

Salty Soroptimist News



President Barbara's Message

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

What a busy and rewarding month it has been! Our March 7th fundraiser was a great success—thank

you to everyone who participated and contributed. Stay tuned for more details on the impact of this event.

We also invite you to join us for our upcoming **Board Meeting on March 12**, where all members are welcome to attend and address any concerns or questions regarding our club. Your involvement is what makes our club strong!

A **special thank you** to Rita Offrett and her dedicated committee for their incredible efforts and long hours preparing for the fundraiser. Your hard work truly made a difference!

We encourage everyone to attend our **program meetings** and continue supporting **Dream It, Be It (DIBI)**—your commitment to investing in the dreams of women and girls is invaluable.

Thank you all for your dedication and passion!

Warmly,

Barbara Rosner

President, Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City

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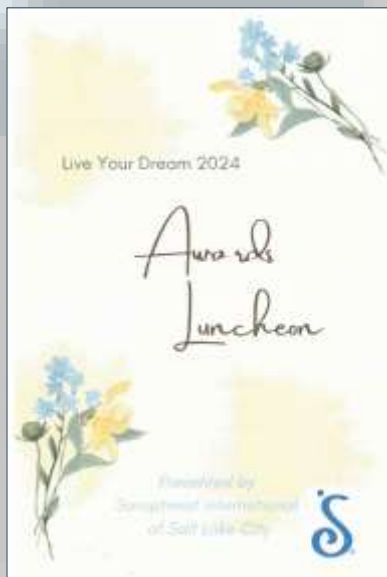
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Reports from our DIBI & Big Goal classes on March 6th, 7th, and 8th will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.



Program and article by: Jan Crane

Please Join Us: Upcoming Dream & Big Goal Programs

DIBI provides guidance, training, and resources to prepare girls for career success. We'll have reports from March events in April's newsletter.

March, April classes:

- **Horizonte Rose Park: Friday, March 21**, for our third session, on overcoming obstacles. **Arrive 10:30 a.m.** (class is 11-12:40), Address: 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC, Northwest back door, ring the bell.
- **Horizonte Rose Park: Friday, April 18**, our fourth session where Donna will present on Balancing Stress. **Arrive at 10:30 a.m.** (class 11-12:40).

It's a rewarding experience mentoring these girls during an important time of life transitions!

Live Your Dream Award Winners' Celebration

The Live Your Dream luncheon honoring our 2024 recipients was held Sat Feb 15th at Gardner Village Gathering Place. It's always so special to hear from the ladies- the challenges they have faced, their goals and dreams for the future- and how the Live Your Dream award helped them.

We had six recipients attend and speak- Rosemarie Garduno (\$2000), Kinzie Taylor (\$1000), Sherri M. (\$700), Aimee Broadbent (\$700), Alicia Sumner (\$700), and Tricia Slinger (\$700) and Jan shared written statements from two others- Renae Mordecai (\$1500) and McKayla Martell (\$1000). Each woman received a lovely, framed certificate and a bouquet of fresh flowers. Many Sorooptimists were there, along with family, friends, our Live Your Dream judges- Evonnie Whitworth and Liz Weight, and Region Governor Harriet Beck.

This is the program we raised money for- and it was a joy to see the fruits of our labors!

The following are the winners for our Region Live Your Dream Awards:

1st Place: Amberlyn Hinojasa , Submitted by SI Caldwell, \$5000

2nd Place: Treya Pettit, Submitted by SI Twin Cities, \$3000

3rd Place: Amy Dickman, Submitted by SI Fort Collins, \$3000

4th Place: Michaela Paslay, Submitted by SI Fremont County, \$1500

5th Place: Rosemarie Garduno, Submitted by SI SLC, \$1500

6th Place: Indigo Young, Submitted by SI Des Moines, \$1500

LYD Award Winners Pictures



Rosemarie Garduno -1st



Kinzie Taylor -3rd



Aimee Broadbent



Trisha Slinger



Sherri M.



Aimee B. & Jan Crane Chairwomen



Alisha Sumner



Alisha Sumner and family



Kylie Ryan (left)

Danielle Renteria (right)



LYD Winner, Sherrie M., Wrote and Read “What is a Mother”



What is a Mother?

A Mother is a Healer.

A Mother is a Lover.

A Mother is the ultimate sacrifice - other than Jesus himself.

A Mother puts everybody else's needs before hers.

A Mother rarely takes time away from all of her daily duties to get minutes alone to herself because she feels guilty about putting a pause button on all the tasks that constantly surround her.

A Mother wears a smile when inside she's eternally exhausted.

A Mother uses every ounce of energy she can somehow round up to get up, get things done and repeat, repeat, repeat.

A Mother will drive you to the store late at night to get your school items needed for the next day.

A Mother will give you the last cookie left.

A Mother saves you a dinner plate for when you get home from work.

A Mother cleans your room for you.

A Mother washes dishes.

A Mother cooks and cleans.

A Mother suffers physical pain.

A Mother suffers emotional pain.

A Mother gives every single inch of her heart to others and ask zero in return.

A Mother's strength goes unnoticed.

But No. I see it. I'm telling you I see it. I witness it every day.

I am you and you are me. We together are HER.

I see you. I feel you. I love you. I appreciate you.

You are the one lifting me up. I keep going because of you.

I see you struggle. I feel you when you cry.

You got this. We can do this. We were born for this. I support you.

Keep going. Keep fighting.

Even when you feel like no one tells you thank you or no one goes out of their way to do something thoughtful and kind for you –

I'm sending those well wishes to you that you desperately need and deserve.

I'll lift you up. I'll listen to you vent.

You can come cry to me. I'll help you. We got this.

I'll be your best friend. Your sister – your power unstoppable.

I am You. You are me. We are HER.

WE ARE MOTHER!



Empowering Girls at Horizonte Rose Park

On February 28th for our Big Goal Accelerator Project, we had a smaller group of 7 girls. Kathy Margaritis and Michelle Jackson lead the discussion which was based on the DIBI Exploring Careers curriculum. The icebreaker activity helped the girls identify their personality and values with the Either-Or Choice game, which they discussed with peers and us. They then clarified their top 10 values by sorting through the value cards. When sharing a few of their top values, many of them mentioned self respect, trust, and loyalty. They further explored with the Work Values Inventory and figured out which career options fit best with their values. The girls attending all seemed engaged and to enjoy the presentation and activities.

Thanks to Soroptimist members assisting with small groups: Donna Schultz, Carma Ingram, and Rita Offrett. Rita's granddaughter, Dayna joined right in with the girl's groups to help even out numbers. A potential member, Christine Lutz also attended with Rita.

An Inspiring Evening with LYD Winner, Shirlee Draper

A small group of Soroptimist SLC club went to support Ogden's Live Your Dream awards fundraiser on February 18th. It was inspiring for me to learn about our 2014 LYD winner that went all the way to winning the national award. Shirlee Draper was born and raised in "Short Creek" (a polygamous community). After leaving the community, she obtained a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Public Administration. She credited the help of the LYD awards in being able to advance so far in school.

She has since served in many capacities in the rebirth of her hometown, including facilitating the election of the first female mayor in 2017, opening a community health clinic in 2019, and working to improve the health of all residents. She is employed as Director of Operations for Cherish Families, a social service nonprofit which offers crime victim and other services for people from polygamous backgrounds who need stability. Shirlee specializes in providing education for outside service providers and government agencies to facilitate cultural competence in dealing with fundamentalist community members. It's amazing to see how far a person can go with a helping hand up to be able to move forward and make a better life for her family and community.

The SI Ogden club awarded several LYD scholarships and had a few of the winners tell their stories. I was blown away by the young lady that said she had not had electricity for the first 18 years of her life. Now she is training to be an electrician and loves it. There were many uplifting stories and also service awards given to a community group and a high school senior. We enjoyed our evening with Soroptimist friends, a great meal, and intermingling with those from other clubs and businesses.



Keynote speaker Shirlee Draper



Soroptimist LYD awards help prevent drop outs.



(Front row) Pat Murdoch, Rita Offret; (Back row) Carolyn Roberts, Carma Ingram, Susan Dewey, Shirlee Draper, Gov. Harriet Beck, Michelle Jackson and Kathy Margaritis.

Getting to Know YOU!



Please send a summary of your family and professional life. Share your 'Soroptimist Why', and a photo. My Email: Kathyfmarq64@outlook.com Thank You!

Donna Schultz

Hi! I am Donna Schultz and serve as club Secretary this year. I joined the Soroptimist in 2012 and love the work we do in helping women and girls as well as the friends I have made in the club.

Some of the reasons I love being a Soroptimist include seeing the excited look in a child's eye when they come to the wrapping table at BWS with the perfect gift for Mom; talking to one of the high school girls at Granite Connection about the career they want to pursue or finding out that they love to cook like I do; and hearing the heart breaking journey of a Live Your Dream recipient and how they have been able to find a life's passion from that journey.

A little more about me-I worked as an accountant for 41 years and retired 3 years ago. Since retiring, I have pursued some of my many interests: exercising, cooking, gardening, fishing, traveling, reading, writing and piano. In addition to working with Soroptimist, I also volunteer with AARP.

Angela Yarborough

A Passion for Compliance, Leadership, and Community Impact

Hey there! With over 30 years of experience in compliance and risk management, I've had quite the journey at American Express. I've held various roles, starting from marketing representative, credit authorizer, project analyst, compliance analyst, and now, compliance manager. These days, I'm the go-to person for sanctions on multi-million-dollar projects, I model screening tool algorithms, and I manage the change management portal. I even celebrated 35 years of service in December 2024!

Throughout my career, I've picked up some cool awards like the American Express Leader Among Us Award and Great Performer Awards. I also took part in the Edward P. Gilligan Award for Innovation program. These honors show my dedication to driving excellence and keeping things forward-thinking in compliance and risk management.

Community Involvement

Outside of work, I'm all about giving back. As an active member of Soroptimist International of Salt Lake, I've held leadership roles like Delegate, Director at Large, and Chairperson of the Nomination Committee. My passion for supporting women in the workplace also extends to my work with People Helping People, where I'm on the executive board helping low-income women and single mothers achieve economic independence through career development and employment programs.

In 2023, I was honored with the Spirit of Soroptimist Award, a milestone that really reinforces my belief in the power of giving back.

Soroptimist
Membership
 MILESTONES

Diane McCarty	12 years	3/05/2013
Rita Offrett	28 years	3/29/1997
Cheri Richardson	23 years	4/23/2002
Donna Schultz	13 years	4/21/2012

Angela Yarborough *(continued)*

Commitment to Continuous Learning

I believe that professional success is all about continuous learning. I hold a Juris Doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law, a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Wake Forest University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In combining my professional journey, leadership honors, and community involvement, I strive to make a meaningful impact both in my industry and in my community.

Personal Life

I am currently single and originally from the **East Coast (North Carolina)**. I migrated to **Utah** with my mother, who passed in 2013 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Family remains at the heart of my life, and I have two surviving siblings and a father to whom I am very close. He is currently battling lung cancer, and I frequently travel back and forth to **Maryland** to check on him. If you don't see me often, it's likely because I'm spending time with my family during these challenging moments. Although I am not in perfect health myself, I believe in **perseverance, resilience, and maintaining a generous spirit**. I do what I can to "keep on keeping on" and continue contributing to the lives of others through my work, community service, and mentorship.

Let's Connect

I am always open to meaningful conversations. Feel free to connect with me to exchange ideas, share insights, or collaborate on projects that make a difference!

March & April Birthdays

No March birthdays.

4/23 - Kathy Margaritis

4/29 - Cheri Richardson

Happy Birthday!



Spring Conference

Mark your calendars. Region Spring Conference will be held May 2 - 3, 2025, in Fort Collins, Colorado! The Call to Conference was sent to each member on March 2, 2025. An educational agenda and fun activities were detailed. Hope to see many of you there!

Thank You Soroptimist Who Helped Make the Fundraiser a Big Success!



Our celebration of International Women’s Day was highlighted with a very successful Trivia Night fundraiser! So many hours and efforts were involved in making it all come together. The teams enjoyed playing the trivia game and sharing time with family and friends. Many bids were received on auction items that helped with our fundraising efforts. Thank you sponsors and contributors. **Please email me pictures** (Kathyfmargin64@outlook.com) and we will share details of the night and final figures in our April newsletter.

Get Ready to Walk for Women!



Soroptimist International SLC will meet on Saturday March 22nd at 10 am at Carma’s House, 702 W Clover Crest Dr., Murray. We’ll enjoy breakfast snacks then embark on a walk on the Jordan Parkway. Let’s make every step count for women and girls everywhere. Share your **#WhyIWalk** on social media, you can even start a fundraiser on FB, or attach a link to our website on your post.

Thank You Soroptimist Volunteers!



Thanks to all members that have been working to help our club achieve it’s many goals. **Please track and report your hours** * to Loretta Peterson, by the 2nd of the month, Loretta_Peterson@Premier Inc.com

*** Reported volunteer hours help us when applying for grants.**

March/April Calendar & SI SLC Member News

Mark Your Calendars

- 03/10 -SI virtual tea party, 6:00 pm– *link in article to right*
- 03/12 –Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Zoom
- 03/21 –Horizonte Rose Park Big Goal class: meet at 10:30 (class 11- 12:40) 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC
- 03/22 - **SI Walk for Women**, 10:00 am– meet at Carma’s house, 702 W Clover Crest Dr., Murray, snack & walk
- 4/02 - Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Zoom
- 4/18- Horizonte Rose Park Big Goal class: meet at 10:30 (class 11- 12:40) 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC
- 05/02 -05/03 –**Region Conference**, Ft. Collins, CO. Make your reservations and plan for a fun event!

Happy International Women’s Day!
March 8, 2025



SIA is again hosting a virtual tea party (March 10, 6:00 MST) for International Women’s Day. This year is more than just celebration—it’s a global movement! The Party will also serve as a virtual parallel event as part of the UN [Commission on the Status of Women's](#) Non-Government Organization forum. Register here: <https://www.soroptimist.org/events/index.html>

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In continued celebration of International Women’s Day, I highly recommend this movie. *Kathy M.*

“In a nation where educating girls is seen as rebellion, a visionary woman dares to teach young minds to dream. When their innovation draws global attention, their success sparks hope and opposition.

