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# Plan Ahead

*Soroptimist International of Palm Desert  
monthly newsletter*

## President's Message

Summer is almost over and the weather being the reason we all live here is soon to begin.

Some of you have traveled and we would love to hear about your trips and what you gained. During my life I have traveled to 50 countries and many of them were backpacking trips to the developing world. I traveled with two other women, one a nurse from Seattle and the other a business owner from Jackson Hole.

During one of those trips, we were caught up in a War in the Congo. I thought that due to the fact we were Americans, everything would be done to assure our safe exit from that country. Do you know what happened? Nothing, absolutely nothing. We were no better nor worse than the man or woman sitting next to us. Needless to say, we were able to evacuate from this War zone, but it taught me a valuable lesson.



Traveling is a transformative experience that can broaden your horizons, challenge your perspectives, and enrich your life in countless ways. Whether you are a seasoned globetrotter or just starting to explore, travel has the power to inspire personal growth, foster meaningful connections, and create lifelong memories.

*Diane*

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, but people will Never forget how you made them feel" ~ Maya Angelou*

### Our upcoming meeting dates

First Wednesday of Month is Speaker Meeting. Third Wednesday of Month is Business Meeting. 12:00 Noon at Regional Access Project Foundation Building, 41550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260.

Listed Speakers are subject to change. Due to New Years Day falling on the first Wednesday in 2025, January meetings will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.

September 2024  
Sept. 4 Speakers Rose Mary Jamison and Senorina Saldivar on Soroptimist 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Seattle, WA  
Sept. 18 Business Meeting to Approve Budget for the year

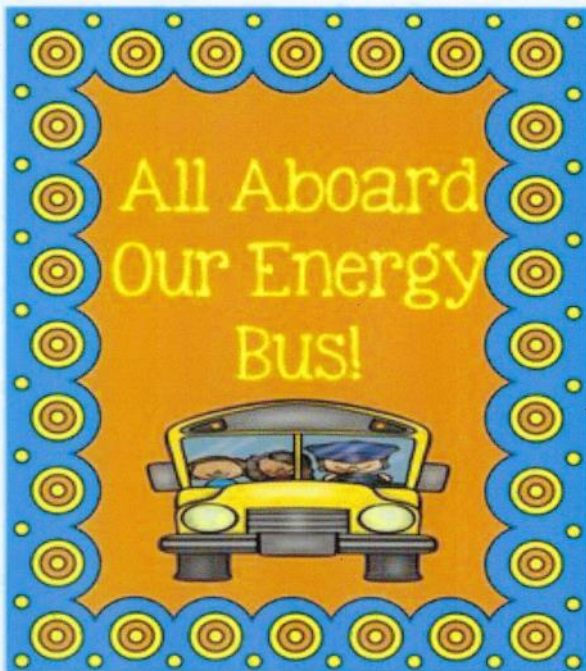
October 2024  
Oct. 2 Speaker from Ophelia Project.  
Oct. 16 Business Meeting  
Oct. 18-19 Fall Meeting. We and SI Palm Springs are hosts. Location to be announced soon.

November 2024  
Nov. 6 Speaker from Augustine Casino or Veteran TBD  
Nov. 20 Business Meeting

## **GOLDEN WEST REGION**

### **Leadership Training Retreat**

**August 16-17, 2024**



Presented by: Liz Glowka, 2024-2026 Governor

For those of us that were able to attend this training, there were multiple lessons that we learned and when we apply them to both our personal and professional relationships, the positive energy fuels you, your family, your team, your organization and your community and that makes the world a better place for all of us.



### **Here are 10 Rules we learned to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy!**

- You're the driver of your bus.
- Desire, vision, and focus moves your bus in the right direction.
- Fuel your ride with positive energy.
- Invite people on our bus and share your vision for the road ahead.
- Don't waste your energy on those who don't get on your bus.
- Post a sign that says that NO ENERGY VAMPIRES ALLOWED on your bus.
- Enthusiasm attracts more passengers and energizes them during the ride.
- Love Your passengers.
- Drive with purpose.
- Have fun and enjoy the ride.



**Judith and Omie, were the first of our team to arrive and get on the Energy Bus.**





## Happy Birthday

9/1 Natalie Angrisani

9/3 Mona Morales

9/14 Melinda Gonzalez

9/25 Christine Duranceau

## Soroptimist House of Hope Pool Party

Thank you Mary Kay for having us and thank you Doris for organizing it.

Everyone went in the pool!!! The weather was perfect and the group was enjoyable. We all had a great evening together! Becky brought big beach towels for all. For Grace before eating, one of our gals did a beautiful spontaneous blessing. It is a true blessing to be with these lovely women whom we all admire so much!



....and this thank you from Nicole:

Good evening Soroptimist International,

On behalf of the residents at Soroptimist House of Hope, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for inviting us to the pool party on Saturday night. Our residents had a wonderful time enjoying the food, the company, and the thoughtful gesture of providing towels. It was truly a memorable evening, and we are grateful to you for your kindness and hospitality.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Warm regards,  
**Nicole Yingling, BSW, CADCI**  
**Executive Director**  
**Soroptimist House of Hope**

## The Live Your Dream Portal is Active!

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- ☐ are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- ☐ are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program
- ☐ have financial need



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Club Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

Amount of Club Award: \$1,000

Notes: We provide assistance & workshops with the application.

Please call or email to schedule an appointment.





**When the Term as Club President is Over  
or  
“How I Spent My Summer Vacation”  
by Rose Mary Jameson**



In a nutshell our summer days went by quickly! John and I started out on our annual Family tour in an unusual way. Starting out with a night at the Theater, we saw “Funny Girl” with dear friends, and then proceeded with a stop in Pismo Beach for a look at the central coast.

From there, a stay at the rustic Cambria Pines Lodge and their beautiful gardens. We continued on our way up to Idaho and a stay with daughter Dawn (a great supporter of Soroptimist), grandkids Melia and Ty to enjoy some beautiful cool Northern weather and sunny late nights! Then we trekked southward to Salt Lake City to visit our son Chris (another good Soroptimist supporter!) and saw Pyper and Scout. We are truly blessed, everyone is growing so fast-it’s nice to see them once in a while.

Later in the summer we met up again for beach time in Newport and a trip to Disneyland! Even our former daughter-in-law came out with the girls for a second beach trip to Dana Point and we caught a concert at the Salt Creek Park. Our adventure found us in San Juan Capistrano for a very beautiful day strolling in the historic cottages and enjoying a perfect gelato!



The next time you and the grandkids see me I’ll have a new hip!

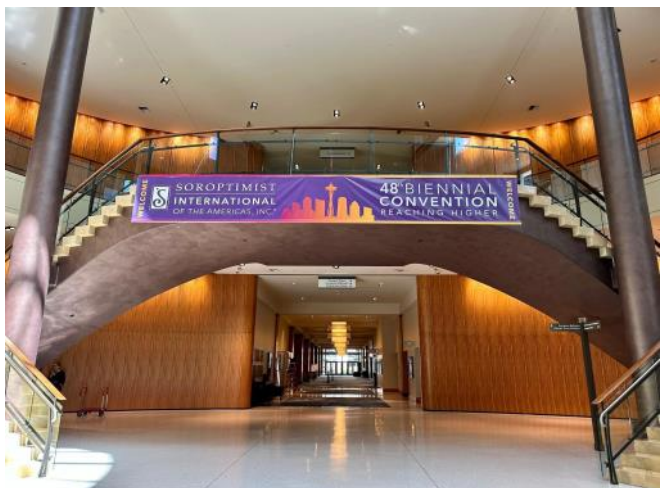
*Editor’s note:*

*The surgery went well and Rose Mary is recuperating.*



**Photos from the July 2024**

**Biennial Convention**





## **Our Fall Meeting Save the Dates October 18-19**

This year we are honored to co-host the annual event with our friends in the SI Palm Springs Club and welcome all clubs in District #2 to the desert. Now all can experience the beauty of this area and understand why we call it home, scorching heat and all.

Working with Charlie Van Cleve, our District #2 Director and Gloria Hill from SIPS we have found a wonderful place with entertainment for Friday evening to help kick off the Fall Meeting! Taking a step back in time, we will relive the heydays of old Hollywood that made our Desert famous and we will enjoy performer Marc Antonelli at the Indian Wells Resort along with dinner! What a perfect evening for you to invite your "Soropti-Mister" for a night out on the town.

Wouldn't it be fun to get dressed up, dining in the same location as Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, listening to Marc sing those classic tunes and bringing to life the sounds of Sinatra, Sammy, Dean and others?



For our main event on Saturday, you will be welcomed at every turn as you enter the hotel by photos of the famous and talented movie stars that gave our Coachella Valley its history and reputation. One of the criteria for this meeting was to find a place that offered both overnight accommodation and a nice event space. The Mirage and Santa Rosa Rooms will be perfect for our needs.

We are pleased to announce our Mayor Pro tem of Palm Desert, Jan Harnik will be speaking and inspiring us with her monumental career path and ways to take a leap into leadership! There is enough room for exhibit tables for us and all the other Clubs. We are going to have some wonderful items and other clubs might bring a gift basket or two.

Anyone from out of town who stays at the hotel will be given a voucher for breakfast and if they liked, could arrange a round of golf. The top-rated courses can only be played if you stay at the resort.

When the CALL is emailed, you'll see all the details. So, mark your calendars and save the dates of October 18th and 19th and help launch our next Soroptimist year!

*Rose Mary Jameson*  
SIPD past President







## **Soroptimist International of Palm Desert**

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Serving our community for 60 years!

## **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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### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **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

