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A global women's organization whose members work to improve the lives of women & girls through programs leading to social & economic empowerment.

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## President Lisa's Message



Our SILM members have been very busy this month planning our annual Thanks for Giving Community event for this year! This year we choose to call our event an UNBREAKFAST rather than our breakfast because it will take on a very different look than in the past. While we would love to host a breakfast again, we know that getting together in person this year is not feasible. But to continue our 63 year tradition of honoring well-deserving individuals and organizations on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving we have been very busy re-conceptualizing things. Do not worry though, all of your favorite components are still being included in our plans. You will get to learn about a select group of individuals who are well deserving of our accolades and we will be sure to continue our tradition of having drawings and raffle prizes. We have big plans in the works and I want all of you to continue to be on the lookout in both your email and on our webpage <https://silamesa.org/> for updates.

Our ability to organize an event of this magnitude is due to the exceptional dedication and teamwork of our members. The following is a short article from Dr. Ronald Riggio detailing the qualities of good teams. I have seen firsthand each of our members display these attributes and applaud them all for their contributions to our club. Go Team SILM!

*What are the qualities of good team members?*

1. Honest and Straightforward. A good team member is up front. He/she doesn't play games, or lead others on. You can count on a good team member to tell you what's what, whether it is good news or bad news.
2. Shares the Load. A good team member does his or her fair share of the work. There is a sense of equity and fairness, which is critically important for team members' collective motivation.
3. Reliable. The good team member can be counted on. She or he meets deadlines and is on time.
4. Fair. A good team member takes appropriate credit, but would never think of taking credit for someone else's work.
5. Complements Others' Skills. An important characteristic of effective work teams is the shared capacity: Every member has areas of strength and some weak spots. A good team member provides some unique skills and/or knowledge that moves the team forward.
6. Good Communication Skills. Teamwork is social, so good team members need to be skilled, and tactful, communicators.
7. Positive Attitude. No one would follow a pessimistic leader, and the same goes for team members. A positive, can-do attitude is critical for the good team member.

*Think about the very best team members you have worked with. Odds are that they have five or six of these qualities – Ronald E. Riggio Ph.D. Cutting Edge Leadership. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/cutting-edge-leadership/201301/characteristics-good-work-team-members>*

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### Upcoming club activities:

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, all club meetings in the foreseeable future will be Zoom meetings.  
(Zoom, 6:30 pm unless otherwise stated)

Thursday, October 1 - Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 13 - TGB Meeting

Thursday October 15 - Board Meeting

October 20 - 5:30 pm - Program Meeting on Zoom

## The Road to Equality

Every SI president proposes a “**President's Appeal**”: a project to which Soroptimists worldwide contribute during the SI president's two-year tenure. SI President Sharon Fisher's 2019-2021 appeal is **The Road to Equality**. She invites Soroptimists around the world to join her on a 'two-year road trip' to empower women and girls, and raise awareness of the challenges that continue to prevent them from reaching their full potential.

Her Appeal focuses on raising awareness of human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential, including domestic violence, child marriage, the rights of older women, migration, female genital mutilation, and human trafficking.

A part of this Appeal is **Soroptimist International Voices**, a webinar series available to all SI members. The 1<sup>st</sup> webinar was titled “**Exploring the Road to Equality**” which explained the president's appeal, introduced the coordinators, touched on the themes, projects underway and shared some lived experiences.

The September 19<sup>th</sup> Webinar, “**Trafficking Our Girls**” took a deeper look at Trafficking and particularly the Exploitation of Girls. SI President, Sharon Fisher, hosted the seminar that featured four speakers. Author and advocate, Theresa Flores, a trafficking survivor and author of her personal memoir, **The Slave Across the Street**, shared her experience about being trafficked when she was a teenager living in an upscale neighborhood in Michigan. Her inspiring story shows just how easy it is for a girl to be entrapped in trafficking at an early age with seemingly little hope of escaping. Another speaker was Evelien Holsken, one of the founders of **Free A Girl**, an organization that works to rescue women and girls from sex trafficking and provide a safe haven for rehabilitation and reintegration into society. Since their founding in 2008, they have rescued more than 4500 girls in seven countries.

The Webinar included the following statistics: as of 2016, 40.3 million people were exploited in modern slavery, 25% of whom were children. There were about 4.8 million sex workers globally, and 99% were women and girls. India alone had about 1 million sex workers. Worldwide, human trafficking was a \$150 billion annual business, with 66% of global profits derived from sexual exploitation.

Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation has been well represented, and there were Soroptimists from at least 19 countries, including India, Tahiti, Greece, South Africa, Turkey, Japan, Belgium, Netherlands, Trinidad, Switzerland, Wales, Kenya, Turkey, France, Scotland, England, Ireland, USA, and Canada viewing the Webinar.

(Thank you for excerpts from messages from SI President Sharon Fisher and Lynn Flanagan, District II Director.)

Soroptimist International has a YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SoropHQ/videos>). Many excellent videos on various projects are there, including the latest SI Voices "Trafficking Our Girls".



**Pictured from left to right: Helen Baker, Judy Lawton, Anne DiNapoli, Nancy Goodrich, Vicki Hobbs.**

**Soroptimist International of San Diego is teaming up this year with Soroptimist International of La Mesa to bring members a series of dynamic, interesting and exciting speakers!**

**SI La Mesa member, Anne DiNapoli met with SI San Diego members to collaborate on program speakers for this year. At this time, all programs will be held on Zoom. Second up for our Clubs this year is Dan McAllister, San Diego County Tax Collector. His speaking engagement with us will be via Zoom and held during our program meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm.**

### October Program Speaker

#### Biography of Dan McAllister

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector



Dan McAllister has served San Diego County residents as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002. Dan oversees the collection of nearly \$7 billion in property taxes, the management of \$12.3 billion in the County's Investment Pool, and the administration of the County's \$1.5 billion defined contribution program. He is a strong advocate for diversity, a value reflected in his staff that comes from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Anyone who has been around Mr. McAllister knows how charming, dynamic and down-right funny he can be so this is a **NOT TO MISS** episode! He will be speaking about all sorts of interesting tax issues like where and how our tax money is spent, San Diego's economic outlook, Proposition 15, upcoming property tax deadline, etc. Tune in at 5:00 for our social half hour and 5:30 for Mr. McAllister's presentation. Come with those questions you never knew who to ask about! Your Public Affairs Committee(s) is please and excited about this presentation and it promises to be very informative. Mark your calendars!



JOIN US ON LINE FOR OUR 63RD ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING UNBREAKFAST. INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NOVEMBER SCRIBBLES NEWSLETTER GIVING DETAILS ON HOW TO ATTEND OUR EVENT, BE THE POSSIBLE WINNER OF WONDERFUL PRIZES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROJECTS. ALL FROM THE CONVENIENCE OF YOUR HOME.



***Soroptimist International of La Mesa***  
***63rd Annual Pre-Thanksgiving***  
***UNBreakfast***

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, to Wednesday, November 25, 2020

## **Underwriting and Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Platinum Level Sponsorship**

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*(deadline for Sponsors is November 10, 2020)*

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For The Soroptimist International of La Mesa Thanksgiving UNBreakfast

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**It's a Soroptimist Spotlight!**

**Meet SI La Mesa President, Lisa McCully**

Nickname: Dr. L (she holds an Ed.D in Postsecondary Educational Leadership)

Occupation: Director of Office for Student Success  
College of Education  
San Diego State University

Years with SILM: 4.5

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time at her cabin in the Eastern Sierras, traveling to Hawaii, road trips, watching pro football and baseball, reading Tom Clancy novels and spending time with family.

Fun Fact: She uses an app on her phone to control her WiFi crockpot and she is CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certified.

Favorite Quote: "Wear your mask!"

**SI La Mesa now has an Instagram account for the club under the title of "Soroptimist of La Mesa." Check it out!**

**Club Birthdays**

**Amal Hagasufi - October 1**

**STAT! Soroptimist Together Against Trafficking**

**Meetings will be on ZOOM until further notice. Next meeting October 14, 2022, by Invitation.**

**To support SI La Mesa, please go to Smile Amazon and select Soroptimist International of La Mesa as your charity and a portion of your purchases will benefit the women and girls we serve.. If you would like to purchase gift cards for the holidays, please contact the club at [silamesa.org](http://silamesa.org). There is a wide variety of cards available for graduation, birthday or other special days.**

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Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Approximately 80,000 Soroptimist in 130 countries and territories support community-based and global projects benefiting women and girls. The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

The name Soroptimist means "best for women" and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best working together to help other women to be their best.

Club Meetings will be held on Zoom Club Meetings until further notice.

First Thursday of each Month—Business Meetings

Third Thursday of each Month—Committee Meeting - As needed

Program Meetings - TBA

Notes: Only one meeting is held in the months of July and August—date to be determined by club President

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### **Officers, Board Members and Delegates - 2020-2021**

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