

# SoroptiValley

## News

### Best for Women

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR SOROPTIMIST

Let's look back to 2017 before moving forward to 2018.....

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Activities from September through December, 2017

- Sept:** Veteran's Suicide Awareness Walk  
Breakfast Meeting-Robin Steinbeck, PHD President of Moreno Valley Community College
- Oct:** District 2 Fall Meeting in Hemet  
"Unity Fest" Moreno Valley Community Park  
"Quartermania" Fundraiser \$3000 profit  
Breakfast Meeting: Michelle Dawson, City Mgr. of Moreno Valley
- Nov:** "Shop for your Cause" Fundraiser-\$2000  
Breakfast Meeting: Ivorie Franks, Director of the Moreno Valley Libraries  
Received (6) Live Your Dream Applications –under review
- Dec:** Salvation Army Kettle Challenge-collected \$829.75  
Festival of the Trees entry  
SIMV Christmas Party-President's Appeal donation from Silent Auction \$200  
See's Candy Fundraiser  
Operation Cheer-MV Police Dept.  
Kid's Kingdom-Mexico  
Breakfast Meeting: Kathy Macias, Director of Angels for Christ Ministry

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## President's Message By Nina Thomas

Greetings Amazing Women of SI Moreno Valley:

As I write this the day after Christmas, I find myself reflecting on the past year and planning for the new one.

We have just passed the 90 day mark of our 2017-2018 Soroptimist year. Thinking about the past few months, I'm so proud of what our club has already accomplished. I know that we are a unique group of women. We are a fun loving, fast moving and forward thinking organization. We are women that are on the move. We don't let any grass grow under our feet so to speak. Give us an assignment and we say lead, follow or get out of the way. Well, in much kinder and gentler terms, of course. The most wonderful thing is, we really like one another. We are a volunteer army with big hearts and big dreams for the women and girls' lives that we have the privilege to influence.

With Fall meeting, Quartermania and Shop for Your Cause behind us, we've sang about a "*bright sunshiny day*" then added dollars to help fund the events we have planned and to support our Scholarships. We have networked in the community at the Business Expo and other events. We've made blankets and helped make the Police Christmas party a success for all the children. "Dream it Be it" is in full swing and applications have been received for the Live Your Dream award.

As 2017 winds down, we are revving up. (in case you are not familiar with the word revving it means to make or become more active or energetic-or increase the running speed). The great thing is that this isn't about one person taking on this increase in energy or activity. It's about all of us moving forward together keeping the load right for everyone. We can rev up membership as we all participate in the upcoming campaign or be thinking about how you can help out or who you might invite to the fashion show in the spring. If at all possible we should all consider going to Spring Conference especially since it is being held so close, at the Pala Casino in Temecula.

I want to thank all of you for your hard work these past few months. Wishing you and your family a healthy, happy and joy filled 2018. Happy New Year.  
Best to you,

*President Nina*

**Did you know we are 1 of 1275 clubs in 21 countries and territories . A global women's organization working towards improving the lives of girls and women through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.**

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



## “Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls”

We have now entered into our second year helping more than 16 girls at Bayside Community Day School grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. “Dream It, Be It” targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. The curriculum for 2018 will finish off with the following:

**Session 5: Turning Failure into Success (January 10: Facilitator=LaDonna Jempson)**

**Session 6: Balancing Your Stress (February 14: Facilitator=Denise Fleming)**

**Session 7: Putting Dreams into Action (March 14: Facilitator=Sandy Ferguson)**

If you relate to any of these topics and would like to assist the facilitator by providing your testimony to these young ladies, please contact Pat Box at [patbox1@verizon.net](mailto:patbox1@verizon.net).



## “Live Your Dream Award” application period is now closed

Six applications have been received by women who are currently enrolled or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program and provide the financial support needed for their family. These are under review and the winners will be announced in January. Did you know that over 1600 women have received collectively \$1.7 million from this program due to clubs on both the local levels and throughout the regions. Your fundraising efforts have made this possible. **We are especially proud of our local winner and club member JUDY VASQUEZ, who recently graduated from Cal Baptist University with her Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership. CONGRATULATIONS!**



### **Calendar of Events:**

Breakfast meetings will resume on **January 10th**. Remember, Club Members are encouraged to attend monthly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings from 7-8am, at Brandon's Diner.

- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> \* "Evening Meet and Greet" at Miller Jones Mortuary-5:30pm
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> \* "Morning Meet and Greet" at Brandon's Diner at 7:00am
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Soroptimist Saturday of Service-more information to follow
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Spring Fling Fashion Show at the Senior Center
- June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - Spring Conference at Pala Resort
- June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> - High School Graduations-scholarship presentations

**\*Meet and Greets were originally scheduled in January but due to a delay in the opening of Miller Jones, it has been moved to February.**

This will give you each additional time to invite our future members.

## **Have you heard of our "MAKE YOUR DOLLAR GROW" fundraisers?**

Each club member received \$1.00 to use towards their own idea of making money for the club. If you have not received your dollar yet, feel free to reach out to Ardith Turner, Treasurer. In order to get your mental juices flowing, the following members have contributed the proceeds from their ideas:

**Pat Box**-knitted a beautiful quilt and raffled it off with \$ squares.

**Ardith Turner and Judy Vasquez**-made and sold several holiday decorations at Fall Conference

**Karin Richards**-raffled (2) bottles of Elvis Presley wine with \$ squares-**Ruth was the winner!**

**Sandy Ferguson**-charged \$ to decorate her tree and provided food, drinks and fun

She also knitted slippers and sold them at the Fall Conference.

**LaDonna Jempson**-purchased 2018 Inspirational Calendars with SI logo and contact information-being used as gifts for our guest speakers and our "Meet and Greet" attendees in February.

In February, 2018, there have been discussions by Shirley Morgan to have a party where everyone brings their gently used and new jewelry to sell. Date to be determined. Keep those ideas coming. Every little bit helps to provide support for our Programs.

**Need information? Go to**  
<http://www.simorenvalley.org>

Keep up with the happenings of the Club on **Facebook: Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley.**  
**Remember to like and share .**

**Weekly text messages as reminders for the meetings. Prefer to opt out-notify LaDonna Jempson at 951-368-8653.**

