



IT'S "PAINT NIGHT" AT DISTRICT 2 FALL MEETING!



# PLAN AHEAD

The newsletter for Soroptimist International of Palm Desert, November 2018

-Doris Churry, Editor





## NOVEMBER AT SIPD

-President Betsy

First and foremost, **KUDOS** to our own District 2 Director Becky, for making this Fall Meeting fun and lively. From Friday night Paint Night to Saturday's meeting, we sure had a great time. Becky, you outdid yourself! We had 12 club members attending and all of us have some good stories to share.

Sure hope you are joining us this Thursday, November 1 at Marie Newton's for the Purse Party. Marie has about a hundred purses for us to purchase. Please RSVP **to** Marie if you haven't already. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to take advantage of this unique personal project.



Our speaker at the November 7 meeting will be Patrick O'Dowd from the CV Water District to give us the status of the Salton Sea restoration and various future projects. Also at this speaker series meeting, please bring items requested by the SHOH. Here are the items they need:



**HOUSE OF HOPE, DESERT HOT SPRINGS TREATMENT FACILITY:** House of Hope T-Shirts; Hygiene Products (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, bath soap, lotion, deodorant, feminine napkins); Office Supplies (printer ink, paper, binders, journal notebooks), Paper Goods (toilet paper/Scott brand, paper towels, Kleenex).

**BANNING "HOPE'S HORIZONS" RECOVERY RESIDENCE:** Laundry Supplies (soap, softener, dryer sheets); Paper Goods (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex); Cleaning Supplies (bleach, Lysol, etc.); Office Supplies (printer ink, paper, binders, file folders, storage boxes).

On Wednesday, November 14, SIPD is taking an Italian Dinner up to the SHOH. Contact Janice to see what else she needs beyond what members signed up for at our last meeting.



There will not be a November 21<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting, as approved by the club members when we went through our Club Calendar for the year last month. Also, if you are already planning your December Calendar we agreed to switch the December Business Meeting to December 5 and will have our Holiday Meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. More on that to come in next month's *Plan Ahead*.



A reminder—if you haven't submitted your "Healthy Club Survey", please do that this month. I will resend the survey this week for those of you who still need to complete one for the board to review. Thanks for your input.

# Welcome to **TORRID** **YOU'LL FIT RIGHT IN**

The new Soroptimist International of the Americas sponsor, Torrid, has donated \$100,000 to us to support our Live Your Dream program recipients by sending them to SIA convention in Tokyo, giving them wardrobe and makeovers and supporting them! An amazing company and we have a Torrid location right here in Palm Desert. They may be your new go-to shopping destination, but in any case, they have definitely earned our respect and we are all encouraged to check out their fashion line in person:

**1<sup>st</sup> purchase Online 20% DISCOUNT CODE - TDWEL20 / 72840 HWY 111, PALM DESERT**

# NOVEMBER

## Be Thankful!



November 1, 2018 @ 5-8pm

**PURSE PARTY!** "It's new – It's different – It's fun – It's a personal fundraiser!"

Choose from 100 purses. Unbelievable. No doubt will go down in the annals of SIPD history as a spectacular event. Be there. Be there with friends.

Marie Newton's home, 72550 Greenbriar Lane, Palm Desert

November 7, 2018 @ noon

**SPEAKER'S MEETING!** Patrick O'Dowd, CV Water District

"Status of the Salton Sea Restoration"

Desert Falls Country Club. DFCC is trying hard for us ladies. Let's give them a chance to shine and make us go: "yummy!"

November 14, 2018 @ 4:30pm meetup at Costco Gas in Palm Desert

**HOUSE OF HOPE** Italian potluck to go!

Bond with / Meet with / Eat with current HOH clients



November 22

**THANKSGIVING!**

May your day be elevated to the level of special in all that you do to express yourself in the spirit of appreciating who you are, what you have and what you do for others. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

# Happy Thanksgiving



# The Multiple Documents You Need Before You Die

-Cathy Brown

It isn't enough to simply sign a bunch of papers creating an estate plan and other end-of-life instructions. You also need to make your heirs aware of them, and where to find them. Consider this: At least 10 states, including California, have been investigating some of the country's largest insurance companies for failing to pay out unclaimed life insurance proceeds to beneficiaries. Insurers say they're behaving lawfully since it's not their responsibility to determine if a policy holder is still alive.

According to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, state treasurers currently hold about \$33 billion in unclaimed bank accounts and other assets. Check out the site [www.Missing-Money.com](http://www.Missing-Money.com) to see if there's any money due to you.



Losing a loved one is hard enough without the struggle to wade through the late person's financial life, so here's a list of essential documents that should be kept together and in a place that the heirs know about:

- ❖ **Original Will or Trust**----To avoid the time and expense of probate, consider a revocable living trust.
  - ❖ **Proof of Ownership**—You should keep documentation of real estate ownership, cemetery plots, vehicles, stock certificates and savings bonds; any partnership or corporate operating agreements; and a list of brokerage and escrow mortgage accounts.
- Keeping recent copies of tax returns is valuable too, since it offers a snapshot of what assets are owned.
- ❖ **Bank Accounts**—Keep a list of all accounts including log-in information. Also, list any safety deposit boxes and register your spouse or child's name with the bank so they can access them.
  - ❖ **Health-Care Confidential**—Make sure that you have a durable health care Power of Attorney form. This allows someone to make health care decisions on your behalf if you're incapacitated.
  - ❖ **Life Insurance and Retirement Accounts**—Copies of life insurance policies will help your family know the policy number, carrier, and agent to contact.
  - ❖ **Marriage and Divorce**—Make sure to keep a copy of your marriage license and your divorce decree if applicable.

# FALL MEETING WRAPUP



-Becky Goebel, District 2 Director

Heartfelt thanks to our 12 members who attended and supported my first Fall Meeting as District 2 Director!

“Soroptimist Rock n’ Roll for Education” was well attended by 60 District 2 Soroptimist members from 8 of our 9 clubs and we all enjoyed a fun-filled day! Poodle skirts, bobby socks and turned up jeans were a big part of the level of enthusiasm of D2 Soroptimists getting into the spirit.

Girl Scout Troop 183 presented the colors for our flag salute. Two of the Scout Leaders have connections with SIPD. Scout moms Jessica attended our first **“Reach for Your Dream”** workshop and Cherise is a good friend of one our **“Live Your Dream”** winners. So much fun to see these cute little future Soroptimists give their all!



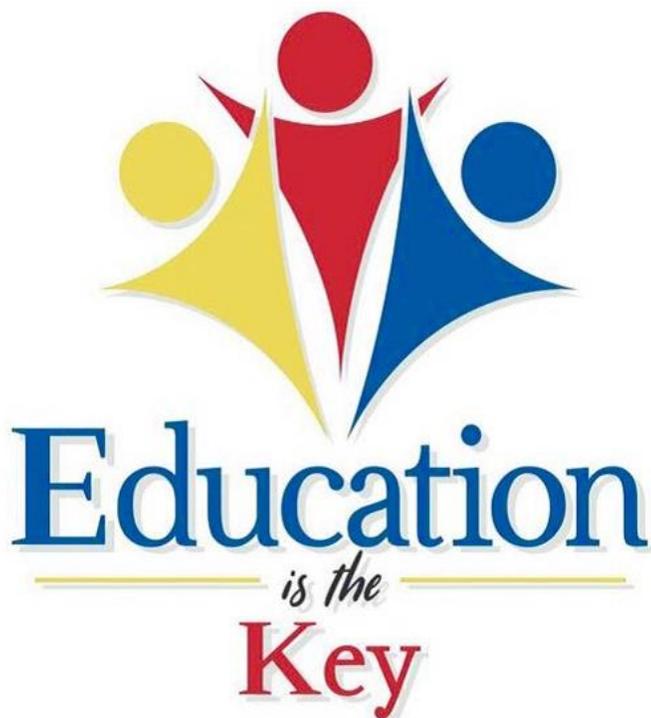
Karen Koch was officially inducted into the Palm Desert Club, welcomed by the club presidents with the **“Right Hand of Friendship”**. Louisa Castrodale, Palm Springs Unified School District, was our keynote speaker, “Igniting the Spark of Education for Women and Girls” and was so informative. Club skits depicting **“What Education Looked like in the Fifties”** were presented by SI Moreno Valley, SI Palm Springs, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley and SI Twentynine Palms for our enjoyment. All other clubs “faced the music” dancing 50’s style to appease the audience.

GWR Board Members and Pillars captured our attention with enlightening information, featuring our **GWR 2019 Soroptimist Alaskan Cruise!** Barbara Grode, Fundraising Pillar from SI Palm Springs, was pinned for achieving her next level as a Laurel Society Member, and Pam Field also SI Palm Springs, accepted the governor’s appointment to act as Program Pillar for the Biennium.

Are you getting the idea that we had a great time? San Jacinto-Hemet Valley won the bid for Fall 2 District Meeting 2019, good job ladies! I would be remiss not to mention our first “Soroptimist Paint Night” - one word only, FUN! My official club visitations are beginning; let me know if you would like to join me on a visit, as you would be most welcome!

## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

-Lori Reed, Governor, Golden West Region



“Education is the Key” is my governor’s theme for some really strong reasons. The facts are:

- Education is the key to surpassing the tipping point in the poverty cycle
- When women are educated and have opportunity and choice, they:
  - Lift themselves up
  - Break the cycle of poverty
  - Build healthier families
  - Improve their communities and the world
- Educating women is the single most effective anti-poverty intervention. (SIA Federation 2017 “What If” speech)
- According to Nelson Mandela ... Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

## SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

## SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment and access to education.

## SOROPTIMIST WORK/IMPACT

Our years of working with women and girls has taught us that education is the key to unlocking economical empowerment of the world’s women and girls. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

## EMPOWERMENT?

Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being, and when they have a voice in the financial decisions to shape their lives. When women and girls are empowered, they have a sense of autonomy, and self-confidence. We focus on access to education because we believe it’s the most effective way toward empowerment.

## CRANBERRY/ORANGE/WHITE CHOCOLATE COOKIES



½ C butter, softened  
½ C packed brown sugar  
½ C sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp orange extract

1 ½ C all-purpose flour  
½ tsp baking soda  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp dried cranberries  
6 oz white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine sugar and butter until smooth. Add egg and orange and beat until smooth. Separately combine: flour, baking soda and ginger. Mix into sugar mixture in small portions. Mix in cranberries and white chocolate chips. Drop spoonful of batter onto baking sheet (I like to line with parchment). Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Let cookies cool for at least 5 minutes.

Take it one step further! Combine/mix 4 oz cream cheese, 2 C powdered sugar, 2 tsp orange extract and ½ tsp vanilla extract. May be put in a plastic bag and then cut small hole in the tip of bag with scissors to pipe a decoration onto the cookies for extra decadence!