

Salty Soroptimist News



President Barbara’s Message

Dear Soroptimists,

As we step into the new year, I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and girls. Your dedication to our shared mission of improving lives through education, empowerment, and advocacy has been inspiring. Especially appreciated were all the efforts that went into our annual Breakfast with Santa project. It was heartening to have so many Soroptimist members give of their time in planning and accomplishing our big annual event. Plus, so many other volunteers and donations helped us to make the day a big success. Many of the single mothers expressed gratitude.

This year, we will continue to support our mission with even greater passion and purpose. Together, we have the power to transform lives through our programs. But the work doesn’t stop here – each of you brings something unique and powerful to our cause, and together, we can build upon the successes of the past while setting new goals for a brighter future.

I encourage you to continue bringing enthusiasm, creativity, and compassion to our work through our ongoing programs, new initiatives, or supporting one another; each step we take will be meaningful. Together, we have the power to create lasting change, and I am excited about what we will achieve as a club in the months ahead.

Thank you for your dedication, service, and commitment to making a difference. Let’s make 2025 a year filled with new opportunities. Here’s to a year of hope, empowerment, and transformation.

Wishing you all a prosperous, joyful, and fulfilling New Year! With gratitude and excitement for the year ahead,

Barbara Rosner



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Board 2024-2025

- Barbara Rosner - *President*
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- Donna Schultz - *Secretary*
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- Rachel Woodhouse - *Delegate*
- Zulie Langarica - *Delegate*

Live Your Dream Awards and Thank You's *By- Jan Crane*



live
YOUR
dream
education & training awards for women



From Rosemarie ~~

Thank you for helping me get this trike for my son! He's going to be so happy Christmas morning.

From Tricia ~~

I love everything in that cute bag! I am so blessed to receive these gifts. It's like you know me! The necklace, hand sanitizer, perfume and little bag, wipes, journal and the bag itself. OMG, I love all of it. Thank you so much!



Thanks to the dedication and success of our fundraising efforts and grants, we were able to award ten incredible women with Live Your Dream (LYD) awards this year, for a total of \$9700.00. *This is what we do!*

In addition to the awards, each recipient received a delightful swag bag filled with thoughtful goodies to make them feel special, as well as a \$ 50 WinCo gift card. One generous donor also provided \$ 50 Target gift cards, just in time for Christmas. The women have received their checks and expressed immense gratitude. Knowing that someone cares and is invested in helping them achieve their dreams is truly inspiring. We are so proud of all these lovely ladies and wish them success!

The awards luncheon will be held on February 15th at 11:30 at Gardner Village Gathering Place.

Thank You's From Award Winners

From Sherri ~~

I cannot begin to explain to you the appreciation myself as well as my family has for you and the organization you represent.

Yesterday, I could not stop smiling!

This is the meal I made for my daughter last night. Shepherd's pie. It's my 22-year-old daughter's favorite. We found out a few weeks ago she's expecting and she's been craving it.



With the \$50 gift card to WinCo, I went and got groceries yesterday evening. I was nervous about what my total would be, (because I put the 700 dollars straight into my savings account on my way home). I cannot remember the last time I've had any money in savings. And guess what? My total was 46! I made it under the \$50 gift card limit. What a relief. My day kept getting better and better.

The swag bag was incredible. I did have to brag a little bit about the gifts to my friends that nominated me with their kind letters of recommendation. They have been asking me frequently if I've heard any word back about the scholarship.



I truly appreciate every minute of your time you spend enriching the lives of others.

Thank you so much for helping us especially during the holidays. I'm excited to attend the luncheon and see a room full of not only other women, but struggling mothers doing the best they can every single day to make the best future they can for themselves and their children. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart

Live Your Dream 2024

Award Winners - By - Jan Crane



1st place- \$2000
Rosemarie Garduno



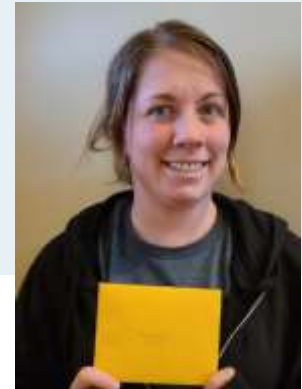
2nd Place- \$1500
Renae Mordecai



3rd Place- \$1000
McKayla Martell



3rd Place- \$1000
Mckinzie Taylor



Additional Award- \$700
Aimee Broadbent



Additional Award- \$700
Tricia Slinger



Additional Award- \$700
Sherri M



Total Awards Amount

\$ 9,700



Additional Award- \$700
Kiley Ryan



Additional Award- \$700
Danielle Renteria



Additional Award- \$700
Alish Sumner



Congratulations
to all these
beautiful ladies!



Please Join With Us In Our Dream Programs

DIBI provides guidance, training, and resources to prepare girls for life and career success. Our classes scheduled in January:

- **Roosevelt Continuation School: Thursday, January 16th**, for our first session, 8th grade girls will create dream boards and set goals toward achieving them. Two sessions with different groups. **Arrive for set up at 8:45** (class from 9:15 - 10:45); second session from 11:15 - 12:45. The school is located at 3225 So. 800 E., Millcreek (enter on 800 E from 3300 S).
- **Granite Connection High: January 17th**, will be the second DIBI session, **arrive at 8:00 a.m.** (class 8:30-10:30a.m.). It will focus on having resilience through challenges and the girls will determine what their values are and how they affects life and career choices. Address: 501 E 3900 So., Media Center.
- **Horizonte Rose Park Youth-to-Adult program: January 31st** from 11:00-12:30, **arrive at 10:30 a.m.** This will be our first dream board session. The classes will follow the DIBI curriculum but will be considered a **Big Goal project** since the students are in an Adult Education program. The address is 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC, Northwest doors of SLC SE.

Please Join Us
as we honor our 2024

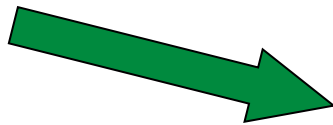
live
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Awards Luncheon

Sat Feb 15th 11:30 am
The Gathering Place
@ Gardner Village

please RSVP to Donna
@ 801 631-7097
or chrisdtls@msn.com
By Feb 1st



**Register and buy your ticket(s)
on our website by Feb. 1st.**

*It's an inspiration to hear from
these recipients and celebrate
with them and their families.
Invite potential members.*

In Loving Memory of Georgia Presnell By– Carolyn Roberts

I met Georgia in January 2022. After spending most of her life in Sacramento California near her oldest son, Burt, she sold her house and moved to Orem Utah where her second son Greg lived. She had been a member of the SI Sacramento club for 40+ years. She enlisted a friend to help her find a club in Utah. I was contacted because I was the current Salt Lake City club president. Jan Crane was the membership chair. Jan and I drove to Orem to meet Georgia at the Treeo Independent Living Center. Georgia was 103 years old at the time.

We welcomed Georgia into our club and invited her to attend our meetings. Club members drove to Orem to celebrate her birthday on June 7 each year for three years. Georgia was full of vim and vigor and continued to be passionate about Soroptimist. Georgia started attending our meetings and events. In February she came to the service activity to assemble cleaning kits for People Helping People. In May she attended our 2022 Live Your Dream Awards luncheon. She came to our June Garden Party fundraiser and our annual Christmas Party. By February 2023 Georgia had a gentleman friend. He lived at Treeo and was very attentive, escorting her to wherever she needed to go. Her “Friend” drove her to our 2023 Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon in a BMW sports car. When asked about him, she would always say he was a perfect gentleman and very intelligent. Although he was at least ten years younger than she was, he passed away within the next year.

I visited her as often as I could and occasionally took her on outings. She always asked how the “girls” were, referring to our Soroptimist members. She had a sharp memory and would ask about members by name. She read and re-read our club newsletters.

She was always looking forward to her next birthday. As soon as one birthday was over, she would enthusiastically tell you how old she would be on the next birthday. I never once heard her say anything about “when I’m gone,” or “I won’t be around for that.” She talked as though she would live forever. And she almost did. During the time I knew her she always dyed her own hair blonde, she had her nails done and wore full makeup including false eyelashes. She wore heels until the last year of her life, at which time, she conceded to dressy flats. In addition to the beautiful rings and necklaces she always wore, she also wore an ankle chain. It’s the little things. She was mobile enough to dance on her 105th birthday.

Georgia passed away December 14 after surviving a heart attack two weeks earlier. The doctors couldn’t believe she rallied. But I believe it. Georgia taught me to look at growing older differently. I’m not scared of it anymore.

I am forever grateful for our friendship.

You can view a video I made about her here [Georgia Presnell Video](#)



Dec. 12, 2024

Arline Arnold Brady, left, the great-granddaughter of Martha Hughes Cannon of Utah, House Minority Whip Katherine Clark of Mass., second from left, Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, fourth from left, and House Speaker Mike Johnson of La. applaud after the unveiling a statue of Cannon during a ceremony on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024.



Statue of first woman state senator, elected in Utah, unveiled at U.S. Capitol

By Emily Anderson Stern

More than one-and-a-quarter centuries after Martha Hughes Cannon became the first woman to be elected to a state senate, a statue of the Utahn — flanked by the state’s highest-ranking woman elected officials — was unveiled at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.

Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, who previously was state senator, too, recalled during the ceremony, “Several years ago, a mother brought her young daughter to visit the Utah State Capitol building. She showed her a framed por-

trait of all the senators hanging on the wall outside the Senate chamber. After studying the picture for a few moments, the exasperated daughter said, ‘No fair. Where are the girls?’ “To that little girl, I say, we’re right here, and so are you,” Henderson continued.

With Johnny Cash representing Arkansas on her right-hand, Cannon is now the fourteenth woman selected to be portrayed in National Statuary Hall. The other figure representing Utah is Brigham Young — the state’s first governor while it was still a territory and the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The [Utah Legislature voted nearly seven years ago](#) to replace a statue of Philo Farnsworth, a Utah inventor who is often credited with developing the electronic TV, with one of Cannon amid [conversations about how to improve women’s standing](#) in the state. Utah has [ranked last in the nation for women’s equality](#) multiple times over the last several years.

Last month, [Utahns elected a record-breaking number of women](#) to the Utah Legislature, but over a hundred years after Cannon beat her husband for a seat in the Senate, men will still have a supermajority. “I didn’t do a lot to get her here, but she did a lot to get me here,” U.S. Rep. Celeste Maloy, the only woman currently representing Utah in Congress, told a crowd gathered for Cannon’s unveiling.

Then Maloy urged onlookers — which included the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint’s Relief Society, one of the oldest and largest women’s organizations in the world — to not view Cannon, who was also a doctor and traveled across oceans fleeing religious persecution multiple times, as one-dimensional. “Let her be her and respect all of the things she represents, because there’s something in there that speaks to everybody here,” Maloy said.

Blaine Brady, left, the great-great grandson of Martha Hughes Cannon of Utah, and Arline Arnold Brady, center, the great-granddaughter of Cannon, talk with Utah Lt. Gov Deidre Henderson, right.



Board Report and Action Plan - Jan. 8, 2025

Board Summary

- Fall fundraiser total was \$1,685
- President's Appeal collected at the Christmas party was \$130.

Action Plan

- Dream It Be It and Big Goal service projects will have 20 sessions in 2025. Committee will determine costs and request additional funding at next board meeting.
- Spring fundraiser meeting will be Tuesday, January 14th by Zoom. Link will be sent by email to club.
- Program meeting on Wednesday, January 15th will discuss club impact from Breakfast with Santa, LYD awards, spring fundraiser, and upcoming Big Goal and Dream It Be It service projects. A fun team building activity will follow business session.



Thanks again to all of the sponsors, volunteers and club members that made our annual Breakfast with Santa event so successful! Volunteers that assisted with the event spent nearly 200 hours combined with our Soroptimist club member hours of 308+, makes over 500 hours that went into this event. Probably even many more hours. The moms were so appreciative and their children had lots of fun as well. Smiles were abounding as we all felt the spirit of the season.

December 7, 2024

Thank You Sponsors!



Thank You Soroptimist Volunteers!



President Barbara thanks all members that have been working to help our club achieve its many goals. **Please track and report your hours** to Loretta Peterson, Treasurer, **by the 4th of the month**, Loretta_Peterson@PremierInc.com
Thank You Soroptimist women!

Getting to Know You

We'll be highlighting two amazing members each month to become better acquainted with one another.

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

Meet Alisa Hancock– Our Newest Member

Hello, my name is Alisa Hancock,

As a proud mother of five and grandmother to two, I deeply value family and community and I am passionate about making a difference in the lives of others.

I'm looking forward to being a part of this incredible organization SOROPTIMIST where I can hopefully contribute to its mission of empowering women and girls to achieve their fullest potential.



I firmly believe that time is one of the most precious and irreplaceable resources we have, and how we choose to spend it matters greatly. When we dedicate our time to helping others everyone benefits.

My volunteer work spans several causes that are very close to my heart. At the Utah Down Syndrome Foundation, I organize and participate in activities and events that bring joy and support to individuals with Down syndrome and their families. I also volunteer at Encircle, a resource center that provides a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ youth and their families.

Additionally, I am privileged to serve in the "Cuddler" program at the University of Utah's Newborn Intensive Care Unit, where I offer comfort by holding and soothing premature babies. Having experienced the challenges of prematurity with four of my own children, I understand the profound need and giving back in this way fills my soul. Volunteering has shaped my life in meaningful ways—I often describe it as my personal religion.

I was introduced to Soroptimist by my son's mother-in-law, Jan Crane, a long-time member of this amazing organization whom I love and admire. Her dedication inspired me to join, and I am excited to contribute in every way I can.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve and connect with like-minded individuals. I look forward to the journey ahead.

A tribute to our oldest member, Georgia Presnell (105), who recently passed away, can be found on page 5. She contributed in many ways over the years and is an inspiration to us as we continue on our Soroptimist journey.



Jan and Alisa at her Dec. 11, 2024 New Member Induction Ceremony.

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Membership

MILESTONES

Zulie Langarica	10 years	1/01/2015
Pamela Bennion	37 years	1/14/1988
Kymerly Wells	6 years	1/16/2019
Lorretta Peterson	15 years	2/25/2010

January & February Birthdays

2/05- Jan Crane

2/07- Rita Offrett

No January birthdays

Happy Birthday!



Spring Fundraiser

Let's make our 2nd annual Trivia and Tapas Spring fundraiser as successful as the first! Get your trivia teams together and register on the website.

Solicit silent auction items from friends and business associates. Forward those to Carma as you collect them.

Sign into the fundraising committee meetings to help: starting **Jan. 14th, 6:00**. Zoom link will be emailed. The committee would love your input, assistance, and participation at this fun event.



 SOROPTIMIST® 2nd Annual

TRIVIA
and Tapas

Fundraiser

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FRIDAY | FOOD & SPIRITS
MARCH 7 | **6:30 PM**

LILY'S RECEPTION CENTER
2576 W 4700 SO, TAYLORSVILLE

MORE INFO:
<https://www.sislc.org>

REGISTER TODAY - SPACE IS LIMITED!



December Christmas Party Fun

By– Kathy Margaritis

Our December program meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11th, at the Jordan Villas Clubhouse. Before we started dinner, some club business was discussed. Then we filled our plates full of fabulous dishes (always a variety) supplied by our members.



After dinner, Rita Offrett led the **New Member Induction Ceremony** for Alisa Hancock. **Welcome Alisa!** Donna Visco was able to join us virtually as Membership Chairperson. The tabletop display, candle lighting and words spoken were inspirational as we were all reminded of our commitment to our Soroptimist club and mission. Alisa was excited to join us and appreciative of the gifts given.

The Christmas gift exchange followed which is always lots of fun. You never know what will be the hot item(s) of the night that will keep getting stolen. If you have a lower number you just plan on having to give up your goods and pick a new present. It's all good fun!

Merry Christmas wishes were extended as visiting and clean up winded down. It's amazing just how fast our group can clean up the clubhouse and make it look like we were never there.

Thank you for attending this fabulous meeting! See you all on January 15th, 6:00 pm at Marie Callender's! Come renew friendships.



January/February Calendar & Member News

Mark Your Calendars ...

01/15 - Program Meeting (6:00 pm), Marie Callender's
1109 E. 3900 SO, Millcreek, **Lots of Fun planned!**

01/16 - DIBI at Roosevelt Continuation (9:00 a.m.)

01/17 - DIBI at Granite Connection (8:00 –10:30 am)

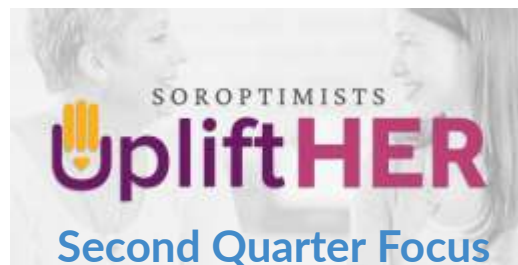
01/18 –Women's Resource Center (Shelter) 11:00 am,
131 E 700 S., SLC *Dream Boards, Goal setting*

01/31– Horizonte Rose Park Youth-to-Adult (10:45 am)

02/05 - Board Meeting (6:00 pm)

02/15 - Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon (11:30 am)
Gardner Village Gathering Place, RSVP

02/18 -Live Your Dream Awards Ogden (see flyer)



Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January 11 is recognized globally as the International Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, making January a meaningful time to learn more about this critical issue and how Soroptimists can help through the Soroptimists UpliftHER initiative. [Learn more about this issue](#) and how your club can support survivors on their path to empowerment.

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A flyer for a Soroptimist Program Meeting. It features a colorful rainbow graphic at the top with the Soroptimist logo and the text "SROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SALT LAKE CITY INVITES YOU TO OUR PROGRAM Meeting". The date and time are "JANUARY 15, 6:00 PM" and the location is "MARIE CALLENDER'S 1109 E. 3900 S. - MILLCREEK, UT 84117". The contact information is "R.S.V.P. DONNA SCHULTZ 801-631-7097".

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SALT LAKE CITY
INVITES YOU TO OUR
PROGRAM Meeting
Looking for a great way to have fun and learn something new? Our upcoming program meeting is the perfect place to do just that!
JANUARY 15, 6:00 PM
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