



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

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Celebrations >>>

Birthdays

Jean Beckman – 10/21

Joyce Webb – 10/30

Kim Williams – 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Lynn Hendricks – 10/24

Joyce Webb – 10/26

Club Anniversaries

None for October

Inspirations >>>

10/13 – Germaine Burke

10/22 – Merry Donahue

10/27 – Pat Fehling

Soropti News

President's Message

By Germaine Burke

Well, it's the beginning of Fall, but you sure can't tell outside; it's nearly 100 degrees and sunny all day. Eventually it will cool down and hopefully we'll get lots of rain. As a Club, we're looking forward to our Bingo Night Fall Fundraiser on October 28. Please be sure to invite friends. It will be a fun evening, and a great time to bring potential new members so they can see what a neat group we are.



I'm looking forward to a great day at the District III meeting on October 17. I'm glad we have several members attending. The Call looks like there will be interesting information to absorb. We'll come back and share with the rest of the Club. On the same day as our District 3 meeting is the Pink October "Race for Awareness 5K Walk/Run" in Lodi. If you can't make it to the District 3 meeting, maybe you'd still like

to join in on the walk. I've done it twice and it's a fun event.

We donated \$2000 to the Salvation Army last week to fund 2 new sleeping areas with bunk beds, twin beds and the needed accessories at Hope Harbor. It's wonderful to be able to help the women and children at the shelter and make life more comfortable while they are staying there.

As a club activity this month we'll be distributing brochures and purple ribbons from the Women's Center of San Joaquin to bring awareness to the problem of domestic violence in our community. I'm looking forward to seeing Joelle Gomez as our guest at this month's program meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting.

I hope you all have a wonderful month!

Announcements >>>

Pink October Events



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. On behalf of this good cause, Geweke sponsors several annual events and the funds raised benefit Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation.

The Events:

Scramble Fore A Cure

Monday, October 12
The Reserve at Spanos Park

Race for Awareness 5K

Walk/Run

Saturday, October 17
Geweke Toyota Scion

Survivor Fashion Show & Dinner

Monday, October 19
Wine & Roses

You can get more details at
www.pink-october.org.

District III Fall Meeting

This year the meeting is being hosted by SI Amador County and will be held in the Jackson Civic Center. The meeting is a one-day event, Saturday, October 17.

We have five members attending including President Germaine, Susan B., Sue K., Ora, and Merry. There will be presentations on the topics of membership, SIA update, fundraising, and Stop Trafficking.

Look for an article in next month's newsletter!



Club Brochures

Bev Lacy produced beautiful club brochures for us to use in marketing SI



Lodi. We've posted a supply at the Visit Lodi! office, the Lodi Public Library and at the Wine & Visitor's Center.

If you know of another business where we can post our brochures and increase our visibility, please get permission to post them and then let President Germaine know how many you need. The brochures only help our club if non-members in the community check them out and want to come and check us out. Let's spread the word!

Inspiration



"We are so much less without each other."
--Leo Buscaglia, professor, author and motivational speaker

Founder's Day

We celebrate Founder's Day each year to recognize the chartering of the first Soroptimist Club in Oakland in 1921. In recognition of the significance of the founding of our great organization, each member donates "Founder's Pennies" each year as part of our Club dues. Be proud!

More Announcements >>>

October Program Meeting

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month, so Sharon and Pat have a special program arranged. On our third Tuesday meeting, October 20th, we will have Joelle Gomez, Executive Director of the Women's Center of San Joaquin County, as our speaker. She will give us an update on what services the Women's Center is providing and how we can help them.

The Women's Center provided our Club and SI Lodi Sunrise with brochures and purple ribbons to distribute in October. We'll also use their crisis phone cards to distribute in November for our Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence. We'll be taking up a collection of small hotel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bodywash and bars of soap to send back to the Women's Center. Please bring what you have to contribute this day. Thanks.



Wells Fargo Foundation Grant

Our club is being honored by Wells Fargo Foundation, and will receive a gift of \$1,000. The presentation will be made to President Germaine at a special breakfast reception at the Oak Ridge Winery, Tuesday, October 13.

A very special thank you to Pat Hill, who arranged for us to be able to receive this special award. Ask her the funny story.

Member Biography

Lori Klarer

Member since 1999

Background:

Born January 12, 1942, Blair, Nebraska
Only child

Education:

Blair High Class of 1959
Dana College – Blair, Nebraska, 1961
McKinnon Institute, Oakland, CA – 1987
California State University, Health and
Fitness Institute, Hayward, CA – 1987

Family:

Married to Mike Klarer since September 7,
1986.

2 daughters (by previous marriage):

Chris, 40 and Mary, 38

Chris lives in Lodi and has two children:
Cody, 9 and Lexy, 6

Mary lives in Pleasant Hill

Mike was born in Brooklyn, NY and has one
younger sister who lives in Reno with her
family, and his mother who lives in
Concord.

Pets:

1 dog (but she thinks she is human)

"Jamaica" Profession:

Massage Therapist – self employed

Associations:

Member of Soroptimist International of
Lodi since November 1999

Associated Bodywork and Massage
Professionals



One of my favorite past times is reading, and I belong to a Book Club that has introduced me to many new authors and much exciting reading. Of course, I enjoy being "Grandma" to my two beautiful grandchildren. I was a Fitness Instructor for over 20 years and am a substitute instructor for an exercise group at Fitness Works called "Silver Sneakers".

I have so enjoyed being a member of Soroptimist International and getting to know so many wonderful women who are involved in this great organization.

In The Loop...

Bon Jour from Susan Brazil...

What are the chances of an American meeting a Frenchman in Mexico? Well, that's what happened to me five years ago! Gerard was in Zihuatanejo for deep sea fishing and I was on vacation. We hit it off and now I spend two months a year in France and he comes to California for two months.

I've relearned my native language (Quebec French) as he speaks no English. This year, after spending the two months in France, I'm having to stick to a healthy diet to make up for the butter, butter, and cream that I consumed while there.

This year we visited the Normandy area and the American cemetery as well as the "debarquement" areas. All was so beautifully done and very respectful. I also attended a French family wedding that lasted two days. The last weekend of my visit, Gerard's town was celebrating their 65th year liberation. There was food, dancing, and fireworks. We were photographed while dancing and I even made the local paper!

Knee replacement surgery was worth it as I was able to do lots of walking and dancing that I haven't done for years. Gerard is arriving here January 11th and we will be doing the French Dinner that was auctioned off last spring. Au revoir for now. Gros bisous. Susan



Soroptimist International of Lodi

BINGO NIGHT

October 28, 2009

5:30 to 8:00 pm

Woodbridge Masonic Center

1040 Augusta Street

in Woodbridge

\$15 a person

Join us for an evening of fun, food & friends.

Limited seating so make your reservations early!

Contact Ora Hoover 369-5617

2009/2010 calendar of events...

October

6 – Board Meeting
11 – Treasure Island
WineFest
13 – Business Meeting
17 – Dist III Mtg Amador
20 – Program Meeting
27 – Fluff Party
28 – Fall Fundraiser
31 – Halloween

November

3 – Board Meeting
7/8 – Region Board Mtg
10 – Business Meeting
17 – Program Meeting
24 – Orientation
Meeting
26 – Thanksgiving Day

December

1 – Board Meeting
8 – Business Meeting
15 – Program Meeting
25 – Christmas Day

January

1 – New Year's Day
5 – Board Meeting
12 – Business Meeting
18 – Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
19 – Program Meeting
23/24 – Region Board Mtg
26 – Orientation Meeting

February

2 – Board Meeting
9 – Business Meeting
15 – President's Day
16 – Program Meeting
23 – Orientation Meeting

March

2 – Board Meeting
6 – Saturday of Service
9 – Business Meeting
15 – Club Newsletter
Competition Due
16 – Program Meeting
23 – Orientation Meeting
30 – Extra Meeting



Fluff Party

October 27th At Noon
Dee Dee's Restaurant

Club Rosters

As we start our new Club year, Bev has updated our club roster. If you haven't received your copy yet, please see her at the next meeting. Each member will be provided with one roster at no charge. If you'd like more, they are available at \$2 each to cover the cost of printing.

Contact us at **209-329-1935**

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