

# Salty Soroptimist News

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### President Rita's Message



Soroptimists,

The weather is finally getting a little warmer and we can enjoy being outdoors. Our Program meeting in May was a rock painting night and potluck dinner. That day was the best day of the whole week for good weather! As always, the food was amazing! We invited our Live Your Dream ladies and had several attend with their kids. It is great to get to know the ladies better and to get to know their kids. The kids were all delightful!!

We painted a number of rocks for our new Public Awareness campaign and sent some home with "painters" to be hidden around the county. There is a QR code on the back and we hope people will pick up the rocks and see the QR code on the back and follow it to our "Soroptimist Rocks" Facebook page and take a picture and then hide the rock again for someone else to find. This project will continue. Anyone looking for something to do with grandkids, nieces and nephews, or neighbor kids, painting rocks is a great activity. It doesn't matter if they are painted simply or elaborate. I thought I would paint a few that just said "pick me up" or "look on the bottom" and then hid them in my community.

Please plan to attend our next Program meeting on June 19th. We will be honoring our Past Presidents and installing our new Board for 2024-2025.

It will be at Marie Callender's on 3900 South 1100 East at 6 pm in the back room.

I hope you were able to plan sometime during the Memorial Day weekend with family and/or friends and able to miss the rain-storm on Saturday.

We are winding up our 2023-2024 year and I appreciate all of your contributions in our efforts to improve the lives of women and girls this past year!

Rita  
President



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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**

## May Picnic and Meeting

by Donna Schultz

Our May meeting was a picnic at Rita's house. The evening began with a welcome by President Rita. Those attending included members, family and friends along with two of our Live Your Dream (LYD)/ Dream Believer members and their families. Our potluck picnic was delicious, included a little bit of everything and no one went away hungry.

Rachel's daughter, Grace brought four of her friends to the picnic. After dinner, they gave an impromptu performance of "What Was I Made For" from the Barbie movie. Grace, Sophie, Layla, Liz and Izzy did an amazing job performing this beautiful and thought-provoking song.



Acapella Singers

Next, Carolyn talked about the club's public awareness project, *Soroptimist Rocks*. The project involves taking painted rocks (complete with a QR code on the bottom referencing the Facebook page for our club-*Soroptimist Rocks*) and hiding them in various places throughout the community. When others find one of the rocks, they post a photo of the rock on our Facebook page and hide it again. This gets our name out into the community so the people can find out about Soroptimist and what we do. With a rock and paintbrush in hand, we spent the evening painting rocks for the project. The results were amazing!

While we were painting, Teresa introduced our LYD/Dream Believers' members at the picnic- Wendy Walker and Austin White. Wendy said that she is grateful for the LYD award and



Austin White

loves what we do as she has a passion for helping women. Austin told the group that she is grateful for the emotional support and mentorship that Soroptimist has given her.

Pat, Membership Chair, spent a few minutes talking about the structure of the organization and how our club fits into the larger picture. She talked about how Soroptimist work to help women and girls with education. Through help with education, it also empowers and enables them to achieve their dreams. Finally, she talked about how volunteering is good for you!

It was a fun and relaxing evening! Special thanks to our President, Rita for hosting the event and Carolyn for doing prep work for the rock painting.



Wendy Walker



## May Picnic and Meeting Photos



## Live Your Dream Awards

by Teresa Just

We are excited to announce the Board allocated \$3,000 for additional Live Your Dream Awards.

After awarding 6 women Live Your Dream Awards, we had 10 applicants who did not receive a Live Your Dream Award. The Board decided to utilize some of the remaining 2023-2024 budget to fund up to \$3,000 for six women to receive a \$500 cash award. Each applicant was contacted to verify they still meet the qualifications: Primary financial provider, attending education courses, financial need. Five of the women met the qualifications and are receiving a

\$500 Live Your Dream Award. All the women expressed their gratitude and excitement!

We are excited to present these awards to:

- Alisha Sumner
- Candace McBride
- Hanna Lake
- Jessica Couture
- Megan Robbins

Congratulations to each of the Live Your Dream Award recipients and Thank You to our amaz-

ing Board for making this happen!

This reminds me of a saying from one of our long-standing members, Marilyn Tang: *“We raise money and we give it away”*



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YOUR  
dream  
education & training awards for women®

## Soroptimist International of the Americas Grant Update

A year ago in June our club was awarded the Soroptimist Club Grant for Education and Economic Empowerment. When we applied for the grant it was initially to be for college books for our Dream It Be It girls graduating from High School. We realized early on that we may not be able to buy college books in time for the DIBI graduates as they would not be entering college before the time the grant would expire. We made a request to SIA that we revise the grant to allow us to buy books for former Live Your Dream awardees as well as the women that had been involved in the DIBI program. We were able to use up our complete \$3,000 grant purchasing books for 5 ladies:

- Christian Saavedra \$277.00
- Wendy Hosch \$117.98
- Danielle Anderson \$469.02
- Katie Sullivan \$179.18
- Jazmyn Eicher \$1956.82

We received a very lovely email from Jazmyn Eichler as follows:

*While I do not think words could truly convey the gratitude I feel, I want to say thank you to you, Teresa, and everyone in Soroptimist. Thank you for your constant belief in my abilities, thank you for your continuous support in my*

*journey. I've received help from Soroptimist on numerous occasions throughout the last two semesters as I've worked towards the SLCC Nursing program. A scholarship, help with Christmas gifts and textbook reimbursement. After countless hours dedicated to studying and passing classes, I am now in the SLCC Nursing program. I could not have gotten this far without your help, and I am grateful for the kindness you have shown my children and I. With your support, I have been able to show them that regardless of what obstacles we may face in life, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. Being a single-mother, I've faced many challenges with the financial burden of caring for my children each day. The textbook*

*reimbursement I have just received goes a long way towards my career and financial goals. By the end of next summer/beginning of fall, I will take the board exam for my nursing license. I will pass that exam and not only will I have achieved higher education, but I will then earn a higher pay as well. These accomplishments are only the beginning of what I aspire to do. Thank you again, for not only contributing but for being a part of such an important moment of my life..*

*Sincerely,  
Jazmyn Eichler*



## June 19th Board Installation and Meeting

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SALT LAKE CITY

INVITES YOU TO

*Meeting and Installation of the  
2024 - 25 Board*

**WE WILL HONOR ALL PAST PRESIDENTS**

DATE:  
**JUNE 19th**

TIME:  
**6:00 PM**

R.S.V.P.: DONNA 801-631-7097

**MARIE CALLENDER'S**  
(BACK ROOM)





1109 E. 3900 S. Millcreek, UT 84117



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2024-2025

Due by June 20\*

There are 2 ways to pay-by check or on the club's website:

<p><u>Pay by check - \$155.00</u></p> <p>Make check payable to: Soroptimist International of Salt Lake <i>Do not abbreviate per Wells Fargo</i></p> <p>Mail payment by <b>June 15</b> to:</p> <p>Soroptimist International of Salt Lake P.O. Box 571021 Salt Lake City, UT 84157-1021</p>	<p><u>Pay by credit card \$155.00 plus \$5.00 handling fee</u></p> <p>Go to club website: <b>sislc.org</b></p> <p>On the main page at the bottom left corner, select:</p>  <p>On the right side of the page, choose Add to Cart</p>  <p>Enter your credit card information</p> <p>Call Donna at 801-631-7097 with questions or website issues</p>
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\* \$10 Late Fee assessed by SIA after the due date.

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***June Birthdays  
Happy Birthday!!***

***Georgia Presnell,  
Honorary Member  
6/7/1919  
105 Years Old!!***

If you would like to send Georgia a card for her 105th birthday, mail to:

Georgia Presnell  
250 East Center Street, Apt. 137  
Orem, Utah 84057



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**June Calendar**

***Mark Your Calendars ...***

6/5—Board Meeting at Rita's

6/19—Board Installation

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