



S O R O P T I M I S T

Best for Women

Soroptimist
International of
Madera

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Welcome to our 2016-2017 year!

This is our second newsletter of the year. We have completed two of the ten months of the club year! My plan is that each month you will receive a newsletter that will highlight the news of the club. Past, present and future items of interest will be included. It is of course up to you to read the "news" so that you can remain informed of the activities of the club.

Any and all articles or photos are encouraged and welcome. You can email me and I will do my very best to include your information here. This will be of special interest to committee chairwomen who want to pass information on to the club.

September 29th Social

Several club members gathered at Gabriella's for a delicious and fun dinner.



Our 2016-2017 Officers and Board of Directors

Donna Tooley – President
Sue Harris – President Elect
Angie Carranco – Vice President
Nancy Staggs – Secretary
Cheryl Blackstone – Treasurer
Jane Gutknecht – Asst.
Treasurer
Jane Kautz – One-year Director
Janet Manos – Two-year
Director
Paulina Micheli – One-year
Delegate
Celeste Voyles – Two-year
Delegate
Kathy Lopes – Parliamentarian

Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls Conference

Our committee began meeting in July to start the planning process for our Fall 2016 Dream It, Be It Conference.

This conference is aimed at young women age 14 – 18. There are no limits on where the young ladies go to school or live. Please invite any young woman you know to attend.

Our conference will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Department of Social Services building on Yosemite Ave. We will begin our day at 8:30 am and complete the conference at 2:30 pm.

Along with curriculum provided by Soroptimist International, we will once again include yoga and Zumba for some active FUN!

For more information, please contact Sue Harris at saharris54@att.net

We are very pleased to announce that we have once again secured a \$1,000 grant from the Central California Women's Conference and are also partnering with the Community Action Partnership of Madera County to provide this conference at no cost to the participants.



Saturday,
November 5, 2016
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

What's Been Happening?

- Our program on September 15 was presented by Degi Bray from the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Devi updated us on the activities and opportunities provided by the Chamber. Our club is a member of the Madera Chamber of Commerce.
- On September 22 our program was presented by very our own Janet Manos. We helped Janet do a run through of a game she was presenting at the District III meeting in Tulare. Janet is District III Director for the 2016-2018 term! The game was called Broken Squares, this a great team building activity.
- On Thursday, September 15 we held our first quarterly birthday celebration for the women at Shunammite Place. A good time was had by all as we enjoyed coloring and refreshments. We had 5 birthdays to celebrate. If you have questions about Shunammite Place contact Celeste Voyles.
- On Saturday, September 24 we participated in the District III meeting in Tulare. Information was shared on many topics which included membership, fundraising, public awareness and program. We received awards for: 2015-2016 Club Giving at the Dream Believers level, participation in the 2015-2016 Live Your Dream Award program, a 2015-2016 Certificate of Appreciation to honor our efforts to increase SIA's collective impact and for our 2015-2016 Dream It, Be It Conference. Our club president, Dinna Tooley presented information on how we manage our background checks for those of us working directly with youth. Bijal Luhar, one of our Dream It, Be It youth advisory committee members, gave a short talk on how the 2015 DI, BI conference impacted her life.
- On Thursday, October 13 Kathy Lopes presented updates information on the SIA Working with Youth training and Mr. Gonzalez, Madera Unified School District Superintendent presented an update on how things are going in MUSD.

Dates to Remember

October

20 – Program meeting – “Big Goal” SIA survey, Part 1 – Janet Manos and Celeste Voyles

27 – Program Meeting – Finalize Dream it, Be It conference plans and Part 2 of the “Big Goal” SIA survey.

November

1 – Tuesday - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at Donna Tooley’s home.

November 3 – Thursday – Business Meeting
Monthly member fee due.

November 5 – Saturday – Dream It, Be It Conference. 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

November 10 – Thursday – Girl of the Month luncheon.

November 17 – Thursday – Program Meeting

November 24 – Thursday – No meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29 – Monday – Board Meeting

December

01 – Thursday – Business Meeting

08 – Thursday – Program Meeting

New Members!!

We are pleased to welcome back Stella Moosios and to also welcome new club members Dina Nolan and Teresa Norton.



Julie Herd, Dina Nolan and Celeste Voyles – feeling “Oriented”!



Kathy Lopes is currently taking orders for your favorite See’s candy. This is a great fundraiser for the club. Please consider supporting our See’s Candy Sale.