

February 2025

Soroptimist
International of
La Mesa

SOROPTIMIST

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 Savannah's Message



Happy February!

Welcome to the month of love! Most people think of Valentine's Day when they think of February, but it is also considered a month that serves as a bridge between Winter and Spring, often giving us a few pleasant days as a sneak peek to warmer days to come.

This month, I am thinking of our fellow Soroptimists and their families, friends, and communities that have been impacted by the devastating fires in the Los Angeles area. We hope to find ways to support our Soroptimist community that are dealing with the loss of their home, the stress of evacuations, or mourning the changes in their communities.

For our club, February has been focused on selecting deserving women for our Live Your Dream educational award. Our panel of judges have been hard at work reviewing applications and at the end of this month we will celebrate our awardees with a coffee and pie reception. Many of our club members look forward to this time each year as we can see to fruition the work we do with our fundraisers, and more importantly, we have the chance to see the impact that educational assistance has on promising women in our community.

In March, we are holding a very fun event that we hope you can attend! Our St. Patrick's Bunco Bash will be held on March 16th. This is a great chance to socialize with fellow Soroptimists and their friends and hopefully win some money! See the flyer for this event right here in Scribbles.

Hoping for all of you a rejuvenating and productive February!

President Savannah

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business Meeting – 7:30 am - Thursday, February 6, 2025 – Denny's

Lisa Moore Memorial – 11:00 am – February 8, 2025 - Vision Center

Board Meeting – 7:30 am Thursday, February 20, 2025 – Zoom

LYD Award Ceremony - 2:00 pm - Saturday - February 22, 2025 - Marie Callendar's

Bunco – Vision Center – 3:00 pm, Sunday, March 16, 2025

SOLT - Soroptimist Orientation, Leadership and Training

ABOUT US

OUR FEDERATIONS

There are five Soroptimist Federations under the umbrella of Soroptimist International; Soroptimist International Africa Federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, Soroptimist International of Europe, Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland and Soroptimist International of South East Asia Pacific. Find out more about the work of the Federations, the clubs and their members as they work to transform the lives of women and girls.



Soroptimist International Africa Federation

Soroptimist International Africa Federation (SIAF) was inaugurated in June 30, 2020. The newest member to join Soroptimist International, making the global organization 5 Federations strong!

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) was formed in 1921 by 80 women in Oakland, California. SIA's main program, Live Your Dream Education and Training Awards for women has disbursed about \$30 million to almost 20,000 women since 1971.

Soroptimist International of Europe

Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) works actively to improve the lives of women and girls, holding special consultative status at the United Nations' ECOSOC and participatory status at the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby.

Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland

Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI), works at local, national and international levels to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls. SIGBI has consultative status at the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations.

Soroptimist International of South East Asia Pacific

Soroptimist International of South East Asia Pacific currently includes thirteen countries in the Asia Pacific Region.

CLUB NEWS



Gabriela Dominguez, Program Chair, Anne DiNapoli, Mathew Smilev and Earl Childress.

The January 9, 2025 Program speakers were from La Mesa Outreach Program.

The City of La Mesa launched the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (“HOME”) Program to better connect those experiencing homelessness with existing County services. Modeled after the successful CAHOOTS program in Eugene, Oregon, the HOME Program is structured so that trained specialists, including a full-time outreach worker and mental health clinician, are dispatched to respond to non-emergency calls for service related to homelessness that come into the La Mesa Police Department.

As appropriate and safe, the HOME team will work directly with those experiencing homelessness and offer them an array of services and housing opportunities.



SILM Members, (Back Row) Lisa McCully, President Savannah Henderson, Felis Wolven and (Front Row) Frances Wolven and Marlene Demers attended the SI San Diego Soup & Sip event on January 18, 2025. They enjoyed good food and Soroptimist friendship. Thank you SISD for the invitation.

Celebration of Life

You Are Invited To Join Our
Soroptimist International of La Mesa
Celebration of Life
Honoring

Lisa Moore

Saturday, February 8th
11:00am

Vision Center for Spiritual Living
4780 Mission Gorge Place
San Diego, CA 92120

Light Brunch Bites Will Be Served
Please bring memories & stories to share with
Lisa's beloved Soroptimist family



RSVP by Feb 1st to lmccully@sdsu.edu





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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Live Your Dream

Award Ceremony

HOSTED BY:
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Celebrating our 2025 Honorees

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PIE & COFFEE RECEPTION
MARIE CALLENDER'S RESTAURANT
6950 ALVARADO ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA

\$25 PER PERSON
[PAY AT DOOR]

RSVP: CONTACT@SILAMESA.ORG



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Roll Your Way To A Pot o' Gold!

ST. PATRICK'S BUNCO BASH

HOSTED BY SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LA MESA

CASH PRIZES | WINE RAFFLES | SNACKS

MARCH 16TH
3PM - 5PM

Vision Center for Spiritual Living
4780 Mission Gorge Place
San Diego, CA 92120

\$25
per person

For more info & to RSVP by March 9th:
<https://silamesa.org>

Upcoming Events



SALUTES OUR MISSION HEROES

Save the Date!

Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
~ Doors open at 5:30 ~

Come network with the trailblazers in San Diego's anti-trafficking community!

STAT! Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking invites you to join us as we salute people and organizations that are making a difference in the fight against human trafficking. These people and organizations have stepped forward and found unique ways to help victims, reduce demand, and raise awareness about modern day slavery.

Registration details soon!

Location: VISION: A Center for Spiritual Living, 4780 Mission Gorge Pl, Suite H, San Diego, 92120



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

STAT! Soroptimist Together Against Trafficking is a collaborative group of Soroptimist clubs from the San Diego area addressing the needs of local victims and educating parents, teens and the public about the risk of human trafficking, pimping and sexual slavery.

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February Birthdays
Sara Yates - February 13
Christine Jackson - February 18

STAT! Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
11:00 am
at Buca di Beppo

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2019-2020
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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.

Business Meeting - First Thursday of each Month - 7:30 am at Denny's on Fletcher Parkway and on Zoom.

Program Meetings will be announced one month before occurring.

Third Thursday of each Month—Committee Meeting - As needed

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

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