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**Golden West Region**

**JULY 2021  
NEWS-BLAST**

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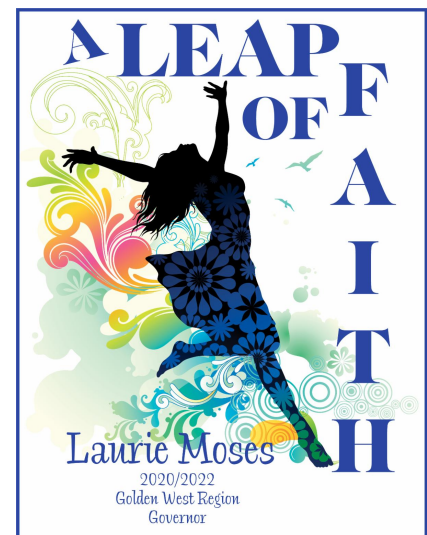


**SOROPTIMIST means "Best for Women"**

**Wishing you a safe and happy July 4th!**

**WELCOME** to a brand spanking new club year!

While we continue to emerge from our temporary pause of in-person meetings, we must remain cautious and vigilant of our local health guidelines; keeping ourselves safe as we are still facing some challenges. Please continue to take steps to mitigate any risks and be sure to fill out and file the Activity/Non-Meeting Event form for upcoming club events. The written declaration must be completed for each activity and sent electronically to [declaration@soroptimist.org](mailto:declaration@soroptimist.org), preferably 45 days in advance. The declaration form can be found [here](#). This reporting requirement will continue until further notice.



I'd like to personally welcome all the incoming and returning Presidents and club leadership. We thank you for your service to your members, your communities and our mission. We will continue these Enews-blasts throughout the summer to keep you abreast of what is going on and coming up to help you get ready for the new club year, but we will discontinue the "Come as you are" Region ZOOM meetings until **September**.

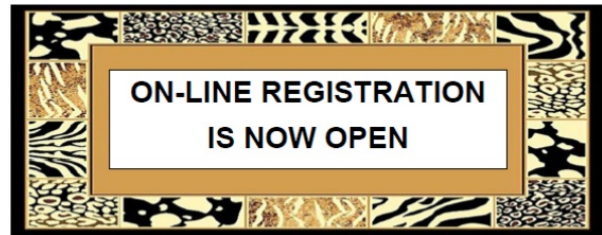
I can't tell you how excited I am about the "Big Goal Accelerator Projects". GWR clubs do so many amazing projects in your communities and it's about time that you are recognized for them and the women and girls you impact are counted. Club projects that increase access to education for women and girls facing obstacles will be counted toward the next Big Goal and clubs can start reporting them in June 2021 for the 21/22 club year! Learn more about eligibility [HERE](#).

We hope your club is planning on sending as many "potential leaders" as possible to our upcoming "Safari" Leadership Training Retreat". **The deadline 7/9 is approaching fast!** Gov-Elect Margie and her guides have put together an incredible conference with lots of fun, information and adventure, of course. All members are welcome - **August 6th & 7th**. Click on this [LINK](#) to register. It's gonna be WILD!

I hope everyone enjoys some much needed rest and relaxation this summer and can't wait to see you at our virtual Leadership Training in August AND our 1st "in-person" event at our ALL Districts Fall Meeting in Fort McDowell, Arizona this October.

Take care and stay safe,

**Governor Laurie**



IT'S GONNA BE **WILD!**  
Registration Deadline is **July 9th**  
Registration [LINK](#)



**Golden West Region**  
**CELEBRATING**  
**Success!**

**Deadline September 30th**

We all had to pivot a bit over the last club year. Learning how to do things a bit differently has no doubt been challenging. Did you have a really great project during the last club year (2020-2021)? Well, now it is time to share your success through the Golden West Region Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award Program. Why take the time to revisit last year? Here are some good reasons:

- ★ Showcase the efforts and achievements of your club
- ★ Share your creative ideas with other Soroptimists
- ★ Inspire other region clubs to implement their own version of your project
- ★ Demonstrate the Collective Impact of our organization
- ★ Receive well-deserved glory and honor if your project is selected as one of the top three GWR entries in each Pillar area (fundraising, membership, program, and public awareness)

Don't wait another minute. Download the 2020-2021 entry form and instructions from the GWR website! Submit a form for everything you do so we can celebrate the GWR collective impact. Don't forget to include pictures of your event. Yes, multiple entries in each Pillar area are highly encouraged! **We no longer use Program Focus Reports, so this is our tracking system for all you do!** All entries are due by **September 30, 2021**.

The region will judge the entries and announce the three top 2020-2021 projects in each pillar area in January 2022. The announcement of the first place GWR project in each pillar area will be made during the GWR Spring Conference in June 2022. Clubs with "winning projects" will be asked to provide a poster display at spring conference to share project details and outcomes with conference attendees, and may be asked to participate in a workshop to share information about their project. The first place GWR project entries will be submitted to SIA for further judging. The four-overall federation-level best project winners will be announced at the SIA Governor's Roundtable in Summer, 2022.

Here's a recap:

**GWR Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award Program 2020-2021**

- Application forms and instructions available on the GWR Website: [www.goldenwestregion.org/MemberResources/Celebrating Success Awards](http://www.goldenwestregion.org/MemberResources/CelebratingSuccessAwards)
- GWR Application **DEADLINE: September 30, 2021**
- Eligible projects are those started or completed during the 2020-2021 club year
- Submit multiple entries in each Pillar category
- **Submit completed applications to:**  
[Linda Poindexter, GWR SCS Chair 2020/2022 - Lindap.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Lindap.gwr@gmail.com)  
6848 Grand Ave, Yucca Valley CA 92284/760.567.6014

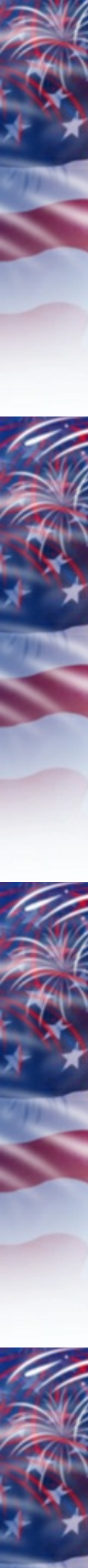
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## SO WHAT'S NEXT?

- "Live Your Dream" Club Portal opens August 1st!

**Leadership Training - "Virtual" - August 6 & 7th** - Are you ready to go on Safari? **It's gonna be WILD!** Register all past, present and future leaders: [LINK](#)

**SIAs "Virtual 100-Year Anniversary Celebration" - Register now** for SIA's virtual anniversary event on **September 25 and 26**. **\$40 Early bird fee ends July 6 at 4:59 p.m.** SIA members from around the globe will gather at this dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. Registration: [LINK](#)



**Soroptimist Celebrating Success** - submissions are due no later than **September 30th**, but please submit those NOW while the details of your programs, fundraisers, social media campaigns and membership campaigns are still fresh in your memory. Click this [LINK](#) for the SCS Application.

**Soroptimist International's "100-Year Celebration" - October 1-3, 2021** - a 3-day virtual extravaganza. Register before July 15th to receive the "Early Bird" discount of only \$40 to register. Registration: <https://100.soroptimistinternational.org/si100>

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October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ Watch for CALL August 7<sup>th</sup>!



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All Districts Fall Meeting  
At "We-Ko-Pa Resort" in Fort McDowell, AZ.  
Friday Night - "Pennies from Heaven" Fundraiser  
Saturday Morning - District Breakouts  
Saturday Night - "Roaring 20's" Party  
Registration Deadline: SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Are you coming to the  
2021 All-Districts Fall  
Meeting and 100 Year  
Celebration Oct 8-9?**

The Celebration  
we've all been waiting for!

The 2021 ALL-Districts FALL MEETING

## LOCATION

We-Ko-Pa Resort, Fort McDowell,  
Arizona

## DATE AND TIME

10/08/21 3:00pm-10/09/21 9:00pm

I'll  
be  
there

Maybe

I  
can't  
make  
it

and 100-Year Celebration

"Bright Past, Brilliant Future"

We are doing things a little differently this year by combining all the Fall meetings into one so that we may celebrate our 100 years of Soroptimist Service together. Friday night will be the "Pennies from Heaven" Social Event, Saturday morning we will break out into our districts for information and awards to be given out by District Directors, AND Saturday Night we will have a wonderful

"Roaring 20's" Party

to celebrate 100 years of awesome!

## GWR SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

SI Arizona Peaks plans to reach out to 100 women between August and September with information about joining SI anywhere.

# SIA Wants to Hear From You ...and so do we!

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary and bright past, we are also preparing for our brilliant future. And no doubt we will DREAM BIG for what our future holds! Here's your opportunity to share your own personal message. Your video may be used on social media and in other promotional materials as we celebrate our 100th anniversary!

Submit a 60-second video in your own language sharing your thoughts on one of the following:

- What does it mean to you for Soroptimist to reach its next Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls?
- As we look to the next 100 years, what are your dreams for the next generation of Soroptimists?
- What is your dream for the future of your Soroptimist club?

Share a story of a *Live Your Dream Awards* winner or *Dream It, Be It* participant that has impacted you personally.

For Your Video Message

Be sure to start your answer by restating the question in your response so we know what question you're answering! If using a cell phone, hold phone horizontally to shoot video. Save video file as an MP4. Submit video here: <https://bit.ly/Dream-Big-Video-Submission>. **Also email copy to [LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com).**

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