

# Salty Soroptimist News

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### President Rita's Message



We just completed a great Spring Conference! It was great to have sixteen of our members participate. We had a great 10-year report from Shirlee Draper, a SI Salt Lake City Live Your Dream Winner, present what she has accomplished. She has become a consultant and on the board of the Colorado City Foundation, a consultant to the Utah Legislature, and had more than 100,000 contacts with women and children to help them get services to survive polygamy. She was a dynamic speaker!! We all had a hand in helping her be successful by giv-

ing her our local award, then sending her on to the Region in which she received the top award and then she received the financial award from SIA at SIA convention. All these awards helped her complete her bachelor's and then get her master's to help become successful in helping others. It was great to see her again and catch up! You can often see her name in the news media when there are actions in the news media about Colorado City.

I especially want to call out Loretta Petersen for all the work she did to make the Region Conference a big success. She managed all the facilities and meals! What a great job and lots of great feedback. Because she did such a great job the new Governor has asked her to help plan the future meetings for the Region! A Big THANKS to Loretta for making our Club look good. Some to the members in attendance certainly helped with the food distribution and clean up

also, and I would like to thank them also for jumping in! Our Club really shined throughout the event!

We are also getting to the end of the year; we only have two program meetings left. We have a fun activity on May 22<sup>nd</sup> which is a potluck for members at my home. It is a membership drive, and we are also inviting our Dream Believers and most recent Live Your Dream Awardees to bring their families and come paint rocks for our new Public Awareness activity. All supplies will be provided. Also, everyone please bring at least one friend, associate, or neighbor that may be interested in Soroptimist. It will be a fun night! Hope all will plan to attend.

Hope everyone is starting to enjoy the little warmer weather. Thanks for your amazing support this past year!

President Rita

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#### 2023-2-24 Officers/Board

**President—Rita Offrett**

**President Elect—Barbara Rosner**

**Treasurer—Donna Schultz**

**Treasurer Elect—Loretta Peterson**

**Dir- at Large—Angela Yarborough**

**Secretary—Cheri Richardson**

**Parliamentarian—Cathy Stevens**

**Past President—Carma Ingram**

**Delegate—Pat Murdoch**

**Delegate—Teresa Just**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peaks to Plains Region – Spring Conference April 26-27, 2024 Salt Lake City, UT by Teresa Just

Shout out to all members who attended the annual Spring Conference. SI Salt Lake City was well represented with 14+ members in attendance.

A big THANK YOU to Loretta Peterson who managed everything related to the facility including all the meals and snacks. She did an amazing job! We also want to thank all the Salt Lake City members who helped during the two-day event. We were also able to serve the community through donations of the remaining food given to the Women's Resource Center and the Rescue Mission.

Co-Governors: Andrea Dickerson and Marian Warren welcomed everyone to the conference including welcome videos from Bobbi Enderlin, SIA President 2023-2024 and Michelle Burnett, SIA Executive Director and CEO. Bobbi encouraged everyone to have fun, learn a lot and share with our club members. Michelle Burnett reinforced that together we can reach new heights.

The conference began with a welcome to Salt Lake City message from Utah State Senator, Karen Kwan. The theme of Karen's message was the importance of education for women and girls. Karen's parent immigrated from China so their children would have access to education. Her father always said, everything else can go by the wayside, if his children had access to education. Education stays with you forever! Karen and her siblings all graduated with a degree which is no surprise since education was their family's primary goal. Karen loves the Soroptimist mission of helping women and girls with access to education.

Kimberly Adams, SIA Chief Impact & Engagement Officer, presented Chris Blazey and Susan Gilbey with the prestigious Inner Circle awards for their monthly giving.

First time attendees to Region conference were recognized including Michelle Jackson, Rachel Woodhouse, and Kathy Margaritis from the Salt Lake City club. Member of Long Standing went to Ellie Syme, SI Ogden, with her membership of 52 years.

Susan Gilbey, SIA Board Member, spoke to us about Reaching New Heights. Key messages: Big Goal Accelerator Projects : Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education by 2031, Grow the number of Dream Awards, Increase mentors, >59,000 women and



President Rita with Karen Kwan



Carolyn Roberts, Shirlee Draper and Rita Offrett

girls impacted so far through these projects. Our Greatest asset is Each Other! Empowered Women help empower women.

Big Rocks (past Governors) Project offers \$250 per District to help a club with a Big Accelerator Project. Application deadline: November 1, 2024

General Business – Voted by the Delegates. Salt Lake City was represented by Rita Offrett, Pat Murdoch and Teresa Just voted based on the feedback from our members: Minutes - 2023 Region Conference – Approved with identified corrections, ByLaws – 1<sup>st</sup> for Peaks to Plains Region – Approved, Budget – Approved with the following modifications (\$250 Club Registration fee – Move to Restricted Fund, Club Giving fundraiser – Name changed to Region Fundraiser)

Nominations – Presented by Carma Ingram, Asked for nominations from the floor. None received.

Each of the nominees spoke about why they would like to serve on the Region Board.

The winners – Peaks to Plains Region Board 2024-2025 are shown on the next page.

The highlight of the conference was the Live Your Dream Awards kicked off by Guest Speaker – Shirlee Draper, former 2014 LYD Award Winner from the Salt Lake City club who went on to win Region and Federation awards. Shirlee spoke about her upbringing in the FLDS Church and how the LYD Award helped her achieve her goal of helping others like her. Shirlee is the founder of Cherish Families helping families in and around the community of Hilldale, Utah. Her work with the Utah Legislature has completely transformed this community with generational impact. We could not be prouder of Shirlee and everything she has accomplished for herself, her family and communities in Utah and throughout the US.

Region Live Your Dream Awards were given to 6 women representing the District winners. The conference wrapped up with Banquet Dinner and Installation of the 2024-2026 Region Board. 2025 Region Conference will be in Ft. Collins, CO.

## Region Conference Photos



Past Governors 2022-2024  
Andrea Dickerson & Marian Warren

## Region Board 2024-2026



Governor Harriett Beck



Governor Elect Alice Helle



Region Treasurer  
Chris Blazey



Region Secretary  
Cheri Richardson



District Director I  
Kathy Jones



District Director II  
Carolyn Roberts



District Director III  
Bonne Newton



District Director IV  
Cindy Dickinson



District Director V  
Shelley Rask



District Director VI  
Andrea Hartman

# Region Conference Photos



# Combination Dream Believers Family Reunion and Membership Drive

RSVP Donna Schultz  
801-631-7097

**FAMILY PICNIC**

May 22 - 6:00 pm

**Dream Believers and children**  
*Live Your Dream Reunion*

**Membership Drive**  
*Bring your friends and family*

Rita's Home  
4599 S Driftwood Dr  
Taylorsville

**POTLUCK DINNER**  
PROVIDED BY CLUB MEMBERS

children welcome

**ROCK PAINTING ACTIVITY**

Soroptimist Rocks

Dinner will be provided by the membership. Members should bring a potluck dish to share. Guests will not be asked to bring food.

Please try to bring guests who may be interested in joining our club. They will be able to see the spirit of Soroptimist through our Dream

Believers, the camaraderie of the members and the fun of our activities.

Dream Believers and their families are invited to share in our food and fun.

We will be painting rocks for our public awareness campaign. We will provide rocks, paint, and some

brushes. Feel free to bring your own rocks, paints or brushes if you wish.

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 19 to Donna Schultz 801-631-7097.



# *Meet Your SISLC Board of Directors 2024-2025*



*Barbara Rosner, President*



*Carma Ingram, President Elect*



*Loretta Peterson, Treasurer*



*Pat Murdoch, Treasurer Elect*



*Donna Schultz, Secretary*



*Donna Visco, Director at Large*



*Zulie Langarica, Delegate*



*Rachel Woodhouse, Delegate*

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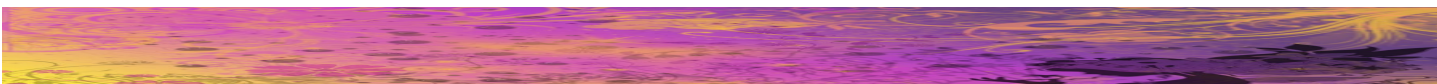
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## May Birthdays

### Happy Birthday!!

*Carolyn Roberts 5/1*  
*Kymerly Wells 5/9*  
*Donna Visco 5/27*



## May/ June Calendar

## Membership by Pat Murdoch

### Mark Your Calendars ...

5/1—Board Meeting at Rita's

5/22—Program Meeting  
"Soroptimist Rocks" 6:00 pm at  
Rita's House

6/5—Board Meeting at Rita's

6/19—Board Installation

*Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." – Erma Bombeck*

Soroptimist Int. is a unique organization for women that encourages women and girls' empowerment through education. We certainly embody the quotation from Erma Bombeck as our members are a dedicated group of women solidly behind our mission. That is why we want to share our programs through new members.

Our May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, rock painting, is perfect for introducing women to our club. If you to want to introduce a friend or family member to our club, our programs, and our wonderful members, please encourage them to join us. If you know someone you would like me to contact prior to the meeting, please contact Pat Murdoch.