



## October 3 - Founders Day

The first Soroptimist club was founded on October 3, 1921, in Oakland, CA, USA. It was a day when a group of female pioneers, led by President Violet Richardson, united in their purpose to create an organization committed to improving the lives of women and girls.

What started as a single club with 80 women philanthropists, has turned into a global network of Soroptimist federations with more than 75,000 members across six continents!

104 years later, Soroptimists play an important role in Violet's legacy by continuing her work to invest in the dreams of women and girls through access to education. We are grateful for our members' ongoing hard work, generosity, and passion to keep alive n our mission.

Thank you!



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

# Plan Ahead

*our monthly newsletter*

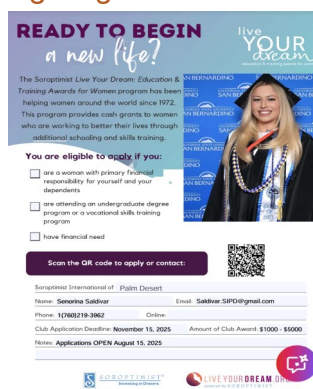
**Moving Forward, Together**  
**Inspiring, Educating, and Empowering**

## Daylight is Shorter, the Weather is Cooler, Halloween Products are in all the Stores

As a former retailer, this is when a majority of businesses make a profit. As a non-profit organization, this is when we remind our supporters about year-end giving. As members of Soroptimist International, we are focused on sharing information about our Live Your Dream program and Awards.

We are also reaching out to the local schools we support to set up various Projects; such as: Coloring Contest, Attendance Awards, and our Mighty Girl Bookshelves.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention, some behind the scenes work that is ongoing: a new email system for club notices for meeting reminders, updated roster information, a comprehensive database and much more. Behind these improvements is a dedicated SIPD member: Marlon Carrier. Thank you Marlon for everything are doing.



I look forward to seeing you during this month's meetings. During our October 15 Business meeting, we will share details of our recent member survey, talk about our new Budget, approve the revisions for our Standing Rules and our Club By-laws.

Enjoy the month of October!

*Natalie Angrisani*

SIPD President



## Service Project Updates



Last year we held our SIPD Coloring Contest at Westside Elementary. This year, we have selected Sea View Elementary as we celebrate the Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2025

We will be scheduling our first visit to Soroptimist House of Hope during the month of in November (date to be announced).

This photo from a previous visit (left to right: Trish Alpert (Rose Mary's friend), Rose Mary Jameson, Becky Goebel, and Project chair Marie Newton.



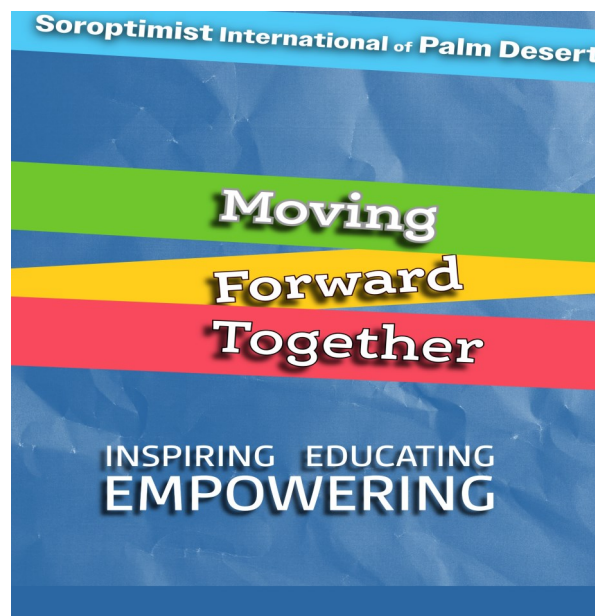
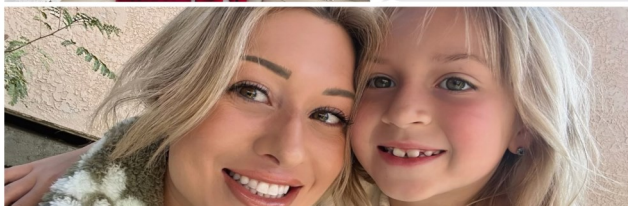
## Beyond the Cash Award

Jocelyn has contacted our all 3 the recent LYDA Winners. The project is alive and well! We are looking for Mentors for this year to walk alongside our winners family this club year, email Jocelyn if you are interested!

Here's an update from 2023 LYDA Winner Jasmine and her daughter Melia.



Update: I've just completed my first year in nursing school; most recently passing med-surge. I will continue volunteering as a nurse in January 2024 for our underserved communities. Thank you for supporting me!



## Soroptimist International of Palm Desert

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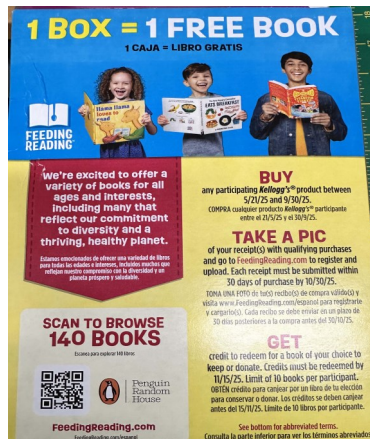
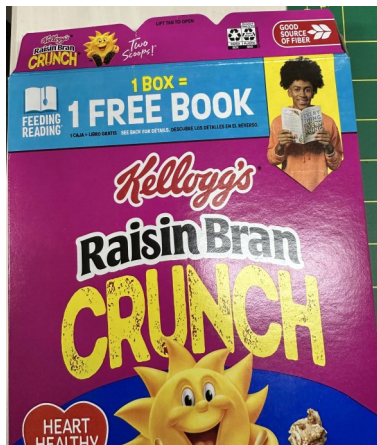
In honor BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH we kicked off our October Speaker Meeting learning about "Integration of New Technology" presented by Eisenhower Associate Professor of Radiology, Dr. Azadeh Elmi. Thank you Dr. Elmi for updating our Soroptimist Members on the latest and greatest advances in Mamography technology!



**Thank You for coming to speak with our members today!**







A Thank you note:



Thank for you the books and cereal. We will use the cereal for our snack time . The books are really nice  
- Patsy Bauman



## Breakfast the most important meal of the day

Kellogg's currently runs their "Feeding Reading" program, offering one free book for each participating cereal box purchased, with a maximum of ten books per person.

To participate, you buy a specially marked Kellogg's cereal product between 5/21/25 and 9/30/25, take a photo of your receipt, and upload it to [www.FeedingReading.com](http://www.FeedingReading.com). You will then receive credit to select a free book to keep or donate to a school or library.

Receipts must be uploaded by October 30, 2025, and book credits must be redeemed by November 15, 2025, with the promotion being available to U.S. residents who are 16 or older.

Thanks to Rose Mary Jameson bringing this to our attention. Several of our members participated in the book promotion.

The books were donated to Patsy Bauman's class, along with the boxes of cereal.



### CONNECT WITH US

There are many ways to connect with us and support our mission. Contact us to learn out about Soroptimist International of Palm Desert and how we work together to improve the lives of women and girls by inspiring, educating, and empowering them.

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### MEETINGS

Speaker's Meeting  
1st Wednesday of the Month

Business Meeting  
3rd Wednesday of the Month

### 2025-2026 OFFICERS

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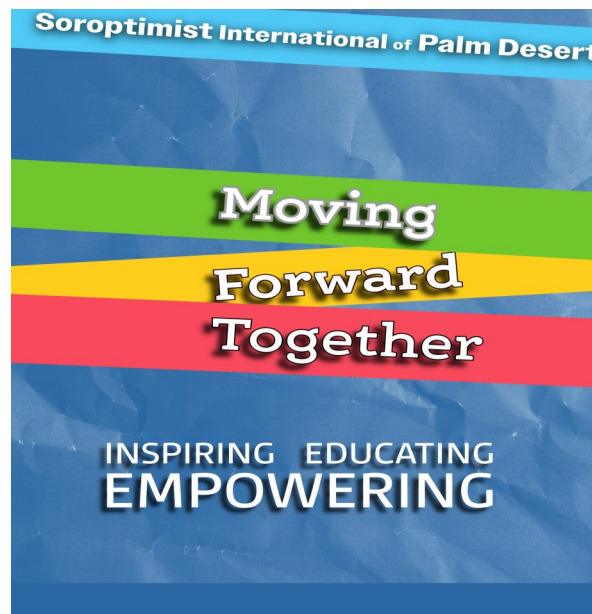
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### NEWSLETTER

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- In need of financial support for school or living expenses

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Applications accepted August 1 - November 15