



SOROPTIMIST

**Best for Women**

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## Spring Is Just Around the Corner!

This is our seventh newsletter of the year. We have completed eight 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.



Spring Girl of the Month Honorees

**Sierra Pacific Region Spring Conference** is coming up June 2 – 4 in Visalia. Donna is currently taking sign-ups for those who would like to attend. Please consider attending. This is a great way to learn more about Soroptimist and to help our club continue to grow and prosper.

### 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

## March 2017 News

On March 9 Rae Gomes from the Madera Community Hospital Foundation came for a visit. Rae gave us an update on the happenings within the Foundation. We are pleased to contribute to the fundraising efforts of the Madera Community Hospital Foundation.



Our Spring Girl of the Month Awards Luncheon was held on March 16. Four of the five girls receiving awards were able to join us, along with their families and mentors. These young ladies represent the finest that Madera has to offer. We congratulate each of them on their achievements and look forward to a very bright future for each of them.



We also want to thank Nancy Staggs and her committee for bringing such wonderful young ladies to our attention.

## March 2017 News

On March 23 our program was presented by our Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training Team – Celeste Voyles, Kathy Lopes and Janet Manos. Club committees were discussed and sign-ups for the 2017-2018 year begun. Note from Sue – as incoming President for the 2017-2018 year I am now taking sign-ups at every meeting. Our committees are critical to the success of our club. Please consider where you would like to serve in the coming year.

We received word that we have been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Central California Women's Conference for our 2017 Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls Conference!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Shunammite Place Birthday Party was held on March 23 also. We celebrated three birthdays and the ladies made two birthday cards as their activity. This is such a rewarding project, both for the ladies of Shunammite Place and our club members.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Social was held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We participated in a wonderful evening of board decorating. Boards and Blessings came and gave a workshop and we were able to craft a "board" to take home.



## Dates to Remember

### April

20 – Regular Meeting – Dina Nolan -  
27 – Regular Meeting – 2017 Scholarship Luncheon

### May

1 – Board Meeting at Donna's house at 5:30.  
4 – Business meeting  
11 – Regular Meeting – Chickie's Tasty Treats  
18 – Regular Meeting – tentative – Aquarius Aquarium  
30 – Board Meeting for June

Our Slate of Officers for the 2017-2018 Club Year was voted on at our April 6, 2017 Business Meeting.

President – Sue Harris

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Karan Long

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Jane Gutknecht

Secretary – Nancy Staggs

Treasurer – Irene Adams

Asst. Treasurer – Cheryl Blackstone

1 Year Delegate – Celeste Voyles

2 Year Delegate – Teresa Norton

1 Year Director – Janet Manos

2 Year Director – Donna Tooley

### More Boards and Blessing FUN!





