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INTERNATIONAL OF THE CONEJO
BUNNY TALES



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Dates To Remember

June 20 - Officer Installation
July 13 - **Margarita Mix Off**
July 22 - 2017/2018 Planning Session
August 1 - Business Meeting
September 5 - Business Meeting
September 19 - Program Meeting
Upcoming - Art Auction date TBD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

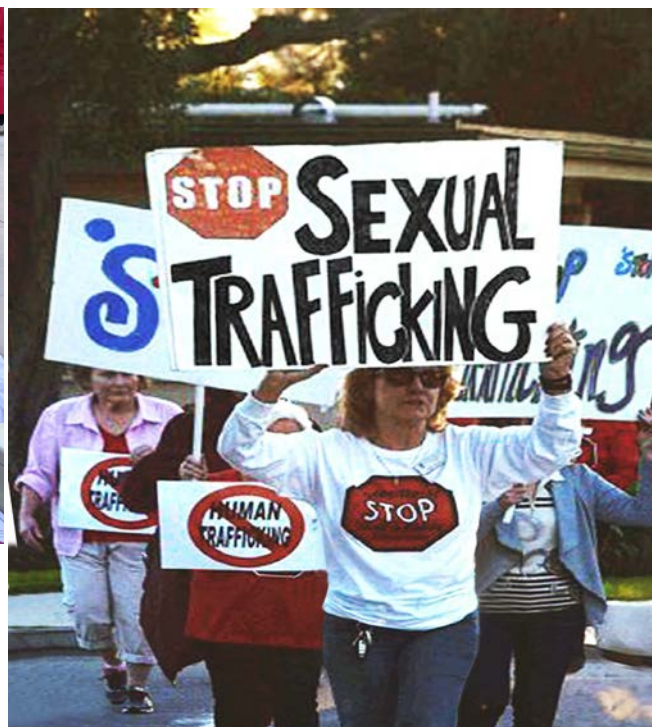
We had a great and fun 2nd quarter, we sure enjoyed our spring conference and had a very successful wine tasting event! Thank you to all our members who continuously work so hard to put on great events! I truly enjoy working with each of you ladies, thank you for your friendship - you make everything we do fun! Another big thank you to all for your time & effort you putting into our next Maragrita Mix-off, 16years and running is quite the accomplishment - Way to go!! President Debbie

Every new day brings
with it another chance
to change life.

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SI of The Conejo joins efforts with 5 other clubs to host Stop Human Trafficking Seminar on March 8th. Kristina Fitz was a guest speaker (our Live Your Dream Winner). There were 125 attendees this year learning about the perils of Human Trafficking.

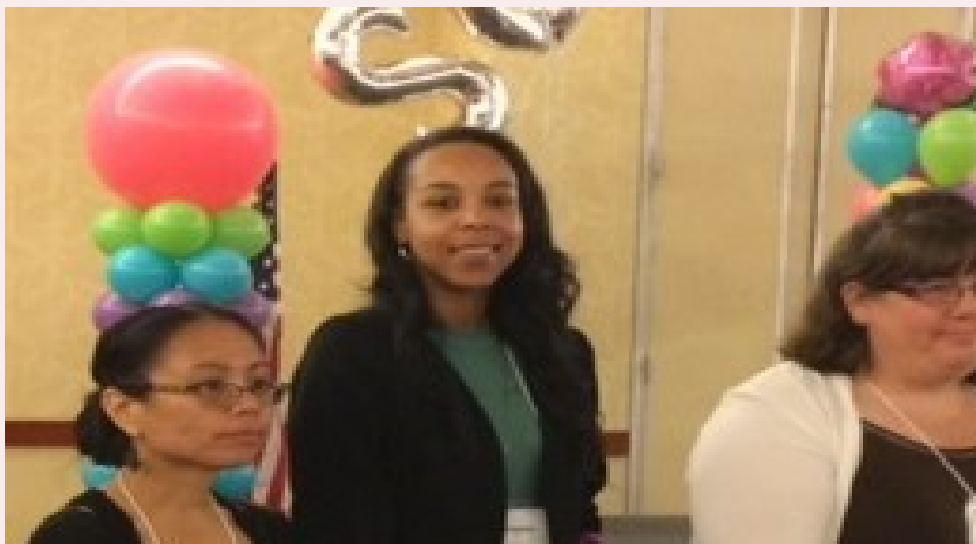


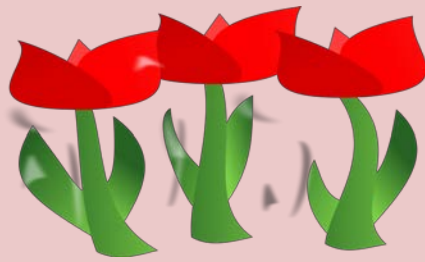


**Kristina Fitz - our Live Your Dream Winner
Wow's the crowd at our Annual Banquet -
Mom and Grandma join the celebration**



Kristina at Spring Conference with other gals





Spring Conference 2017

Awards and Fun Abound



Pink Ladies show off their Style!!!!



**SI of The Conejo
Contributes Hand
Made beautiful
bracelets to the Live
Your Dream Winners of
Camino Real Region**



**Debbie Generously Hosts an
International Guest at Spring
Conference - Margaret Ikiara
of SI Meru, Kenya**



**Nancy, Sue, Cindy,
Marcy, Margaret, Jean,
Jacque and President
Debbie enjoy a bit
of outdoors during
Spring Conference 2017**



SI of The Conejo Celebrates Many Years of Service

Years of Service Recognition

Celebrating

35

Years



Marcy Shewmon

Dare to Dream

Years of Service Recognition

Celebrating

30

Years



Jean Duffy

Dare to Dream

Years of Service Recognition

Celebrating

15

Years



Nancy Nevitt

Dare to Dream

Margaret is busy in her community:

CIFORD Activities on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



Girls Empowerment and campaign against FGM

This is a project aimed at empowering women and girls through forums, seminars and workshop. This is to help reduce the marginalization of women and girl child in Meru community. The project further aims at helping the women to be social economically empowered. CIFORD has a program to empower the girl child through the campaign against FGM and mentorship. There are Alternative Rite of Passage seminars which take six days and follow up to form girls peer clubs. Some of the topics which are taught during the seminars for girls are:

Drug and substance abuse

STI/HIV/AIDS

Alternative Rite of passage

Skills and self realization, girls education

Teenage pregnancy and early marriages

Reproductive Health

Ameru traditions and history of FGM Life

Rape and its effect.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE CONEJO PRESENTS

Thursday,
July 13, 2017
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

For more information
Contact Marcy
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The Gardens at
Los Robles Greens
299 S. Moorpark Rd
Thousand Oaks



Admission: \$40 Prepaid - \$45 at the Event (Must be 21 to be admitted)

Reserve a table - \$500 for 10 guest tickets - contact Dixie at
dixiesmail2002@yahoo.com to arrange credit card payment.

Join us and Vote for the 2017 "Best in The West Margarita"
DJ Music by Sean Niles & David Specht



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for their support!



Friendly Competition Featuring Local Restaurants

Agave Maria's Restaurant and Cantina - Camarillo

Alquimia Organic Tequila - Oxnard

Chili's Grill & Bar - Newbury Park

The Gardens at Los Robles Greens - Thousand Oaks

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Harvest Kitchen & Bar
at Hyatt Regency Westlake

Margaritas Mexican Grill - Oak Park

TJ's Bar & Grill at Tierra Rejada
Golf Club - Moorpark

Margaritas by Nesto Media

Also participating:

Vincitore Italian Restaurant

Meathead Movers

Tinga Taco Bar

Tickets may also be purchased by Credit Card or PayPal
by visiting our web site: www.siconejo.org and clicking on the Pay Now button.

Mail checks to SIOC, P.O. Box 3634 Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Check # _____ We accept: Visa _____ M/C _____

of tickets @ \$40 each _____ Total Amount _____

Name _____ Tel # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

CC# _____ Sec Code _____

Upon receipt of your payment, your name will be placed on our will-call list at registration table
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Soroptimist of The Conejo Members Help at the National Cancer Survivors Day 2017



**national
cancer
survivors
Day® 2017**
A Celebration of Life

**A Special "Thank You" to these generous
donors for making our picnic a success!**

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Oriental Trading
Rhythm 805
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Guest Speakers:
Kayo Matsumoto, MS, LMFT, CscVvsb Program Director
Bridget Karl, CscVvsb President and CEO
Marty Nason, RN, MN, CscVvsb Co-Founder
David Wank, CscVvsb Board of Directors Chair
Lacey White-Stahura, "Dear Cancer, It's Me" First Place Winner


CANCER SUPPORT
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Community Service is our Pleasure..... Serving at the Cancer Survivors Day Luncheon





Left: Sue, Jean and Marcy at CRR Spring Conference Friday Night Dinner!



Above Right: Mike, Cindy and Greg on the Central Coast in Cambria

Left: Jacque and Greg in Napa on the Napa Valley Wine Train Gourmet Express.

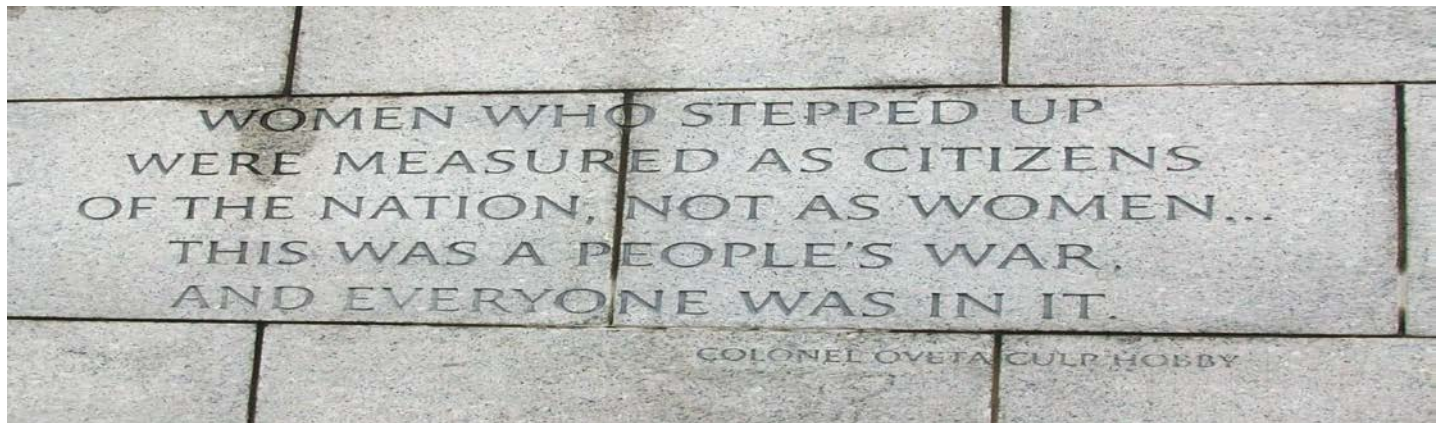


**Below Left:
Greg and Jacque at a brewery in Burlingame with Ann and Joe Kilrain (below right).
Ann is former member and friend of SI of The Conejo.**





The Escotos go to Washington DC - visit World War II Memorial— quote from Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby Women who contributed





**Left: Cindy finds “her size”
furniture in Cambria Pines
Nursery**



**Right: Grandma Debbie shows
off her very handsome
grandson “Asa”**

President Debbie and Husband Don travel abroad to Vienna and Budapest





Soroptimist Vision & Mission

VISION

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

MISSION

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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 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.**