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## **SOROPTIMIST OF THE CONEJO**

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**Ramona Takes the Reigns! Debbie Cutler officially handed off the responsibilities of SI Conejo Presidency to Ramona Vanderwyck (now Ramona Evey in June 2019. Our Officer Installation Banquet 2019 was a great event to celebrate the 3 years of successful leadership with President Debbie. Pictured above is Ramona and sister Marissa at the banquet. Marissa is also a Soroptimist from Oxnard.**

### **Dates to Remember:**

**January 7 Business Meeting**  
**Program Meeting 1/21/2020**  
**January 25 Poker Run Fund Raiser**  
**February 4 Business Meeting**  
**February 18 Program Meeting**  
**February 29 Mardi Gras Ball**  
**March 3 Business Meeting**



# OFFICER INSTALLATION BANQUET

## 2019 -2020 Officers

**President Ramona Evey**

**Vice President Debbie Cutler**

**Treasurer Dixie DiCeglie**

**Recording Secretary Cheryl Klepper**

**Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Walker**

**Asst Corresponding Secretary Sue Gore**

**Director 2 year - Debbie Cutler**

**Director 1 year - Leslie Escoto**

**Delegates - Jacque Turner and Carole Blake**

Installation photos Top Left Jacque shows appreciation on behalf of SI Conejo for 3 years of great leadership! Top Right and Bottom Left Debbie bestows on the members personal words of encouragement. Bottom Right is the whole group, Sally Karen, Leslie, Cheryl, Carol, Rori, Ramona, Dixie, Ramona's sister Marissa, Jacque and Debbie



## Meet our Newest Member Karen Guetschoff



Karen (above center) has had some interaction over the years with Soroptimist Int'l of the Conejo with her work at Harbor House, a nonprofit in Thousand Oaks. Harbor House provides help and services to low income and homeless people. She has also worked with case management for the recipients of Harbor House.

Karen recently retired and has had a full career with many endeavors including on staff of Many Mansions, and has been a teacher for multiple schools in the private sector. She is a resident of Newbury Park and lives with her husband. She has two stepsons one living locally in Santa Clarita and one in Mongolia working at a water treatment plant. We warmly welcome Karen to our small but mighty group.



## SI Conejo Contributes to the Community



Carole and Andy Blake shop for School Supplies provided to Heart 2 Heart and Kids and Families Together from donations from SI Conejo. Heart 2 Heart and Families Together are both Non-Profits supporting Foster Children and families who have taken in foster or family members.

Below is Carole delivering the supplies showing a VERY LONG Receipt



SI Conejo Members volunteered at the Mike Nosco Memorial Bicycle Ride held each year on November 3rd. The foundation is making a difference in our community for families and individuals battling grievous illnesses. The Foundation's mission is realized by organizing an annual cycling event to generate revenue in support of families or individuals whom suffer from financial hardship due to illness.





Several of the members sign holiday cards at "For the Troops" in Simi Valley as our December Service Project



What Have our Members been up to?



Above Karen O'Mullan vacation in Morocco

Below left: Leslie and her sisters in law enjoy the Bluesapalooza and Festival of Beers in Mammoth Lakes;  
and right is Nancy, Cherwyn, Jacque and Betty on a Rhine River Cruise



Below Left Jacque with a son of a family friend enjoy a boat ride on Big Bear Lake and  
below right Leslie visits the Grand Canyon a "bucket list" now completed



Jacque and Greg visit with friends below Right and below Left.





The Biggest news is our President Ramona Vanderwyck became Mrs. Ramona Evey - Marrying Darryl Evey last summer. The event was enjoyed by all.



The Ladies enjoy an afternoon of "sipping and shopping" at a personal project fundraiser hosted by Leslie Escoto - SI Conejo Members and supporters





**2019 Holiday Party Hosted by  
Debbie and Don Cutler  
was a great success**





## 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.