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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ladies,

I am constantly reminded of how generous, dedicated and hard working you Soroptimist ladies are, way to go!!! We have added one more new member to our club, so welcome Rori Campbell! As we furiously work on our 17th annual MMO event coming up, you all continue to serve others in need such as the Mardi Gras Ball & Golf tournaments, Stop Trafficking event & others, and putting on personal projects which help our club. Amazing women you are!! Also, I'm looking forward to celebrating our "Live Your Dream" scholarship award coming up in April. Love you all!

The best and most beautiful things in
the world cannot be seen or even
touched - they must be felt with the
heart.

Helen Keller

March is a busy month for Soroptimist

Both Locally and Globally



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8 2018

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - and today, stands as a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, network or media hub is solely responsible for **International Women's Day**, however many organizations celebrate in a variety of ways and declare an IWD theme that supports a specific cause or agenda.

The United Nations theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, 2018, focused on 'Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50:50 by 2030' and calls upon all actors to Step It Up for Gender Equality towards a Planet 50:50 by 2030. International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time by the United Nations in 1975 and in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.

The world of work is changing, and with significant implications for women. On one hand, we have globalization, technological and digital revolution and the opportunities they bring, and on the other hand, the growing informality of labour, unstable livelihoods and incomes, new fiscal and trade policies and environmental impacts—all of which must be addressed in the context of women's economic empowerment. Source UN Women.



Soroptimist CRR District 1 Annual Awareness Event



HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SEXUAL SLAVERY

If you see something, say something!

JOIN US THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

for a Community Walk and Speakers Forum

Museum of Ventura County, 100 E Main St, Ventura

TIME

5:00 PM Registration

5:30 PM Community Walk

6:30 PM Speakers Forum

SPEAKERS

Dawn Schiller, *Survivor/Advocate*

Michael Munn, *Ventura County DA Investigator II*

Dr. Allyson Richard, *Emergency Medicine physician, Los Robles Hospital*

Christan Perez, *Client Services Program Manager, HEART Program, Interface Children & Family Services'*



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MORE INFORMATION

www.stoptraffickingventuracounty.org | Call Debbie Gohlke 805-320-5215 | 

Every 30 Seconds another person becomes a victim of Human Trafficking HELP us put an end to suffering with education, advocacy and involvement.



SI of The Conejo participated in a Community Awareness Event Presented by Soroptimist International of Oxnard, Camarillo, The Conejo, Ventura and Fillmore. The event is well received in the community. This too was held on International Women's Day March 8th at the Museum of Ventura County.



On the left we have two panel speakers, Dawn Schiller is a survivor of trafficking and a leader in the domestic violence and sexual assault movement. Her story held the room captive as she recounted her story of abuse and trafficking from a now deceased ex pornography actor who was charged guilty of murder in the famous "Wonderland Murders." Dawn has recently published her account in a book called "The Road through Wonderland".

To her right is Officer Michael Munn who is currently assigned to Human Trafficking and formed the VC Human Trafficking Enforcement Team which includes local police agencies in Ventura County, along with FBI and Amtrak Police.

Dr. Allison Santi-Richard (right) is practicing Emergency Medicine at Los Robles Hospital, after attending the 9th annual event 2 years ago, she was motivated to create and present a training program to help recognize ER patients who could be victims of trafficking.

Christan Perez (left) is the program manager of the Interface Children and Family Services HEART program, Helping to Educate, Address and Respond to Trafficking. She began her career in social services as a case manager for At Risk Youth and now oversees the human trafficking shelter.



More from Stop Human Trafficking Event – President Cutler and Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza on left, and right is Debbie Gohlke of SI Oxnard, who has championed this event for many years. Bottom is our team Marcy, Dixie and Jacque with Santa Barbara Member – Brooke Stevens who has devoted many hours toward this cause. Great Job for all those who participate. Special Thanks to Ramona Vanderwyck (center) who represented SI Conejo at the planning sessions throughout the year



SI Conejo Grows Again!

Rori Campbell Rolls in as our Newest Member

Welcome Rori!



On the left is Rori with our Charter Member Marcy being inducted into SI Conejo club, on the right is Rori and her husband Tom – Below is from Rori

“My long career in nursing has spanned clinics, private practice, hospitals, and insurance companies. I am currently a Nurse Case Manager for Conifer Health. Married to my husband Tom for 20 years, we have two married daughters, Jennifer and husband Eric in Colorado and Sheana, husband Casey, and grandkids Christian and Scarlett in Seattle.”

“I enjoy volunteer nursing with the American Red Cross, and in the past with the Conejo Free Clinic. For fun, we roll with the Conejo Ski & Sport Club, go camping in our travel trailer, and enjoy both river and ocean cruises. My Hobbies are singing and baking. With the Soroptomists, I look forward to continued volunteer services. “



**Soroptimist International of Conejo Celebrate
the Holiday Season with a festive luncheon**





See what the members have been up to!!



Above, Greg, Sue, Nancy, Jacque and Irish John celebrate Veteran's Day – below left Nancy Jacque and Greg enjoy St. Patrick's Day libations. Greg and Jacque trek to Oregon and meet Herman the Sturgeon the world's biggest Sturgeon at Bonneville Fish Hatchery, Greg meets Sasquatch the legendary Big Foot



Run Run Darryl and Ramona!



Darryl Evey and Ramona Vanderwyck finish 26.2 Miles (Darryl) and 13.1 Miles (Ramona) for Team “Family Assistance Program.” The team raised \$10,000 to help combat Human Trafficking.



FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT:

Since 1985 Family Assistance Program (FAP) formally known as High Desert Domestic Violence Program (HDDVP) has been providing shelter and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence

Two New Potential Soroptimisters!!!

On the Left, Meet Asher, Debbie and Don's newest Grandson, born on March 3rd in Folsom, California. Asher was 6 pounds 1 oz at birth and is the new little brother to Asa. On the right is the new addition to Dixie's family, Ryder James McDougall, arrived December 7, 2017 weighing in at 9 lbs. 6 oz and 21 ins. He is now 3 months old. Almost 15 lbs. and 25 ins.



The Ryans (Doug and Jackie) and the Gores (Irish John, Sue, nephew Alan from Las Vegas) and former Soroptimist Teryl Burke all sailed on the Oxnard Channel with a skipper and a Venice-type boat last Sunday! Food and drinks, and the entertaining skipper, plus jokes from The Twit, made for a wonderful afternoon!! All were celebrating the 30th wedding anniversary of John and Sue!



Don and Marcy Shewmon visit Auburn, CA to look at properties and to see their newest great grandson, Asher (above) and granddaughter, Breanna. The Shewmon's finally selected the area they like for eventual retirement so their agent is actively seeking something for them in the area. They plan to return in April to do more looking around for their ideal retirement property.

Soroptimist International 62nd Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations

From 12 – 23 March 2018, the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) will take place in the United Nations headquarters in New York. CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The event occurs annually, providing a space where UN member states, civil society organizations such as Soroptimist International, and UN entities can discuss thematic issues relevant to gender equality.

The priority theme this year will be ‘Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls’. The Review theme is ‘Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women’.

This year Soroptimist International’s President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen will lead a delegation of more than ninety Soroptimists from around the world. Mariet says: “ I am delighted to be leading the delegation this year and happy we are represented by so many nationalities and members. This is a very important CSW for SI, not only because the primary theme is rural women, but because the subjects of Agriculture and Water Scarcity are so fundamental to feeding the growing world population. We need to support rural women, to play a vital role in this process and to achieve gender equality for all”.

At CSW there are various events that happen inside the UN buildings. These events must be sponsored by governments or UN entities. They will:

Conduct high-level roundtables to exchange experiences, lessons learned and good practice;
Evaluate progress from previously agreed conclusions under the review theme;
Convene interactive discussions on initiatives to accelerate implementation and build capacity for mainstreaming gender equality across policies and programs.





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.

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.**