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HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY



District Director Nancy Lilly visited our club on Feb. 14. It was our pleasure to have her join us.

Soropti News



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Making a difference for women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

Presidents message

Hello everyone. Can you believe that we are already halfway through the year. However, the second half is our busiest. Please put your running shoes on and be ready to volunteer for all of our upcoming events. Some are fund raisers. But we also have our service project- Stop Human Trafficking. You may not think that you have much to offer, but please remember that it's the combination of all of us together that makes everything work. All the spokes in a wheel are needed for it to move forward. So please consider how you can be part of the club.

As Nancy Lilly, our District Director, said last Tuesday "Your club is small in number but mighty". And that we truly are!!! She was very impressed with all of our upcoming activities. So let's make this a profitable year for our club. See you at all of our events and remember to bring your family and friends.

Susan

Celebrations

Birthdays

Lynn Hendricks	March 23
Brittnee Jardin	April 14
Merry Donahue	April 22
Barbara Warburton	May 18

Anniverseries

Tamara Landa Becker	March 1
Debbie Miller	April 2
Ora Hoover	April 26
Robyn Grace Jennings	May 13

Club anniversaries

Germaine Burke	March 1995
Ora Hoover	March 1986
Helen Trethewey	March 1974

Farewell to member



Brittnee Jardin has taken new employment and will no longer be attending our meetings. We wish her luck in her new position and in her future. She is a beautiful young woman and will be greatly missed by our members. She added a spark to our club.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming Events

March 2012

3/3 "Stop Human Trafficking"
 3/20 Awards Night @ Temple Baptist

April 2012

April 21 E Waste collection
 4/27-29 SPR Conference in Monterey

May 2012

5/5 Rollin' in Ribs IV fundraiser-
 Holiday Inn Express
 May 16 Festa Della Donna

June 2012

6/19 Installation of new Board &
 Officers

July 2012

7/18-21 Biennial Convention, Hawaii

Program meetings scheduled

3/20 David Stuart, Director Micke Grove Museum
 4/17 Birthday Lunch
 5/15 Ann Pickering, Ancient art of Chinese beading

Inspirations for March

Germaine-13, Susan B-20, Sharon-27

Inspiration April

Jean-10, Phyllis-17, Louise-24

Inspiration May

Debbie-8, Kim-15, Barbara-22

Roster correction:

Soroptimist International website:
www.soroptimistinternational.org

The username is: **sia**,
 password is: **philadelphia**

Committee Reports

Stop Human Trafficking Workshop

Local women's organizations are working together to host the 3rd Annual Stop Human Trafficking Workshop, free and open to the public.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Temple Baptist Church. For free tickets to the event please contact Bev Lacy at 209-334-5389 or e-mail her at silodi@soroptimist.net. Free tickets will also be available at the door.

The speaker is Nilda Valmores, Executive Director of My Sister's House in Sacramento.

My Sister's House is the first and only non-profit organization to specifically identify and address the unique needs of women and children impacted by domestic violence in the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community.

info@my-sisters-house.org

The workshop is intended to instill knowledge in the public, promote advocacy for victim's rights, and draw the community to action. Come and learn what you can do to help stop the violent trading in human lives.

This event is co-sponsored by the Women's Center of San Joaquin County, Soroptimist International of Lodi (both clubs), and the Lodi branches of the Salvation Army, Business and Professional Women's Foundation (BPW) and American Association for University Women (AAUW).



Stop Trafficking initiative

A new ballot initiative would have tougher punishments for human traffickers, help victims

SACRAMENTO, CA - Law enforcement, human trafficking survivors, and their advocates are trying to strengthen laws aimed at protecting California's youth from sexual exploitation.

Advocates are in the process of collecting signatures to qualify a measure for the November ballot. The measure would put in place tougher punishments for traffickers who prostitute out children. It would also require convicted sex traffickers to register all online usernames and accounts <http://www.news10.net/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=176611>

NEWS RELEASE: Soroptimist helps disaster victims in Japan

Philadelphia, PA—Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international volunteer organization of business and professional women dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, presented a \$6,500 Disaster Grant for Women and Girls to its club in Aizu, Japan, to address the psychological needs of women and girls following last year's earthquake and tsunami.

SPEAKERS

Carole Burnis of Canine Partners/Reading Program was our speaker in January.

Karla Frank spoke on Yoga and Health, with demonstration of Yoga Breathing and Meditation Exercises on February 21 and Judge Brett Morgan on Feb 28.

Rollin' in Ribs IV

The committee has been busy planning for the May 5 fundraiser. For the first time we will hold the event at the Holiday Inn Express with Scooters catering the event.

Members are soliciting donations for raffle and live auction items.

We will not hold a silent auction this year. Tickets are \$45.



Festa Della Donna

We are planning to decorate a table for Festa Della Donna (May 16).

E-waste & paper shredding FUNDRAISER

Germaine is researching the possibility of holding an "E Waste collection and paper shredding" event as a fundraiser for the club. The site for the event will be in the parking lot of Donahue Funeral Home, **Sat. April 21, 2012.**

123 N. School St., Lodi, CA 95240. Details to come

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Friendship Link

"S.I. Doncaster held a Christmas Party for approximately 30 retired residents of a local bungalow project. After the meal, easy quiz and bingo games were played. Somehow everyone got a prize! including the Civic Mayor who attended and showed her skill at bingo. Before we left they wanted to know the date of the next party, so it must have been a success.

On the 8th December we held a Christmas Concert in a local church, the Vicar had especially dressed the church and put up a Christmas Tree, a Brass Band played, we had children from a nearby school to sing and two of our members (I was one) read poems. One poem was about the turkey that was served up in various guises all week, the other about the happening on Christmas Eve. With mince pies etc and earned approximately £550, this was a good evening. My outstanding memory is of little children between the ages of 5 and 7 years knowing all the words singing their heads off whilst at times playing to the audience, one had the sniffles so every so often up came the jumper sleeve, it seems she had no time to stop and use a hanky or she would have missed her place!! Kids are great."

Our next big event will be the Charter Lunch on 11th March, I have booked a magician as a speaker, it's the last event before I come out of Office so thought a light-hearted afternoon would be just the thing. I will let you know how it goes. Our AGM is on the 10th April and I fly to New Zealand on the 11th for a long holiday,

In friendship, Val Mullin, SI Doncaster

IN MEMORY

We are sad to lose two past Presidents Dot McClaine 1977-78 and Margaret Antognoli 1985-86. These ladies were active members during the years that we developed the Sunshine Trail. Dot would cook meals for our Chuck Wagon dinners to raise funds for the trail.

MEMBER PROFILE GERMAINE BURKE



I'm #10 of 11 children of Ed & Dolly Noel. I was named after a friend of my parents whom I don't think I ever met, but I love having a unique name. Some of my family members call me Germ. I have 7 sisters and 3 brothers, all living. My mom will turn 87 this month. My dad passed away 20 years ago at age 69. My second oldest sister, Karen Sanguinetti, was my role model as a kid. She's the only other one of us who went straight from high school to college. She went to Sac State and became a teacher. She got her M.A. from UOP then worked as a vice principal and then principal of middle schools. She is retired from school administration now.

I went to public schools in Stockton: El Dorado Elementary, Stockton Junior High and A.A. Stagg High School. I graduated with a 4.0 and got scholarships and grants so I could go to undergrad college at UC Davis, and got my B.S. in Psychology in 1985. I went on to UC Berkeley School of Optometry and received my O.D. degree in 1989. I was previously married for 11 years, no children, but lots of vacations. My current husband, Jerry Burke, O.D. & I met in 1999 and married June 15, 2002. He has 2 children: Garrett, now 20 and Brienna, 17. We have one terrific kitty, Honey, almost 4 now, that we both adore. We live in Stockton, convenient to Trader Joe's, Costco, Target and my mom. Jerry has 1 older sister, Connie, in Turlock and 1 younger brother, Randy, in Oakdale. His mom is 86 and lives next door to Connie.

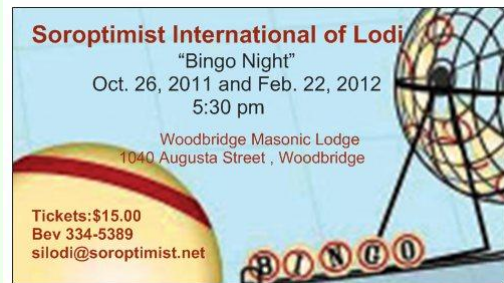
I had been working for 20 years at Lodi Optometry Group until last October when I was "dismissed". I am now seeing patients in the offices of Delta Eye Medical Group. Jerry & I are very busy in the process of creating our own optometric practice, Burke Optometry. We have a website, www.burkeoptometry.com and a Facebook page, Burke Optometry. We bought the office building at 441 S. Ham Lane and hope to get our office up and running in July or August this year. We are very excited about it. Jerry is also an optometrist and worked most recently for Zeiter Eye Medical Group for almost 12 years.

Over the years, I have served as President of the Sacramento Valley Optometric Society and the San Joaquin Optometric Society. I have also been President twice for our condo Homeowner's Association. I joined Soroptimist in 1995 and have served in many positions on committees and on the Board. I have had the privilege of serving as the SI Lodi President two terms, 1999-00 and 2009-10.

Jerry & I ride bikes 6 miles a day almost every day of the year. I enjoy reading, especially true stories and spiritual books. I also love to learn about nutrition, fitness & wellness. Dr. Oz is amazing to me. I listen to KLOV positive and encouraging Christian radio at 107.3 all the time. I enjoy singing at church. I like scrapbooking, nature photography and cooking. We attend church and are members of Holy Cross United Methodist Church in Stockton. Germaine was chosen as Soroptimist of the Year in June 2011

BINGO NIGHT

The second Bingo night was held February 22 at the Masonic Lodge. We had a lot of fun and hope to be able to recruit new members.



Awards Ceremony:

All Committee chairmen have submitted their recipients of Ruby Award, WOA and Violet Richardson Award. The Awards ceremony is scheduled for March 20, 2010 at the Temple Baptist Church in the Ambassador Room. The event is coordinated with SI Lodi Sunrise.

Violet Richardson: Madison Maldonado
Women's Opportunity: Toni Marshbanks

Ruby Award: Cecilia Sierra, APANTLI
Karen West, Salvation Army Hope Harbor
Lisa Steele, Strong as Steele Foundation. Award recipients will receive a Live Your Dream pin and an SI Lodi pen along with their recognition.



Tree Lodi Community Project

SI Lodi members volunteered to serve lunch for volunteers who planted trees at the new DeBenedetti Park. The tree planting was sponsored by Tree Lodi and was held Saturday, February 11.



Bev Lacy, Sue Kiminkinen, Pat Hill, Lori Klarer, Susan Brazil, Debbie Miller

Soroptimist Members enjoy their Hobbies

Barbara

For most of my life, I have enjoyed some form of sewing, including upholstery, crocheting and needlework. When I retired, I began taking classes through the local quilting guild. Those classes led me to start making the quilted tote bags that I donated to Soroptimist and made for gifts for several years. Now, I have gone on to aprons and I really enjoy making these little gems. I made them for my board the year I was President.



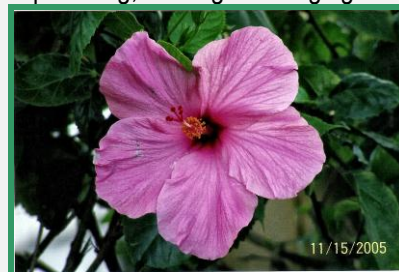
I am starting an upholstery job for myself now and will see how it goes! I am still thinking of branching out into lingerie and a few other things.

Robyn at "A Taste of Heaven" is kind enough to stock a few of my aprons and I sell to friends and family as well out of my home

E-mail me if you have a special request and I'll see what I can come up with!
Barbara Warburton
Barbstreasures4U@yahoo.com



Germaine enjoys nature photography. She will be featuring her photos in her new office. She also enjoys sewing, scrapbooking, reading and singing.



Phyllis is a Red Hat Queen Mother. She hosts a Christmas party with her Red Hat friends who are former colleagues. She enjoys travel with Elderhostel.

Elizabeth is a world traveler. She is presently serving as a Commissioner of the Stockton Port Authority. This position requires that she travel frequently. She has traveled to China and 72 other countries.

Pat and Lori are avid readers and spend many hours reading.

Robyn is a gourmet cook and writes a cooking column for the Lodi News Sentinel.

Merry loves her dogs and walks them regularly. She is involved with numerous service organizations in the community.

Sue K sings with the Stockton Chorale and enjoys quilting. She enjoyed a recent Quilting retreat in Brooking, Oregon.

Betsy breeds and shows her pet miniature Schnauzers.



Bev enjoys beading, making Tote Bags, Aprons and American Girl Doll Clothes. She learned to sew making doll clothes as a child



Bernice enjoys decorating hat boxes, gourds, sewing and needlepoint

Louise is a Master Gardner and makes all her own greeting cards, and invitations, etc.

Susan plays Mahjong and gives French lessons. She also enjoys French cooking with Gerard.



French Dinner 2011

Gerard visits from France in the spring. This photo was taken at the French dinner prepared for guests who bid on the item at the Rollin' in Ribs fundraiser in 2011. Shown above: Lori, Susan, Gerard and Bev

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Club meetings

Meetings are held at
Dee Dee's,
2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays.
Board meeting on 1st Tuesday.



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