



SOROPTIMIST

**Best for Women**

Soroptimist  
International of  
Madera

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2017

## April showers bring May...wind!

This is our eighth 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.



April brings our Scholarship Luncheon. What a special day! Not only for the young ladies we honor, but also for our club as we "Improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment".

### 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

### April News

On April 13, Lynne Pietz, The Executive Director of Development, from Hinds Hospice was our guest speaker. Lynne did a wonderful job of describing all the services provided by Hinds Hospice.

Our Saturday of Service this year was held on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The club provided the funds to purchase beach bags, beach towels and sun screen for the foster youth program through Madera Unified School District. The kids will be taking a trip to the beach in June. The club also provided personal care items to the Martha Diaz Domestic Violence Shelter. Thank you to Jane Gutknecht and the club members who put together this project and packed all the supplies.



On April 20, club member Dina Nolan, representing the Madera Irrigation District was our guest speaker. Dina did a wonderful job of giving us the history of the MID in Madera County and updated us on what is currently being done to move water throughout our area.



### April 27 – Scholarship Luncheon

Our club was delighted to award 12 scholarships to the following students:

Yazmin Arambula, Taylor Davis, Alexis Garcia, Dahlia Jimenez, Jailene Jimenez, Juliana Leon, Bijal Luhar, Lisette Hernandez, Nicole Ramirez, Husna Tanver, Ana Lomas, and Susana Villa. We are very proud of these young ladies and all their accomplishments and we look forward to the next step in their journey. Congratulations ladies!!



Soroptimist International of Madera was also present at the Scholarship nights at both Madera High School and Madera South High School.



**Dates to Remember**

May

- 18 – Program meeting
- 25 – Program meeting
- 25 – Board Meeting for June

June

- 1 – Business meeting
- 2 – 4 Sierra Pacific Region Spring Conference in Visalia
- 8 – Program meeting
- 15 – Installation of Officers 6 pm at Janet Manos’ home.
- 19 – Joint Board Meeting
- 22 – Last Business Meeting of the club year.
- 22 – Shunammite Birthday 6 pm at Diciccos.

**Club Dues (\$125) are now due.**

2017 Fall District III Meeting.

Our club will be hosting the Fall District III meeting on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Valley West Christian Center. The committee for this wonderful event is made up of club members: Jane Kautz and Paulina Micheli (co-chairs) Cheryl Blackstone, Geri St. Lucia, Stella Moosios, Wanda Mortimer, Joan Massetti and Karan Long. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering!

**Slate of Officers for the 2017-2018 Club Year**

- 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

**Club Life Member Status  
Effective July 1, 2017**

By meeting the criteria below (either number “1” of number “2”, a member can become a “Club Life” member. To become a “Club Life” member, you must be “in good standing” and the member must notify the board to request this status.

1. Member has retired from employment, after having been a member of Soroptimist International of Madera for a minimum of fifteen years; or
2. The sum of the member’s age and years of service in Soroptimist International of Madera are equal to 85 years or more.

“Club Life” members shall pay full dues and have the same responsibilities and rights as regular members. They will not be obligated to pay the monthly member fee, but will pay a pro-rated fee when attending a meeting. (The pro-rated fee will be based on the monthly fee amount.)

Club Life members are still considered active members and are highly encouraged to continue in attendance at regular meetings and community service activities.

For those who shop at SaveMart...

Our club is registered with *Shares powered by eScript*. We have received funding for our programs through the Shares Program for many years and it continues today through eScript. The program costs you nothing and is simply a way for you to designate a donation to Soroptimist International of Madera.

When we had a Shares Card you were required to swipe the card, now it is as simple as typing in your phone number on the key pad at the register.

To get started visit [savemart.com/shares](http://savemart.com/shares).