



Bunny Tales Fall 2023



Hello Members and Friends

What a fantastic year we are having!!!

Our one and only Fundraiser, Margarita MixOff was a huge success.

"The Best Ever" was the comment heard from those in attendance.

Our MMO Chairperson Dixie DiCeglie outdid herself. She worked tirelessly organizing every phase of this event. Jacque Turner was instrumental in helping to obtain the Restaurants who participated.

Jacque, our Social Media Chair, posted the MMO event on every public site she knew. It proved to be very profitable. We had 250 MMO participants. WOW!

Our DJ Reign Supreme brought a Photo Booth to be used by the patrons free of charge. We got so many fun photos. The music added to the festivities.

The appetizers were so delicious. And the choices of Margaritas were amazing.

The Patrons look forward to our Raffle and Silent Auction and they were not disappointed. Our items get better every year.

I want to thank all our Members for doing their part in making this event so successful.

We will use our profits to fund our Cash Awards presented to the non-profit organizations we support. The Service Chair Leslie Escoto presented twelve non-profit Organizations to the Club. The members chose six organizations we will honor at our Service Award Program Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Our Soroptimist Signature Programs; Live Your Dream, Dream It Be It and The Big Goal will also benefit from our successful MMO.

"Together We Create a Rainbow of Possibilities"

Sincerely, President Suzanne



SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

THURSDAY

5:30 PM TO 8 PM

THE GARDENS AT

LOS ROBLES GREENS

299 S. MOORPARK ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS

21st ANNUAL



**ENJOY MARGARITA TASTINGS AND APPETIZERS,
PLUS CRAFT BEER & WINE SAMPLES - ALL IN THE NAME OF CHARITY!**

ATTENDEES WILL VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

FOR "BEST IN THE WEST MARGARITA"

FOR INFO (805) 701-8537

PURCHASE TICKETS AT

SICONEJO.ORG

\$50 IN ADVANCE

\$60 AT THE DOOR

Or mail check to P.O. Box 3634, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Our 2023 Margarita MixOff was a success with many new participants and new attendees.

Our Winners are Listed Below - we are grateful for the wonderful vendors and restaurants who participated to make this event the talk of the town.

Best In The West Margarita

First Place - Smoking Gun Bar Staff

Second Place - Tarantula Hill Brewing Company

Third Place - Wandering Spirits Mobile Bar

Best In The West Food/Appetizer

First Place - Smokin' Steve's Catering

Second Place - Big Art's Tacos Provided by Legendary Organics

Third Place - Los Robles Greens Oaks Bar and Grill





Live Your Dream applications are now being accepted for our upcoming "Live Your Dream Awards program". The Live Your Dream program assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by

providing resources they need to improve their education, skills, employment prospects. It is given each year to women who are head of household, who show determination to improve her life and that of her family through vocational or traditional training or education. Contact our LYD Chair Debbie Cutler or Susanne White. Application deadline is November 15th.

Service Projects in our Community

Pictured below on the left August 2023 Service Project - Service Chair Leslie Escoto delivers clothing items and flip flops to Safe Harbor, an organization that works with victims of violence. There are two locations, one in Simi Valley and the other in Ventura. Safe Harbor offers a home environment where victims are interviewed and receive medical examinations.

Dixie and Jacque volunteer at Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Conejo" event - photo on the right below.

Susanne White also pitched in at the Relay For Life end of September.

Thanks to all that spend valuable time giving back to the community.



Service Award Banquet on Oct 17th will be a night of gratitude

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CONEJO VALLEY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
2023 SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

**Social Time:
5:30 - 6:00 pm**



**Dinner and Service
Awards Program:
6:00 pm**

Join us as we honor six non-profit organizations for their various programs that support the Soroptimist mission of providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment and betterment for themselves and their families.

**Los Robles Greens Golf Course
299 South Moorpark Road
Thousand Oaks, CA**

Dinner cost: \$25

***Please RSVP by October 14th*
President Suzanne Walker at (805) 551-2311
or by email at smw@aofj.com**

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What's going on with the members?
See below where many members took a trip abroad to Ireland and Scotland



Below pictured are Susanne, Jacque and Leslie enjoying live music and libations at Enegrens, a local Brewery.



Member Leslie welcomes the birth of her granddaughter Phoebe Jean - born September 18th.



Now that the weather will be turning cold, soups are a great way to warm the body and the heart!

Recipe - Slow Cooker Split Pea Soup with Canadian Bacon

Ingredients:

8 Cups water

1 package (1 pound) dried split peas sorted and rinsed

3 Medium Carrots

1 Medium Onion (diced 1 1/2 cups)

1 Medium stock of celery (chopped)

1 Cup Canadian-style Bacon (5 ounces)

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

1/4 dried rosemary leaves, crumbled

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Mix all ingredients in 3-4 quart slow cooker

Cover and cook on low heat 8-10 hours

Place 2 cups of soup in blender or food processor and blend until smooth, pour into bowl

Repeat with additional 2 cups of soup

Serve with corn bread or bread of choice



Upcoming Events

November 3 - Nosco Ride
(Volunteer for November Service Project)
November 7 Business Meeting - Los Robles Greens
December 5 Business Meeting - Los Robles Greens
No Program Meeting December
Holiday Party Date TBD



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.