



Welcome to 2023 - Soroptimist International of Conejo  
Valley Bunny Tales





## President Suzanne Walker's Message

Dear Members, I wish everyone a HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS New Year!

We have a very busy year ahead of us.

One of our priorities is to "grow" our Club. Susanne White brought Pam Korneisel to our Club and Jacque Turner has invited another woman to join. We hope to have both on board and be able to do the Induction Ceremony in February. That would increase our Membership to 18 strong.

On February 21, 2023 we will be hosting our "FIRST" Dream It Be It" Program.

We are partnering with James Storehouse and working with the Executive Assistant, Jessi Bierling. We have three Speakers who will present topics on Your College Pathways, Overcoming Obstacles and Self Defense and Boundaries.

Our Live Your Dream Chairman Debbie Cutler and Co-Chair Susanne White have reported we have seven (7) that's right, seven worthy candidates this year. Our

LYD program will be held March 21, 2023. All LYD awardees and their guests have been invited to attend. We have also invited our LYD recipients from 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Sherry Love, our Program Chair has been doing a great job bringing diverse Speakers to our Club. This month we will hear from Jeffrey Hirth owner of Batteries Plus Bulbs.

Susanne White, Ways and Means Chair, has engaged our new member Pam Korneisel in planning a restaurant night at the Alamo. Details to follow.

Don't forget MMO! Dixie will be looking for help in obtaining restaurants to participate. Please remember, we as members need to contact Sponsors to help finance all our Programs to help make the club a success.

Respectfully,  
President Suzanne



Club Members are wearing Blue January 11th to show support for National Slavery and Human Trafficking Protection Month





## Discovering Your Dreams

Our First Dream It Be It program will be held February 21st where we are partnering with James Storehouse Resource Center.

Dream It Be It is a Soroptimist program that provides career support for Girls helping to be strong, successful and happy adults. Girls will learn to be empowered to pursue their career goals through education and access to role models.



## Very Informative Program Meetings for 2023

Sherry Love our Program Chair lined up some very good speakers for SI Conejo Valley - November 15th we had Marianne Knight from Ventura County Senior Living - a Free Senior Care Referral Service. - Ms. Knight presented information on extended care options and how some of the



decisions are made and facilitated by her organization.  
It was a wealth of information.

Our January 17th program will host Jeff Hirth from  
Batteries Plus

April 18th program will be a representative from Ventura  
County Grand Jury

May 16th program Sherry is targeting a representative from  
Damsel in Defense



Annual Holiday Party in December was  
wonderful!

Holiday Cheer and Great Food was served at  
the Christmas Gathering hosted by Debbie and  
Don Cutler.





Above Left - Jacque shows off her plate and above right Nancy is festively dressed and enjoying appetizers. Bottom Left is a group shot in with Susanne, Dixie, Debbie and our newest member Pam. Bottom right is our fabulous cook Don Cutler carving prime rib.

Below is more holiday fun Ramona and Daryl enjoy a cold winter at their home, and Jacque and Greg enjoy Christmas Day with 80 degrees temperature outside.

Carole and Andy are visited by Greg and Jacque to celebrate the holidays. Leslie Debbie Sherry and Stephanie Knotts a member from the past enjoy a holiday party at Sherwood Country Club









Our Live Your Dream application process is now officially closed and we have a number of good candidates

Live Your Dream program is a program that assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Applications have been accepted and reviewed by a committee for our Live Your Dream Candidates.

Thanks to Debbie and Susanne for heading up the committee.



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## Investing in Dreams

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### What are the members up to?

Below Marcy and Don Celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary in Paso Robles - and Debbie and Don Cutler celebrate 40 years of Marriage Congratulations to both happy couples.



Recipe from Sherry Love - A Fabulous Winter Treat  
Banana Bread

3-4 Ripe Bananas mashed  
1 cup Sugar  
1 large Egg Beaten  
1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
pinch of salt  
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Mix ingredients in the above order adding flour last  
Pour mixture into greased 4 X 8 loaf pan  
Bake at 350 for 55 to 60 minutes



#### Upcoming Events

January 17th Program Meeting Los Robles Batteries Plus  
February 7 Business Meeting Los Robles Greens  
February 21 - Dream it Be It - James Storehouse  
March 7 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens  
March 4 - Mardi Gras Ball Volunteer for Community Conscience  
March 21 Live Your Dream Banquet Los Robles Greens  
April 4 - Business Meeting Los Robles Greens  
April 18 - Program Meeting Los Robles Greens  
April 21-24 - Camino Real Regional Spring Conference

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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 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.