



SOROPTIMIST

**Best for Women**

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International of  
Madera

May/June  
2017

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

This is our ninth newsletter of the year. We have completed ten months of the club year! (Sorry, May kind of got away from me and a newsletter did not go out. So...May and June are combined here.)



At the 2017 Sierra Pacific Region Conference in Visalia. June 3, 2017.



The Shaping the Future Region Contest included completing requirements in four areas: Fundraising, Membership, Program and Public Awareness. In addition to the nifty logo above we also received a check for \$300 to be used for our 2017-2018 Live Your Dream Award.

**Our 2017-2018  
Officers and Board of Directors**

- Sue Harris – President
- Karan Long – President Elect
- Jane Gutknecht – Vice President
- Geri St. Lucia – Secretary
- Irene Adams – Treasurer
- Cheryl Blackstone – Asst. Treasurer
- Janet Manos – One-year Director
- Donna Tooley – Two-year Director
- Celeste Voyles – One-year Delegate
- Teresa Norton – Two-year Delegate
- Kathy Lopes – Parliamentarian

## May News

In May, we approved our 2017-2018 budget. We are very fortunate to have a well-funded organization which operates with a balanced budget. The 201-2018 Budget will be included in the 2017-2018 Handbook which will be sent via email prior to our first meeting in August. It is very important that Committee Chairs check the budget for their project or program when they begin planning.

We received our \$1,000 Grant from the Central California Women's Conference on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This funding will be used for our 2017 Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls Conference.



On May 11, club member Stephanie Lindblom, owner of Chickies Tasty Treats, brought all the supplies for us to decorate our very own cupcakes! Stephanie was also kind enough to share her knowledge of cake decorating. Great fun and we even learned a thing or two. And we went home with four decorated cupcakes!



The cupcakes Stephanie is holding were decorated by 5-year-old Madison Howery.



Our May 25<sup>th</sup> program was provided by Saleh Alhomedi from City of Madera Revitalization & Community Outreach. Sal provided information on the National Night Out program as well as other programs provided by the City of Madera.

## June News

June 2 – 4 several club members attended the Sierra Pacific Region Conference in Visalia. Si Madera was well represented by Donna Tooley, Sue Harris, Celeste Voyles, Paulina Micheli, Geri St. Lucia and Nancy Staggs.. In addition to the Shaping the Future Award that we received, we also received the Membership Challenge Award! Congratulations SI Madera!

On June 8, Sandra Kaye from the St. Francis Homeless Project "Dogs Dig Em" was our program. Sandra is the founder of this not-for-profit organization which assists women in Fresno, in getting back on their feet. The women are employed; making, packaging, selling and marketing of handmade dog treats.

Celeste Voyles and her Transitional Housing Project Committee are developing a program for the ladies currently residing in transitional housing. June 21 will be the first workshop and it will focus on budgeting and general money management.

## Dates to Remember

### June

19 – Joint Board Meeting at Janet Manos' home at 5:30 pm.

22 – Last Business Meeting of the club year.

22 – Shunammite Birthday 6 pm at DiCicco's.

### August

14 – First Board Meeting of the 2017-2018 club year

17 – First Business Meeting of the 2017-2018 club year

24 – Program Meeting

31 - Social

### 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!



## 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).

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

By meeting the criteria below (either number "1" or 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.