donation is given to the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center.

2007: Hosts visitors from our Friendship Link Club, SI Sued-Burgenland, Austria.

2007: Delivers gift cards to Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

2007: Monetary donation given in support of Soroptimist International's Quadrennial Project - "Project Independence" which helped women survivors of war.

2008: First annual Live Your Dream Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls is held at California Baptist University.

2008: 60th anniversary is celebrated with a dinner at the Mission Inn.

2008: Club members attend the dedication of Habitat for Humanity's first "green" affordable home in Riverside.

2008: Participates in the Festival of Trees at the Riverside Convention Center designing a holiday tree with ornaments honoring famous American women.

2009: Club members volunteer at the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center Auction.

2009: Club members decorate the YWCA Born Free home.

2009: First "Salute to Service Awards" luncheon held to present club awards and scholarships.

2009: 20 gift cards are delivered to Alternatives for Domestic Violence.

2010: Participates in Riverside Project Homeless Connect.

2010: Club members volunteer at the Earth Day Festival at White Park.

2011: Monetary donations are given to the ARC of Riverside County, Operation SafeHouse, Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, Inland Agency and Tech Trek.

2011: Club members travel to Germany to visit our Friendship Link Club, SI Erlangen.

2011: Club members attend Riverside Hospice Foundation's Oktoberfest.

2011: Club members attend the Salvation Army "Souper Stars of Service" luncheon.

2012: Club members make holiday wreaths with the residents of the Transition Living Program.

2013: Household items are delivered to Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

2013: Washer and dryer is given to a single mother who is moving into her new Habitat for Humanity home.

2014: First Student Volunteer Award is given to high school girls who are making a difference through volunteer service.

2015: First annual Backpacks Project delivering backpacks filled with school supplies to Arlington Temporary Assistance.

2015: Participates in HelpHers Program with Habitat for Humanity painting a single mother's home.

2015: Club members visit the City Hall in Erlangen, Germany, for their Riverside sister city display and art exchange between students of both countries.

2015: 8 bicycles are donated to the Transitional Living Program.

2015: Hosts visitors from our Friendship Link Club, SI Erlangen, Germany.

2015: Club members participate in Paint Night at My Learning Studio.

2016: Club members collect clothing and accessories for the "Dress for Success" Program.

2016: First Live Your Dream Scholarship is given to a high school senior who attended our Live Your Dream Conference in 7th or 8th grade.

2016: First annual "Mentoring for Young Women" International Exchange Program with SI Erlangen, Germany, giving young women from both cities the opportunity to have new experiences by staying in the respective partner city. In 2016, SI Riverside sent a Riverside college student to Germany.

2016: Begin supporting former foster and homeless young ladies residing at the Inspire Life Skills Training Luther House providing household supplies, hot meals, groceries, gift cards and letters of encouragement to help them in their educational journeys.

2016: Club members travel to Germany for a meeting with SI Erlangen, Germany, and SI Vladimir, Russia.

2016: Club members visit elderly shut-ins at nursing homes.

2017: Club members participate in Habitat For Humanity's "Over the Edge" event and provide information on SI Riverside to attendees.

2017: Co-host "STOP Human Trafficking" event with SI Corona.

2017: Club member visits Scotland and meets with Friendship Link club liaison from SI Edinburgh.

2018: Received a proclamation from the Riverside City Council in honor of 70th anniversary.

2018: 70th anniversary is celebrated with dinner banquet in the Music Room at the Mission Inn.

2018: "Family Day Out" basket is donated for a raffle at Inspire Life Skills Training fundraiser.

2018: Food drive held for Arlington Temporary Assistance.

2019: Club members participate at Painting with Purpose.

2019: Recognized in the Press-Enterprise newspaper for our annual backpack project.

2019: Gift cards are delivered to the young ladies residing at Luther House.

2019: Co-hosted "STOP Human Trafficking" conference with SI Corona.

2020: Annual scholarships and awards are personally delivered to winners with members masked and socially distanced during the COVID pandemic.

2020: Toy Drive is held for the children served by Arlington Temporary Assistance.

2021: Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls is held virtually during pandemic.

2021: Underwrites Leadership Training Conference registration costs for a high school student.

2021: SI Riverside member attends the business meeting of our Friendship Link Club, SI Erlangen, Germany, via Zoom with Erlangen member translating.

2021: First Raincross Service Award is given to a woman volunteer selected by a local organization who has made a significant contribution to that organization that benefits women and girls in addition to others.

2021: Recognized by Soroptimist International of the Americas as a Dreamers club for our contribution to the 2020-2021 Club Giving program.

2022: Held our annual "Valentine Dessert Auction and Baker's Dozen Bake-Off" switching to individually packaged cupcakes and cookies instead of cakes due to pandemic food safety.

2022: Held our first member "Valentine Card Exchange" to nurture friendship and camaraderie between members.

2022: Held our first hybrid Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls with in person and virtual speakers.

2022: Held a "Wine, Women & Service" membership meeting where we recruited new members and introduced our new club history slideshow.

2022: Decorated Easter Eggs with motivational sayings inside and sent to our Friendship Link clubs, SI Erlangen in Germany and SI Sudburgenland-Stegersbach in Austria.

2022: Donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity Riverside to purchase a washer and dryer for a single mother moving into a Habitat home.

2022: Held our Salute to Service Awards luncheon to present our awards and scholarships.

2022: Won Golden West Region 1st Place Celebrating Success Award in Public Awareness for our newsletter, the Riversidelines.

2022: Two SI Riverside members joined a group of representatives from the City of Riverside for the dedication of the Riverside Square in Erlangen, Germany, Riverside's sister city.

2022: Held Watch Party for members to view Soroptimist International of the Americas Convention keynote speaker, activist Malala Yousafzai.

2022: Delivered 60 filled backpacks to the children served by Arlington Temporary Assistance.

2022: Designed a new club brochure to use for marketing and to recruit new members.

2022: Held first annual Friendsgiving luncheon for SI Riverside members.

2022: Held a Toy Drive for the children served by Arlington Temporary Service.

2023: First official sparkling cider Toast to the New Year for members of SI Riverside.

2023: Co-hosted Human Trafficking Conference at Riverside City College.

2023: Held first all in-person Valentine Dessert Auction & Battle of the Bakers since before pandemic.

2023: Held Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference for 7th & 8th grade girls at Riverside City College.

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