



## Bunny Tales Summer 2023



President Suzanne Walker's Message

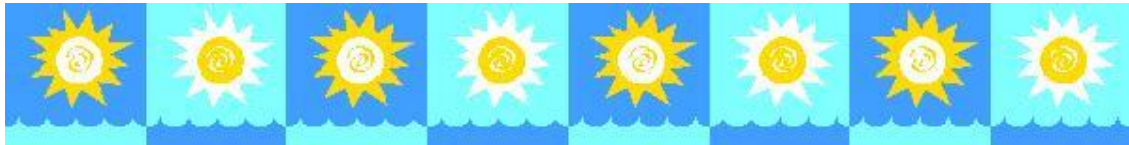
TOGETHER WE CREATE A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES" Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley has had a very successful 2022-2023 Club Year. We had two Dream It Be It Programs, Seven Live Your Dream Recipients and Five Monetary Service Awards. We held our Installation of 2023-2024 Officers on June 20th at Los Robles Greens.

We are dedicated women excited for the upcoming year. At our Retreat on July 1st. We will discuss ways to grow our Club. We want to share our love of Soroptimist and our desire to do good for others.

Although we are considered "Dark" during the months of July and August, Leslie Escoto, our Service Chair, has been busy putting together Backpacks and School Supplies for KidsandFamilies.org, a nonprofit benefiting Kids and Families Together. Our Service Award Program for our Charitable Organizations will be held in October.

We have partnered again this year with the Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast for a Dream It Be It Program to be held in April 2024. Pam Korneisel, a former member, held a One Hope Wine tasting party to benefit our Live Your Dream Program. We have a small but very enthusiastic group.

We are busy planning our major fundraiser, Margarita MixOff to be held September 21, 2023 at The Gardens at Los Robles Greens Golf Course. Believe me! We put the "FUN" in FUNdraiser.





A Tribute to Carole Blake at her Celebration of Life April 15th - There were tears of sadness and tears of joy as many spoke of Carole and their memories - it was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful woman and dedicated Soroptimist.



Officer Induction June 20th Celebrates the Incoming and Outgoing Officers of SIOCV



President - Suzanne Walker  
Vice President - Debbie Cutler  
Treasurer - Dixie DiCeglie  
Recording Secretary - Cheryl Klepper  
Corresponding Secretary - Kristin Irwin  
Assistant Corresponding Secretary - Susanne White  
Director 2 year - Jacque Turner  
Director 1 year - Nancy Nevitt  
Delegates - Sandy McDougall and Susanne White

Theme for the year:

"Together We Create a Rainbow of Possibilities"  
The new officers are pictured below. Congrats to all!

Below are pictures from Installation - A Candy Bouquet as part of the decorations and the group shot of our wonderful club.



SI of Conejo Valley members  
June 20, 2023 Installation of Officers



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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**  
**THURSDAY**  
**5:30 PM TO 8 PM**

**THE GARDENS AT**  
**LOS ROBLES GREENS**  
299 S. MOORPARK ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS

**21st ANNUAL**

**Margarita Mixoff & More!**

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The club is looking forward to another Successful Margarita Mixoff in September - Still the best priced event in town and absolutely fun to boot. Hope you can join and bring a friend or two (or more!!)





Sherry Love, our Program Chair, had some very interesting guests this quarter. Pictured above are Lori MacDonald and Michela (Mika) Feli from County of Ventura Grand Jury. They explained the process for Grand Jury Selection, and how some of the cases are considered for review by their team. They do not work on criminal cases. There is a lot of research that goes into their process. Most of the cases require a complaint filed, an investigation, and a report of findings with recommendations for improvement of operations and services.

Below is pictured another guest from Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, Richard Armerding. He gave a fabulous presentation on Hummingbirds - who would have known there are over 300 varieties of Hummingbirds Globally and some actually migrate flying over 200 miles in one trip to their destination.



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Pam Korneisel hosts a Wine Tasting from One Hope Wines, a Napa Winery Built on Hope and Rooted in Purpose. Bridgette Mitchell, of OneHope, pictured below with Jacque and Pam, was introducing the many varieties of One Hope Wine. Many attended and it was a successful event enjoyed by many attendees. At right: Pam with Dixie DiCeglie & Debbie Cutler



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**Soroptimist Service Chair, Leslie Escoto, has sent out Grant Applications to multiple local non-profits in preparation for our Annual Service Awards Banquet. Applicants fill out information about their organizations and what they provide to the community. We will be reviewing Applications thru August and the recipients will attend our Annual Service Banquet in October.**

Other service projects include working at the Mardi Gras Ball last spring. Jacque and Cheryl who volunteer for Community Conscience are pictured below.



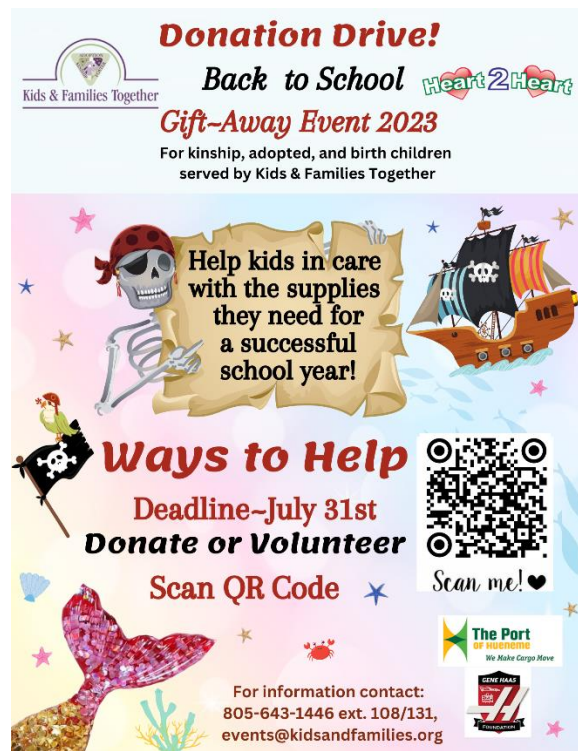
Community Conscience *Mardi Gras Ball 2023*

We had two "Dream it Be It" programs - one in February and one in March.



This July we are providing backpacks and school supplies to Kids and Families, a Non-Profit Organization that works with families in Ventura County. Twenty-five backpacks and school supplies will be delivered after the 4th of July Holiday by Service Chair Leslie Escoto.





## What have the Members Been Up To



Above Left: Leslie and sister Paula have some "country fun" at the Wild Oaks Music Festival, and right: Leslie and longtime fiend Marlene host a Wine Tasting party at Total Wines they bought at the last Margarita Mix Off Silent Auction.

Below members Marcy Shewmon and Debbie Cutler enjoy a family vacation at Beartooth Pass Summit - on the right Marcy shows off her daughter Debbie and granddaughter Breanna



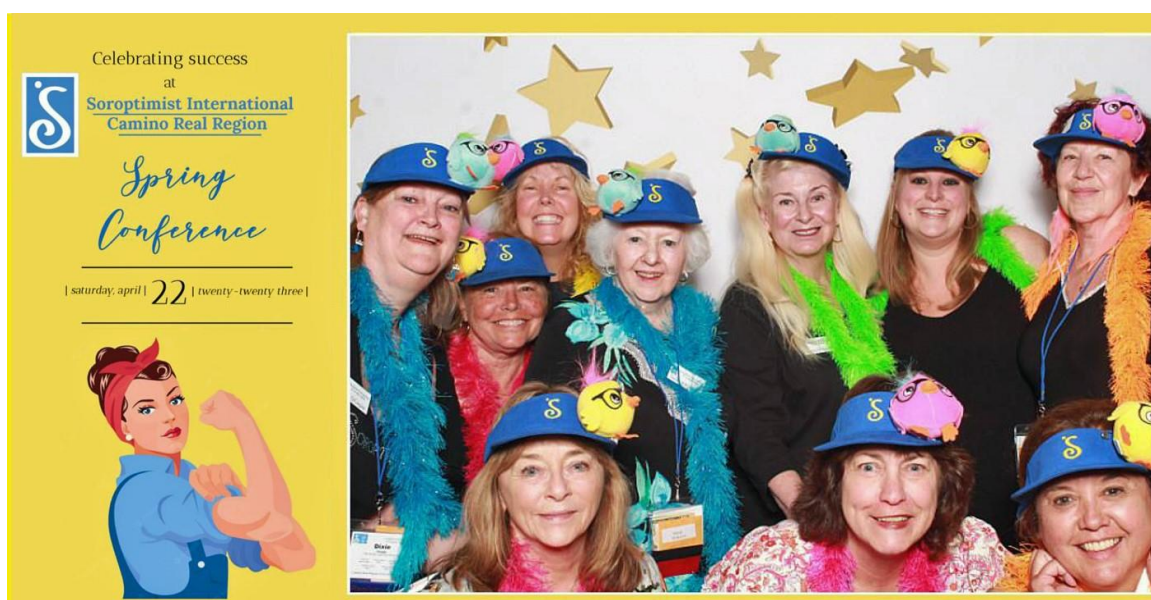
Ramona shows off her grandchildren  
Right Side: shows a picture of Athena with flowers:  
Ramona's granddaughter worked hard all year and graduated from kindergarten to the first grade. We wish her the best of luck!

Below left: a Picture of Maya and Ramona.  
While Daryl is on his Harley riding Route 66, Ramona spent time in Menifee, California with her granddaughter Maya. They enjoyed the day picking strawberries. Maya wouldn't stop eating them.





Below: Jacque and Greg Lockwood vacation with high school friend Cherwyn and her daughter Jenifer, while on a Pink Jeep Tour visiting Ancient Ruins in Sedona, and visiting the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Arizona



The club always enjoys Spring Conference for Camino Real Region. In Honor of Carole Blake the members wore Soroptimist Visors with Birds attached as Carole was a Bird Lover. We love an opportunity to be together and ham it up!!!

Below are the "post retreat" smiling faces for yet another amazing planning session for 2023-2024 that was held on Saturday, July 1st. Thanks to host President Suzanne Walker, the meeting was not only productive but oodles of fun and laughter with the wonderful team we have.





Recipe from Marcy Shewmon  
Low Carb Peanut Butter Cookies

1 cup creamy peanut butter  
1 large egg  
2/3 cup trivia (sweetener)  
1/2 Teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla

Oven at 350 - Mix all ingredients until smooth - form into balls and crisscross pattern with a fork. Cook for 12-15 minutes and enjoy!



### **Calendar**

7/1/2023 - SIOCV Retreat and Planning Session

7/4/2023 - No Meeting

7/18/2023 - Margarita Mixoff Meeting

8/1/2023 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens

(No August Program Meeting)

9/5/2023 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens

9/19/2023 - Program Meeting Los Robles Greens

9/21/2023 - Margarita Mixoff Los Robles Greens

10/3/2023 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens

10/17/2023 - Service Awards Banquet



## 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.