



**Welcome to Summer Edition of Bunny Tales for Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley. This special edition celebrates two major anniversaries, our club's 40th Anniversary and SIA celebrates 100 years and the New Board Installation of Officers for 2021-2022 welcoming our New President Karen O'Mullan - Karen's Theme for 2021 -2022 - "The Power of You"**

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### **President's Message from newly Installed President Karen**

**As I write this, I'm sitting in the lobby of The Peabody Hotel (famous for its daily duck march through the lobby) in Memphis, Tennessee. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had in life and for the people I meet. It makes me realize that I want others to be able to experience this, if they so desire. Through the work that our club does, they very well may experience this and so much more. I am also in awe with the fantastic women in our club who are the heart and soul of helping others fulfill their dreams through education and empowerment.**

**Seeing what had been accomplished before the pandemic and then how much more was done during the pandemic led me to the theme of The Power of You. Not only in relation to what you, as a club member, do but also in what the women we help will do.**

**I am extremely honored by the encouragement and support from the amazing ladies in this group. I look forward to a fabulous year!!**

**Thank you**





## The Road to the First Soroptimist Club Meeting

Throughout our year long 100th anniversary celebration, SIA will share pieces of our story, highlighting momentous occasions from our bright past. While some events are large and some are small, they all lead to where we are today—celebrating 100 years!

Let's journey back together through time as we reveal events leading up to the very first club meeting, starting with what happened on this day 100 year ago—May 31, 1921.

### May 31, 1921

We aren't sure of the exact date when Stuart Morrow, a past organizer of Rotary clubs, walked into Parker-Goddard Secretarial School in Oakland, California. During that visit, Adelaide Goddard, one of the two women who owned the school, inspired Morrow to consider a club for business and professional women, similar to Rotary. But we are sure when Morrow started the effort to form such a club.

This image from the "Morrow Book" in the Soroptimist Archives documents the formation of the first Soroptimist club. It shows on May 31, 1921, that Morrow was joined at 4:00 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Hotel Oakland by seven women



from the community: Mrs. Barndollar, Dr. Robb, Dr. Jump, Miss Porter, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Rabbas, and Mrs. Adams.

There are no other minutes of the meeting, and of the seven women gathered, only Gladys Barndollar, a printer, went on to become a charter member of the new Soroptimist club. She submitted her membership application on June 11, 1921 (although she did not pay her \$15 dues until September), and was one of the nine women who attended the next organizational meeting on June 21, 1921.

*Follow SIA on social media and use the hashtag #ThisDayinSIA to see more photos and history.*



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# Stop Human Trafficking - SIOCV Virtual 5K

Thu April 15 - Fri April 30, 2021

## EVENT: VIRTUAL 5K

### Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley Inaugural Virtual 5K - Stop Human Trafficking



**Event Dates:** Thursday April 15, 2021 - Friday April 30, 2021

**Start Time:** 8:00am PDT

**End Time:** 5:00pm PDT

**Price:** \$40.00 Race Fee (*includes a T-Shirt*)

**Registration:** Registration ends April 13, 2021 at 11:59pm PDT

**REGISTER NOW at:** <http://bit.ly/Virtual5K-SIOCV>

Or Scan QRCode



This is a Virtual Race. It is a race you can run or walk at any location, at your pace, outside or on a treadmill, alone or with a group of friends. Train and stay active. The best part is that you are doing this for a great cause. (661) 378-5331 for more info.

**Club Members find creative ways to participate in our First Annual Virtual 5K to raise money to help fight Human Trafficking - Karen O'Mullan's Personal Project. Jacque enjoys doing laps in the pool, Dixie and daughter adventure out for a hike, Leslie and sister take Shooting Lessons**









### **Service Project for May 2021**

SIOCV chose Safe Harbor for our May Service Project providing Donation of 30 shirts from Nesto Media (Leslie's Husband Ernie) and 40 pairs of new undergarments - Safe Harbor offers locations for victims of sexual assault to be interviewed by law enforcement and have a medical exam in a "SAFE" environment. Our donation was dropped off at the Simi Valley location. For June most of our members participated in the 2nd Annual Poker Run where proceeds go towards fighting Human Trafficking . Upcoming July Project will be delivered to Sarah's House a home for unwed mothers in Simi Valley







**Service Chair Leslie Escoto delivers a donation to Sarah's House for our July Service Project -Sarah's House is committed to ending the cycle of homelessness and abuse in women and children through comprehensive case management, counseling, educational classes and resources through pregnancy and beyond.**

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### **Ramona hands over the reigns to Karen at the 40th Annual Installation of Officers**



**Ramona heartfully Reminisces about her two years of accomplishments, challenges with Covid and more during the Installation of Officers on June 15, 2021. She showed appreciation for our SIOVC organization and what we were able to accomplish under her leadership. The club lavished her with gifts of appreciation as she moves from the role of president to other roles.**





Debbie delightfully is Master of Ceremonies as she installs Karen in her new role. The evening was a success and enjoyed by all, even those who could not attend were represented with their photographs







# 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL POKER RUN Saturday, June 26, 2021

**observing social distancing guidelines**

**ALL BIKES WELCOME!**

*Proceeds to benefit STOP Human Trafficking awareness efforts  
and Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award program*

Pre-Register online at <http://bit.ly/PokerRun-June26>

Or scan QR code with smartphone to register online now!



8:00 a.m. Registration time  
at Forever Found non-profit  
2321 Tapo Street, #D, Simi Valley, CA 93063



9:00 a.m. Kick Stands Up  
\$30 rider, \$10 passenger, \$5 extra poker hand  
Raffle baskets  
Refreshments available for purchase  
Raffle tickets can be purchased at Stop 1 & 5  
Winners announced at Stop 5 @ 2:30 p.m.



**ROUTE (85+ miles):**

- Stop 1: Forever Found - Simi Valley** (exists to prevent, rescue, and restore child trafficking victims)  
2321 Tapo Street, #D, Simi Valley, CA 93063
- Stop 2: Port Hueneme Beach Park** - adjacent to Surfside Seafood café (water to go)  
550 E Surfside Dr, Port Hueneme, CA 93041
- Stop 3: Malibu SunLife Organics** - 29169 Heathercliff Rd #110, Malibu, CA 90265
- Stop 4: Malibu Rock Store/Russ Brown** - iconic location along famous Mulholland Highway  
30354 Mulholland Hwy, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- Stop 5: Sagebrush Cantina - Calabasas** (grab a late lunch/early dinner)  
23527 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA 91302
- 2:30 pm - Poker Hand Winner announced and raffle tickets drawn**

**Special THANKS to our 2021 Sponsors!**

**FOREVER FOUND**



Interface Family & Children  
Services-Human Trafficking  
Response Program



Ventura County  
Sheriff's Office-Human  
Trafficking Task Force



For more poker run information contact: Ramona Evey at (805) 418-0382

Our 2nd Annual Poker Run was another success with over 20 riders - raffle gifts and a great time by all. Members donated time for each of the 5 stops, and raffle fund raiser for our June service project







New Feature for Bunny Tales  
we are starting a recipe sharing section



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**Recipe provided by Treasurer Dixie DiCleglie**

**"CREAM CHEESE DELIGHT"**

**2 - 8 OZ CREAM CHEESE (at room temp)**

**2 - PKG CRESENT ROLLS**

**1 CUP- SUGAR**

**1 TSP - VANILLA**

**$\frac{1}{2}$  CUP - MELTED BUTTER**

**(TOP)**

**$\frac{1}{2}$  CUP SUGAR**

**1 TBSP OR MORE - CINNAMON**

**-Grease 9 x 13 pan**

**-Spread 1 can of crescent rolls on bottom of pan**

**-Mix softened cream cheese, 1 cup of sugar, vanilla & spread on top**

**-Spread 2<sup>nd</sup> can of crescent rolls on top of cream cheese**

**-Pour melted butter over crescent rolls**

**-Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar & 1 tbsp cinnamon - sprinkle on top of butter**

**-Bake at 350 degrees for 30 mins.**

## Upcoming Events





## **MARGARITA MIXOFF IS BACK!**

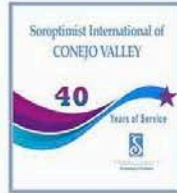
**Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley presents  
19th Annual Margarita Mixoff & More - revisited!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Purchase tickets at: [www.siconejo.org](http://www.siconejo.org)**

**at The Gardens at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks**

***Thursday, September 23, 2021***



**July 6 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens**

**July 10th - Bunko Hosted by Debbie Cutler and Karen O'Mullan (rsvp Debbie)**

**August 3 - Business meeting Los Robles Greens**

**August 15 - Annual Retreat and Planning Session hosted by President Karen**

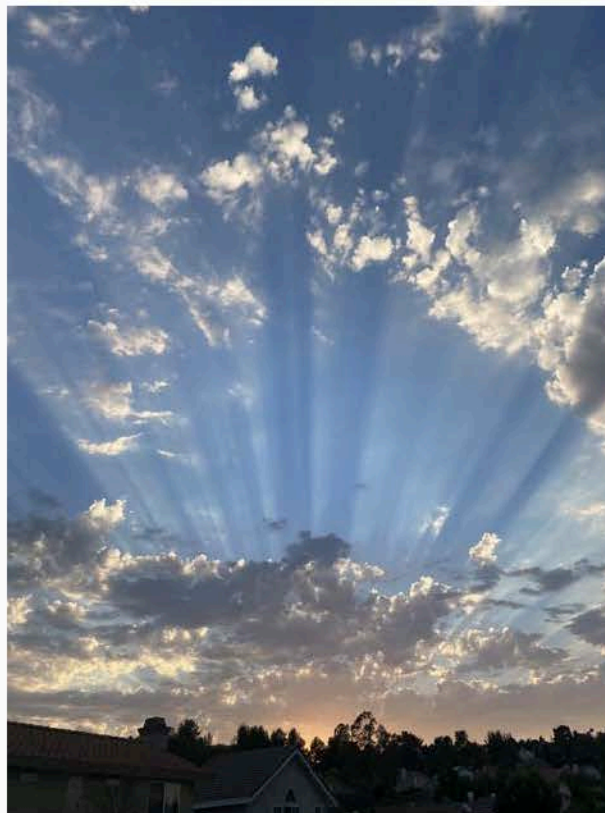
**September 7 Business Meeting Los Robles Greens**

**September 21 - Program Meeting Los Robles Greens**

**Sept 23 - Margarita Mix Off Los Robles Greens**

**October 5 -Business Meeting Los Robles Greens**

**October 19 - Program Meeting Los Robles Greens**





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## Soroptimist Vision & Mission

### VISION

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

### MISSION

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve 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.

