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Dates To Remember

March 5—Business Meeting

March 7—Human Trafficking Awareness

March 19 Live Your Dream Banquet

April 2—Business Meeting

April 5-7 Spring Conference Glendale

April 25—Margarita Mix Off

May 7—Business Meeting

June 2 —Day at the Races



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all! We have all been very busy working on our Margarita event coming up in April and I am so proud of you all! We should have another very successful year, hard to believe we are on our 18th year! Thank you so much to our chairs this year,

Dixie and Jacque for your hard work! Way to go Soroptimist Gals! I feel we have a very healthy and growing club and it's nice to welcome our newest Member, Karen O'Mullan. As our club grows we can now have programs nights again, so I would like to thank Sherry Love for finding us some fabulous program speakers! As spring approaches, we have many things to look forward to: Our Spring Conference, the "Live Your Dream" award and our Stop Trafficking awareness event. As I reflect on our theme for this year, "dream big=transformed lives" I think of our LYD winner, because of our hard work we are able to give \$1,500 to Tyesa Harvey to help transform her life for the better. So proud of this club, you are all amazing to work with!

President Debbie

Holiday Get Together Brings Joy



**A Fond Fairwell party is given to our
Marcy and Don Shewmon as they
Retire in Northern California**



Marcy was our Charter Member of Soroptimist International of the Conejo—she has been past President, Treasurer, MMO Chair, Corresponding Secretary and probably held all the other Officer and Chair positions for SI Conejo. She will be truly missed but plans to show up to our Margarita Mix Off and other events when available.

We Enjoy and learn at our Program Meetings

Joana Brekner spells out her life challenges of battle with Throat Cancer and her strength to face head on the disease with grace, fortitude and faith. She is an inspiration and was warmly received by our club. Her “take charge” attitude and perseverance moved us all.



Nathalie Gosset, author of Vignettes of Discovery and Growth – The Journey of a 21st Century Female Engineer presented “The Brain of a Girl”. Nathalie wants every girl and woman to know that their brain gives them remarkable advantages.



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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

JOBS OF THE FUTURE

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL

I ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE ... SO THAT YOUR PLANS MEET TOMORROW'S NEEDS

Nathalie Gosset, EE, MS, MBA



Soroptimist CRR District 1 Annual Awareness Event

HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SEXUAL SLAVERY

If you see something, say something!

JOIN US THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

for a Community Walk and Speakers Forum

Museum of Ventura County, 100 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

<https://venturamuseum.org>

TIME

5:00 PM Registration

5:30 PM Community Walk

6:30 PM Speakers Forum

SPEAKERS

DARRYLEVEY, *CEO/ED Family Assistance Program Victorville*

KRIS HART, *Founder House of Hope*

CARRIE ROTHCHILD - *Survivor/Advocate*



PRESENTED by SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL of Oxnard, Ventura, Fillmore,
Camarillo, and The Conejo Valley

MORE INFORMATION

www.stoptraffickingventuracounty.org | Call Debbie Gohlke 805-320-5215 | 

***Every 30 Seconds another person becomes a victim of Human Trafficking HELP
us put an end to suffering with education, advocacy and involvement.***

Spring Conference 2019 April 5 thru 7 2019

Glendale Hilton Meeting Center

100 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale CA 91202



**Featuring DJ
Todd Popp**



PRIZES

Awarded for the most Eye Catching Shoes in the house!

6:00 pm Cocktails - no host bar

**6:30 pm Parade of Your Fabulous & Unusual
SHOES and Special Treat!**

7:00 pm Dinner



*Trade Fair Vendors will be
on hand to grant your every
purchasing wish!*

Do You Have a Fabulous or Unusual Pair of Shoes That You're Dying to Show Off?

Wear Them to the Party!

Guest Speaker Marla Provencio

Chief Creative Strategist **LUSSIER**
"Heels and the Corporate Ladder"

Special Performance by Guest Artist

Brandon Summers

Violinist
Pop * Hip Hop * R&B



Meet Karen our newest member of SI Conejo



Karen O'Mullan is our newest addition to our growing club. Karen had recently relocated back to the area after spending 16 years in Bakersfield. She heard about Soroptimist while in Bakersfield from a friend who attended many of the events for the Bakersfield Club. We welcome her to our SI Conejo family and look forward to many years of service to our community.

Karen is currently employed as Professional Development for Teachers with the Conejo Valley Unified School District. She had also been an English Teacher for 12 years with High School and Middle School Students. She is active with a Canoe Club and loves to travel abroad. She will be visiting Spain, Portugal and Morocco in her next travels and has a daughter 23, living in Oregon.



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Thousand Oaks
91361



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Best for Women®

Join Us & Vote for the 2019 "Best In The West Margarita"
Admission: \$45 Prepaid - \$50 at the Event - (Must be 21 to be admitted)
(water and soda available)

*Friendly Margarita Competition Featuring Local Restaurants,
Beer tasting by local breweries, Wine sampling & food vendors*



Thursday, April 25, 2019, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

101 North Eatery & Bar
Alquimia Organic Tequila

Chili's Grill & Bar - Newbury Park
The Gardens at Los Robles Greens

Harvest Kitchen|Bar
at Hyatt Regency Westlake Village

Maya Mexican Cuisine

Mejico Grill & Tequila Lounge
Outback Steakhouse

Bianchi Winery
Cantara Cellars

Treasury Wine Estates

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

Twisted Oak Tavern

Westlake Brewing Company

Corner Bakery Café

Freda's Pizza & Woodfired Kitchen

Steve's All Occasion Catering

Tinga Taco Bar

And more to come!

For more information Contact Dixie 805-701-8537—ddiceglie56@gmail.com

Tickets may be purchased by Credit Card or PayPal

by visiting our web site: www.siconejo.org and clicking on the Buy Now button.

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

Upon receipt of your payment, your name will be placed on our will-call list at registration table
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PERSONAL PROJECTS ARE A PART OF OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EXCELLENT WAY TO FUND RAISE AND HAVE FUN AS WELL

Submitted by Dale Belcher of Oxnard

What is it and why do I want to participate?

For several years, SIO has encouraged Personal Projects (PP) to supplement the general fund budget for the purpose of subsidizing member attendance at Camino Real Region Spring Conference, Fall District Workshop and other educational SI workshops and conferences.

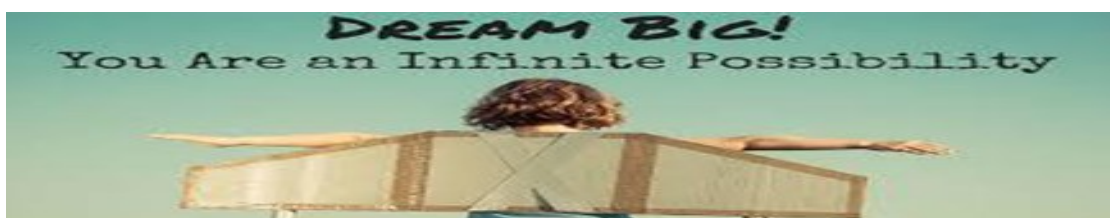
And that answers the question of “why do I want to participate?”

I value the educational opportunities and want to encourage members to attend by helping offset the cost of the event(s).

What is a Personal Project? (PP)

It is a “mini” fundraiser within the membership. Some ideas are below:

- Member sells AXXESS books – a value to purchaser and proceeds to PP
- Member creates beautiful greeting cards – All funds go to PP
- Member took on the See’s Candy Sales as a PP
- Member holds garage sale, donates all or portion of proceeds to PP
- Members sell raffle tickets for opportunity to win 50 lottery scratchers
- Member raffled beautiful basket put together with loving creativity
- Member won a 50-50 raffle at an SI event and donated the winnings to PP
- Members donated portion of proceeds from candle and jewelry parties
- Member holds Bunko Night Party—profit proceeds go to PP





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.**