



October 2024

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Soroptimist is a global organization of women who volunteer their time, talent and resources to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to their economic and social empowerment.



Plan Ahead

*Soroptimist International of Palm Desert
monthly newsletter*

President's Message

Making a Difference, One Step at a Time

As we await for the weather to cool down, Soroptimist and it's outreach programs heat up.

We are testing a new meeting time for our Speaker's Meeting this Oct. 2nd. Rather than the usual noon to 1:00 pm, we will be gathering from 5:30 - 6:30 at the Casuelas Cafe in Palm Desert. Thank you to our new member Andrea Durrett for making the arrangements. This will be a one time experiment to see how you all enjoy the new schedule as well as giving our working members time to attend Soroptimist Meetings.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Barnwell, Phd with The Ophelia Project. A mentoring program for girls from 8th to 12th grade with a 100% High School Graduation. Dr. Barnwell has developed the Ambassador Program which has had great success in developing leadership skills for our Juniors and Seniors.



New member, Marlon Carrier, (although many years with Soroptimist) has introduced the SOLT program once again with Uplift Her. An exciting new member engagement initiative from our SIA programming department.

With the Soroptimist International Golden West Region District Fall Meeting taking place on October 18-19 at the Indian Wells Resort, Past President Rose Mary Jameson and Service Director Jocelyn Corominas are busy creating magic with delightful Fall Table Decorations for the Exhibit Tables. As SI Palm Springs & SI Palm Desert, are hosting, we hope you are able to attend.

I would like to thank our Treasurer, Becky Goebel for continued success attracting new members to SIPD with her daily posts on the social media site Facebook. Our recent members joined due to the Becky's clever and informative posts. Between Becky and Doris our membership is climbing.

We shall never know how much
Good a simple smile can do.

Diane Backovich
President

GWR 2024 FALL MEETINGS			
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
<p>"Sweet Dreams"</p>  <p>October 4-5 Rancho Cucamonga, CA</p> <p>Presented by: District 1 Director, Tori Zins</p> <p>Hosted by: SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire</p>	<p>"Leap Into Leadership"</p>  <p>October 18-19 Indian Wells, CA</p> <p>Presented by: District 2 Director, Charlie Van Cleve</p> <p>Hosted by: SI Palms Springs and SI Palm Desert</p>	<p>"Spotlight on Soroptimist"</p>  <p>September 27-28 Parker, AZ</p> <p>Presented by: District 3 Director, Sharon Bay</p> <p>Hosted by: SI Parker</p>	<p>"Live, Laugh, Love, and Remember"</p>  <p>November 1-2 Las Cruces, NM</p> <p>Presented by: District 4 Director, Laura Pauli</p> <p>Hosted by: SI Las Cruces</p>
<p>CALL</p> <p>Group Registration Form</p> <p>Registration Deadlines</p> <p>Fall Meeting: September 20</p> <p>Hotel: October 1</p>	<p>CALL</p> <p>Group Registration Form</p> <p>Registration Deadlines</p> <p>Fall Meeting: October 5</p> <p>Hotel: October 4</p>	<p>CALL</p> <p>Group Registration Form</p> <p>Registration Deadlines</p> <p>Fall Meeting: September 17</p> <p>Hotel: September 17</p>	<p>CALL</p> <p>Group Registration Form</p> <p>Registration Deadlines</p> <p>Fall Meeting: October 15</p> <p>Hotel: October 15</p>



WE WANT TO HELP YOU LIVE YOUR DREAM!

Are you a woman enrolled or accepted into a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program?
Are you the primary financial support for yourself and dependents?

APPLY NOW

Applications Due Nov. 15

Soroptimist.org/lyda-apply



SOROPTIMIST



LIVEYOURDREAM

2024-2025 Club Calendar

October 2024 Dates

3 Founders Day

8 Official notifications sent to club officers for 2024 proposed amendments to SIA Bylaws ballot

10 Electronic ballot opens for 2024 proposed amendments to SIA Bylaws; official ballot link sent to club email address

29-30 SIA Board of Directors meeting (virtual)

28 Official notifications sent to club officers for federation board elections in regions electing this cycle

30 Electronic ballot opens for federation board elections; official ballot link sent to club email address

Did You Know?

Soroptimist International of the Americas has over 1,000 clubs in countries across North America, Latin America and the Pacific Rim who work to economically empower women and girls. Soroptimist clubs receive assistance in their volunteer efforts by participating locally in programs developed and sponsored by the Soroptimist organization.

Happy Birthday Omie Bergquist
~ October 8



Marlon Carrier

WELCOME

**To our newest
SIPD Members**



Andrea Durrett





Violet Richardson Month of Giving

Celebrate Founder's Day all October and help carry on the legacy of Soroptimist's first president!



Since the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California in 1921, Soroptimist International (SI) has sought to bring about change to the lives of both women and girls worldwide. Through its global network of four Federations and its dedicated volunteer membership of around 66,000, SI is driven by its mission of transforming lives through education, empowerment and by enabling opportunities.

Rooted in the vision that women and girls will be able to achieve their individual and their collective potential, SI's advocacy work and on-the-ground projects seek to drive the realization of these aspirations and ensure that women and girls have an equal voice in creating strong and peaceful communities, now and in the future.

The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin soror meaning sister, and optima meaning best. And so Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as 'the best for women'.



The Charter Members of the First Soroptimist Club in 1921

from our Friendship Links

Thank you ever so much for the September Newsletter. I can't help admiring both you and your Soroptimist club! Here in Joensuu we had a summer break, Next Tuesday we will meet again at Eeva Koistinen's summer cottage. I will share with my Soroptimist Sisters about your message. Well, 50 reasons to join Soroptimist was impressive.

With best regards on behalf of SI Joensuu,
Ritva Mikkola (the oldest member)



I am happy to announce that I have rented this Condo for Dec., Jan, and Feb. I am very much looking forward to the change of environment and to visiting with Peter and all my fellow Soroptimists. I feel relatively well, but I miss Lars very much, he has left a big void behind him. Please tell everyone about my plans.

Esther Sjostrom

also from Esther....My Ukranian Family came to visit today . We took the children to the playground for fun. They are full of energy and happy.



This was the family we helped with Christmas a couple years ago by auctioning off a scarf and a few small items Esther brought with her to raise funds for the family.



Your Monthly Dash of SOLT

Marlon Carrier

No, it's not really SALT in that shaker but SOLT – Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training.

In each month's newsletter article, I will summarize my presentations from the prior month for those unable to attend all meetings and for your future reference. For my initial dash of SOLT...

At our September Business Meeting my first presentation outlined resources available to all members. In addition to our own SIPD website, be sure to take a tour of the SIA website here >> <https://www.soroptimist.org/> Explore on your own for a wealth of information.

While you are there, be sure to check out the **BLOG** link, on the top, right. Here you will find posts with the most current information. This month, check out **UpliftHER**, the new engagement initiative from the SIA program department. After selecting that post, you can select **Watch on YouTube** to view the recent webinar to learn how we can get involved. These projects are intended to address obstacles faced by those not already served by or covered under the Dream Programs (*Live Your Dream Awards* and *Dream It, Be It*). The UpliftHER program focus changes quarterly and includes October – Intimate Partner Violence, January – Trafficking, March – Single Parenting and May – Period Poverty. More to come on these opportunities in the coming months.

Whether you are a new member or well-seasoned, if there are topics you would like to see covered by SOLT, please be sure to let me know. Its Marlon Carrier at mjcarrier22@gmail.com

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN WEST REGION

District 2 Fall
Meeting
October
18-19-2024
Indian Wells

Presented by
CHARLIE VAN CLEVE
D 2 DIRECTOR

Hosted by
**SI PALM SPRINGS
& SI PALM DESERT**



Charlie Van Cleve

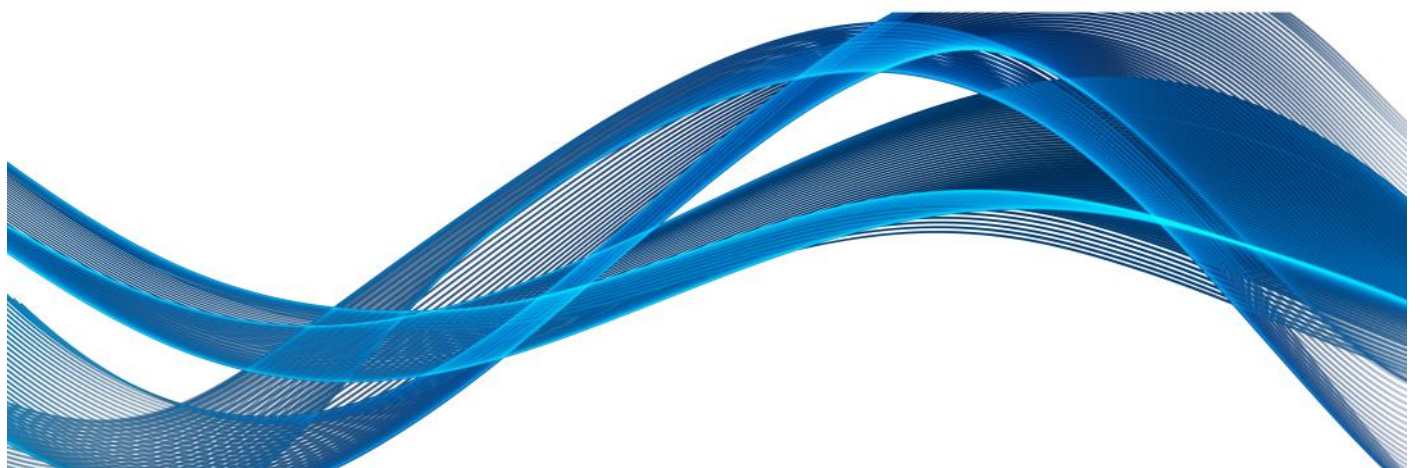
D2 Director Welcome

Dear D2 Soroptimists,

I am very excited to invite you to this year's Fall Meeting. We have so much fun and information in store for you, not to mention the bonding experience with Soroptimists in your club and meeting Soroptimists from other clubs in our district. Friday night promises to be fun with an old-fashioned Las Vegas-type dinner show. You might want to bring your bathing suit to enjoy the fabulous pool at the resort for a late-night swim.

Saturday we have engaged the dynamic Jan Harnick, Mayor Pro Tem of Palm Desert, to speak on overcoming the fear of leadership. Additionally, there will be the latest updates and introductions to new programs provided by SIA Headquarters. I can't wait to see you in Indian Wells.

**Charlie Van Cleve
District 2 Director**



Welcome Letter from SI Palm Springs

The members of Soroptimist International of Palm Springs are thrilled to invite you to the Golden West Region District 2 Fall Meeting at the stunning Indian Wells Resort in Indian Wells, California, which was founded by Hollywood legends Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in 1957! Join us for an inspiring event where we will spend our day fostering camaraderie, engaging in insightful discussions, and sharing meaningful experiences that will enrich our understanding and strengthen our bonds. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together in a truly luxurious setting as we Leap Into Leadership!

I hope to see you there!

**Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
Fall Meeting Co-Chair**



Welcome Letter from SI Palm Desert

To all Club Presidents and fellow Soroptimist Sisters,

We'd like to extend this invitation for you to visit our beautiful Coachella Valley in October, our favorite month of the year. As the temps cool and the crisp evenings begin again, this marks our welcome to Fall. Fortunately for Soroptimist, it also marks the beginning of our new club year as we head into another great season of success helping other women achieve their dreams through our leadership! This year we are honored to co-host this annual event with our friends in the SI Palm Springs club and look forward to having you join us in a unique setting.

Our event will take place in a location celebrating the old Hollywood memories of Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz and many other talented celebrities that have graced our Coachella Valley and created its reputation as a fabulous destination. If you arrive for your stay on Friday the 18th, or live locally, you will be excited to note we have arranged for a wonderful dinner and a show at a special rate. The Resort has also extended the group rate for your pleasure, if you choose to stay for an extra night. Did someone say golf on a top-rated course??

Enjoy the meeting space and ambience of this acclaimed site as we welcome our Speaker Jan Harnik, Mayor Pro Tem from the City of Palm Desert, on Saturday. The experiences of her career and examples of leadership in her fields will no doubt give us much insight to boost our own Leap into Leadership!

**See you all soon!
Rose Mary Jameson
Past President SIPD**





AGENDA

Friday, October 18th

5:30 PM Dinner & Show

Indian Wells Resort 76-661 Highway 111, Indian Wells, CA

Saturday, October 19th

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Registration and Exhibit Room Set Up

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Registration and Exhibit Room Open

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Call to Order

Words of Inspiration

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Introductions

Governors Address

11:00 am - 11:15 am

Break Exhibit Room Open

11:15 am - 12:00 am

Keynote Speaker

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Pillars

SIA Presentation

Upcoming Events

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Break and Exhibit Room Open

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Final Announcements

Invitation for BIDS to Host 2025 FALL MEETING

Soroptimist Pledge

Indian Wells Resort

Guests must call our **Front Desk/Reservations Department** at **760-345-6466** or **800-248-3220** and mention the group name "**Soroptimist International Golden West Region, District #2**" to receive group discount.
DRESS: Friday Night Social semi formal;
Saturday--comfortable and casual
Deadline for reservations; October 4th



DELUXE VIEW ROOM

Enjoy timeless comfort with a view! Spacious and newly renovated guestrooms have either one king bed or two doubles and feature contemporary desert design elements including plantation shutters leading to a private balcony or patio. Other amenities include flat screen tv's, wireless internet access, and sweeping views of the Indian Wells Country Club and stunning Santa Rosa Mountains.

[MAKE A RESERVATION](#)

[ADDITIONAL AMENITIES](#)

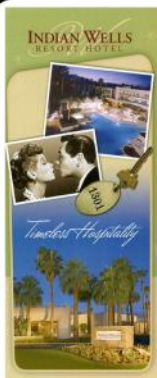
Double Occupancy includes parking and Resort fees and tax \$168.27

Friday Evening Dinner Show

**Dinner, show,
tax & tip \$49**

Indian Wells Resort
HWY 111
Indian Wells CA 92210

Dinner Salad
Bread and butter
Choice of Entrée: Chicken Marsala,
Mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
or
IW Pasta (Vegetarian)
Artichoke, sun-dried tomato, kalamata olives,
spinach, feta, parmesan, linguini, garlic bread



Saturday Lunch

BOX LUNCHES: YOUR CHOICE OF:
*TWO SANDWICH HALVES 1/2 TRUKEY 1/2 HAM
*VEGETARIAN
*GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST

EACH CONTAINS SEASONAL FRUIT, CHIPS AND A CANDY BAR

\$40 per person

Things to know

- Wear comfortable and casual clothing to Saturday's Meeting
- Wear your Soroptimist pin & name badge
- Bring members: current and future club leaders
- Bring your Soroptimist Spirit, Enthusiasm & Ideas!

Dress

Plan your Club Exhibit/Sales Tables keeping in mind:

- Include your \$15 exhibit/sales table fee with your registration
- Tables may be set up on Saturday morning between 8:30 am - 9:00 am; the exhibits will open to participants at 9:00 am
- For clubs having raffles, you need to draw your winning ticket by the end of the final break; winning tickets will be announced during the final announcements on the program

Exhibit Tables

Complete ONE registration form for all club members and mail it in with your club check payable to "GWR District 2 Fall Meeting."

REGISTRATION FEE: \$31.00

MEAL COSTS: Saturday lunch \$40

Friday night dinner & show tax/tip included \$49 (separate cost)

EXHIBIT TABLES: \$15

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 5, 2024

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Gloria Hill

224 N. Sybil Rd.

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Registration



Connect with us

There are many ways to join our club and support our mission. Contact us to find out more about volunteer opportunities, fund-raising events, and ways that you can help to get our message to your friends and family.

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Soroptimist International of Palm Desert

Investing in Dreams



Serving our community for 60 years!

50 Reasons to Join Soroptimist

Community Service | To Make a Difference | Worldwide Contribution | Friendship
Networking - Locally & Globally | Travel | International Conventions
Environmental Issues | Advocacy of Women's Issues | Women's Opportunity Awards
Legislative Issues | Personal Growth Potential | Membership Transferability
Regional Conferences | Raise Awareness of Women's Issues | Integrity of Profession
Learn Compatibility | Women Helping Women Rally Against Domestic Violence
Live Your Dream Awards | District Meetings | Globally Conscious Awareness
Education | Participation in UNIFEM | Promote Status of Women | Human Rights
Advocate Girls' Issues | Promote Youth Volunteerism | Spend Leisure Time Wisely
Leadership Training Opportunities | Take Action on Women's Health Issues
International Goodwill | Give Back to the Community | United Nations Representation
International Understanding | Experience the Joy of Achievement | Friendship Links
Accentuate the Love of Country | Be Part of a Global Voice for Women
Develop Fellowship | The Pride of Achievement | Cross-cultural Opportunities
Domestic Violence Awareness | Dream It Be It | Personality Development
Service to Members in Need | Participation in UNICEF | International Chat Line
Achievement Through Action | Lifelong Friendships

