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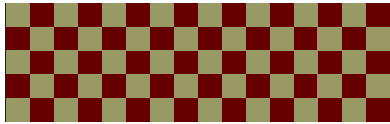
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Dates To Remember

Nov 1—Grand Opening Dental Clinic

Nov 7 - Business Meeting

Nov 9 –Bunco Night at Cutlers

Nov 23—Happy Thanksgiving

Dec –5—Business Meeting

Dec 10—Holiday Get Together

Jan 2—Business Meeting

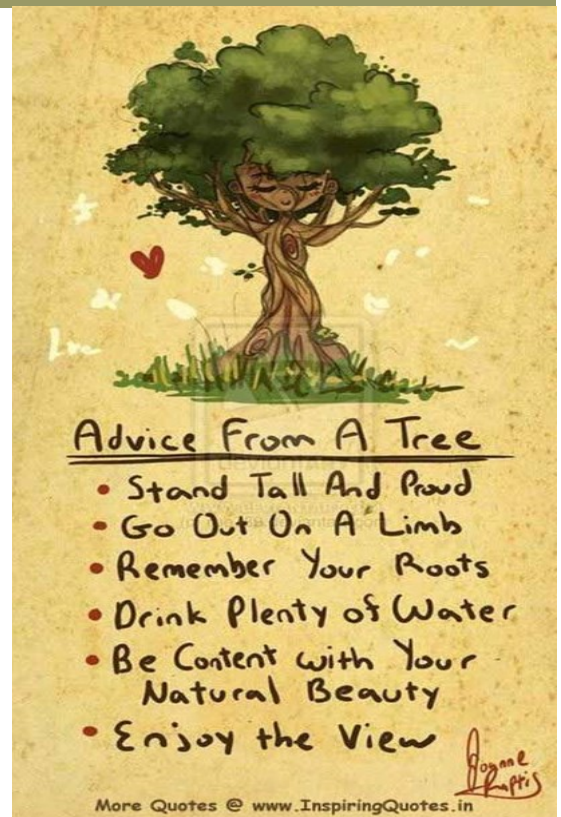
Jan 18—Art Auction (tentative)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well it is fall but feels like summer, we have been concentrating on growing our club and it's been very exciting to welcome 3 new members to our club. We did have to say goodbye to one of our long term members – Cindy Brand! We wish her the very best on her retirement and move to North Carolina – we will all miss her!

Now we gear up for a new doing a new fundraiser – an Art Auction & wine tasting.

I look forward to trying something new and partnering with the SI of Camarillo club. Hopefully this will happen in early 2018! Everyone in our club works so hard and I am so thankful for you all, you all truly have a “Heart for Service”! May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends.



2017 Service Awards Banquet

One of the most rewarding times for SI Conejo is when we can distribute very needed money we raise during the year to other non-profits that are deemed to support the mission of our organization — "Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment."



Congratulations to our Award Winners for 2017—for all you do. Margaret Ikiara Founding Member of CIFORD Kenya could not attend. Debbie Cutler accepted in her absence. From Left to right, Cherise Caldwell from Journey Out, Vicki Frederick from Forever Found, President Debbie Cutler, Carole Blake, Service Chair and Carrie McAuliffe, Heart 2 Heart.



A warm Welcome to our newest member

Ramona Vanderwyck!!

Ramona has been interested in joining Soroptimist for the last ten years, but was waiting to complete her MBA before joining. She graduated from California Lutheran University with a BS in Business Management and earned her MBA in May 2017, with a professional track of Non Profit Social Enterprise.



Ramona has a passion for helping others. She has served as a chairperson for two years for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, four years as a participant for the Susan G Komen 60-mile walk, was a Girl Scout leader for 20 years and is currently the Vice President of Operations for the Michael P. Nosco Foundation, a non-profit she built to honor the memory of her longtime friend and co-worker Mike Nosco. The annual Mike Nosco Memorial Bicycle Ride was established as the foundation's primary fundraiser. The very tough 80-mile bicycle ride will be held November 3 to raise funds which in turn will provide financial relief to families and/or individuals in the community who are confronting a life threatening illness.

Ramona has worked at Amgen for 26 years and is currently a Sr. Associate Business Analyst in IT Security. Ramona is also an avid hiker and enjoys many other outdoor sports! She has two daughters, Justine and Julian and recently became a proud grandmother to a new granddaughter, Athena, who just turned two-months old!

Welcome to two more new members!

Sherry Love and Stephanie Knotts

Stephanie (far left) is a Senior Business Analyst in Information Tech as a “Ferret Extraordinaire.” She is an Associate VP at Wells Fargo. Born in Germany into a USAF military family, Stephanie landed in Thousand Oaks in 1984. She volunteers for many committees and organizations including Mardi Gras Ball, Red White and Blue Ball, Cal Lutheran Hast and High Teas, and many other organizations. She has professional affiliations with IEEE (Institute of Electrical Engineers) as a Senior Member, Computer Associate Chair Buenaventura Chapter and sits on Board for Cal Lutheran Community Leaders Association.



Sherry Love has been a resident of Newbury Park for 37 years and is a retired CPA. Sherry has 4 step children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She has been involved in charitable work assisting with a Golf Tournament annually called “Aprils Open” which supports a friend who became a quadriplegic after suffering a car accident. Sherry has a heart to serve and is looking forward to serving the needs of women and girls in the community—and becoming life long friends with our fabulous group.

SO LONG TO OUR MEMBER AND FRIEND CINDY BRAND



Cindy joined SI Conejo in the year 2002 and has served as one of our “Giant” contributors to the efforts and activities of our organization. She had been a Soroptimist prior to SI Conejo with the Twainhart Soroptimist joining in 1995. Cindy has served in many capacities with SI Conejo, starting as Treasurer, next Vice President, and Chair and Co-Chair of our Signature Fund Raiser Margarita Mix Off. After many years of living in Conejo Valley, Cindy had made the decision to move to North Carolina to be closer with family. Our send off for Cindy could not have been more touching and our gratitude to the many years of service to SI Conejo is unending. But she is not done yet! She is already communicating with the Raleigh North Carolina Soroptimist and plans to join their group. Here is Cindy below with Ava, Alyson, Archer and Rob.





Ready to begin a new life?



The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if you:

are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

have financial need

Apply for a **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD** at

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Club Application Deadline: **January 15, 2018** Amount of Club Award: **\$750-\$1500**



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Fall Conference 2017

SI Conejo Receives Awards from Camino Real Region



SI Conejo receives an Award for partnering with Simi Soroptimist for Simi's "Dream It Be It"- 40 to 50 Teen Age Girls attended a one day conference to help with life skills and working with mentors.

SI Conejo provided lunch for the "Dream It Be IT" program held

October 7 2017



Fall Conference 2017

More Participation Awards from Camino Real Region “Live Your Dream”

An Award given to individual who is working to better their life through additional schooling and skills training



Award for “Collective Impact”—SI Conejo met criteria to bring awareness to the community of Soroptimists



What are the folks doing recently?



Some of the ladies enjoy a cruise, donated by Nancy Nevitt



Veterans Day Celebration in Moorpark





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.**