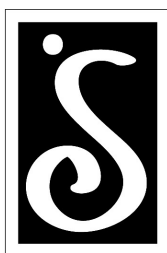


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## President's Message

*Welcome to the 2014-2015 year and Bringing Sassy Back!*

At our annual Planning Retreat in June, we accomplished strategic planning, bylaws revision, and developed our calendar and programs for this year. It was a beautiful weekend on the Delta with kayaking and SOLT (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training) Jeopardy. Vicki Watson was the grand winner after a tie-breaking number guess with Betsy Taloff. I was so geek-proud when Vicki was able to answer what our Soroptimist pledge and the Lord of the Rings had in common! Hopefully members also learned something about Soroptimist protocol as well! As presented at retreat, we hope to move our club into a more outcome-based program model. We have amazing programs that we will continue, and are in the planning stages for new programs that will keep members active and engaged.

I look forward to working with our outstanding officers. Lisa Bruni and BriAnne Dewberry are each reprising their roles as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Both are accomplished officers and volunteers who will keep things in order! Laura Liddicoet is President-Elect. This is her second round stepping into the presidency role, so I know she will be fantastic to work with. I want to also thank Tami Leathers, our Immediate Past President, for leading our club last year. She has earned a well-deserved break!

I am so excited to be leading this group of amazing women! I couldn't ask for a more diverse, talented, engaged group of women. Thank you for allowing me to bring my brand of sassy to our club.

**Monique Brammeier**

**President, 2014-2015**

**Soroptimist International of Woodland**

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### Club Meetings

**September through June**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
of each month: 5:30 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month:  
12:00 noon at Mojo's Bar and Grill**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: social evening, TBA**

[www.SoroptimistofWoodland.org](http://www.SoroptimistofWoodland.org)

## Soroptimist International of Woodland at the First Friday Art Walk



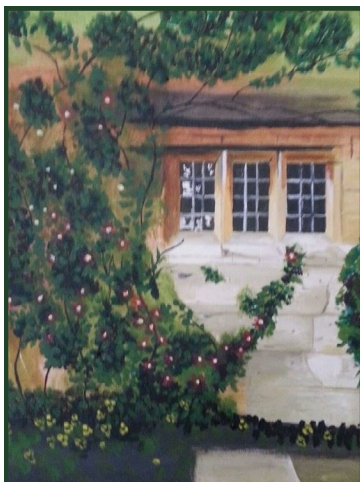
The First Friday Art Walk in Woodland, sponsored by YoloArts, showcases local and regional artists' works in a variety of mediums. Art is on display at Gallery 625 and other downtown businesses from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm on the first Friday of each month. In addition to visual arts, attendees will find performance arts, including music and dance. YoloArts invites other community non-profit organizations, such as Soroptimist International of Woodland (SIW), to participate in the First Friday Art Walk by showcasing their organization's mission and programs.

The theme of the September First Friday Art Walk is "Art and Architecture". SIW is presenting an exhibition titled "Women in Architecture: Past and into the Future" at the

Daily Democrat building, 711 Main Street, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This exhibition will include information on the history of women in prominent architects, such as Castle fame. The exhibit local artists, photographer Margaret Kronenberg, and architectural forms. To in architecture, SIW has drawings or 3D renderings of leaders of tomorrow, to enable girls to achieve programs include mentoring,

### *Women in Architecture: Past and into the Future*

architecture, noting several as Julia Morgan of Hearst will also feature the work of Susan Lord Bovey and painter their depiction of various present the future of women asked local girls to submit architecture. Since girls are the Soroptimists provide programs their career goals. Those scholarships and awards.



*Margaret Kronenberg*



*Susan Lord Bovey*

For more information about the Art Walk, check out YoloArts' website at <http://www.yoloarts.org/programs-and-services/1st-friday-art-walk>.



*Julia Morgan*

## Upcoming Events

### Get-to-Know-You Event

No matter what you've heard or what pre-conceived notions you have about what a Soroptimist may be, Soroptimist International of Woodland (SIW) would love the opportunity to explain to you, first hand, what we are all about!

Interested in hearing more about our projects? Wondering about the group of women you always see smiling and laughing while doing work beneficial to our amazing community? Curious about what the heck 'Soroptimist' even means? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, or have any other questions about us that you must have answered, SIW invites and welcomes all interested parties to an informal, very casual, get-to-know-you event at Maria's Cantina in Woodland, on September 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Please join a small group of SIW members, varying in age, career and length of membership, to hear more about how we work to benefit women and children, locally, nationally and globally, while having fun, and developing life-long, deep friendships. Appetizers will be provided.

***New members, we encourage you to join us to learn more about Soroptimist. All members, please invite friends and colleagues who you believe would like to hear more about us and explore joining our club.***



Members and guests enjoying an informal evening last year at Mojo's.

## Welcome to District 2!

### Let's Get Acquainted

With the realignment of clubs this past Spring, Soroptimist International of Woodland has joined the brand new District 2! Please plan to join your District Director, Tania Garcia-Cadena, and your Club members in Winters on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> for a great kick-off to the biennium.

The theme for this Fall's District Meeting, "Welcome to District 2! Let's Get Acquainted", sets the tone for a wonderful opportunity to familiarize yourself with the new clubs in our District. Along with an informative morning filled with updates from Governor Jackie and Region Coordinators, you'll also learn about the various successful programs and fundraisers taking place right here in our District!

Soroptimist International of Winters will be serving as our host club at the historic Winters Opera House. Breakfast and lunch, catered by Anderson's Family Catering, are included in your registration fee of \$30.00.

So plan to spend Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., getting to know the fantastic ladies of Sierra Nevada Region District 2.



## Upcoming Events, continued

### Soroptimist Members Participate in the Stroll Through History

Soroptimist International of Woodland members are participating in the Stroll Through History again this year. Two of our members, Vicki Watson and Donyel Niehues, have graciously opened their beautiful, historic homes this year for the Stroll Through History, taking place on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Soroptimist members will be docents at both Donyel's and Vicki's homes.



### Calendar



Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings and events!

Wed	09/03/14	5:30 pm	Informal kick-off meeting	Mojo's Lounge
Fri	09/05/14	5 pm to 8:30 pm	First Friday Art Walk	Daily Democrat building
Sat	09/06/14	10 am to 4 pm	Stroll Through History	Homes of Vicki Watson and Donyel Niehues
Wed	9/10/14	12 noon	SIW Meeting	Mojo's Lounge
Wed	09/17/14	5:30 pm to 7 pm	SIW Business Meeting	
Sat	09/20/14	8:30 am to 2 pm	District Meeting	Winters Opera House
Wed	09/24/14	5:30 pm	Get-to-Know-You Event	Maria's Cantina
Wed	10/01/14	12 noon	SIW Meeting	Mojo's Lounge

# Sierra Nevada Region Conference, April 2014

A record-breaking 11 of our members attended the Sierra Nevada Region Conference in Reno in April!



Pictured left, from left to right, are: Pam Weaver, Laura Liddicoet, Linda Schaupp, Monique Brammeier, Tania Garcia-Cadena, Donyel Niehues, Vicki Watson, Tami Leathers, Lisa Bruni, and Betsy Taloff. Missing from the picture is Krista Savala.

## Congratulations, Vicki and Tania!

At the SNR Conference, two of Soroptimist International of Woodland's very own were elected to positions as Region Officers! Congratulations to Vicki Watson, Governor Elect, and Tania Garcia-Cadena, District 2 Director. We are so proud of and thrilled for both of you!



The 2014-2016 officers of the Sierra Nevada Region. Pictured above, left to right, are: Sherry Hoyer (District 1), Tania Garcia-Cadena (District 2), Barbara Smiley (District 3), Veronica Gonzalez (District 4), Noel Trim (District 5), Susan Strople (District 6), Treasurer Pam Greever, Secretary Lane Parks, Governor Elect Vicki Watson and Governor Jackie DeMartini.



# Annual Planning Retreat, June 2014



Discussing our programs.



Cheers!



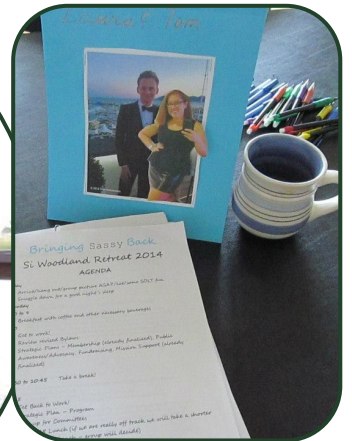
Planning fundraising events.



Celebrating a birthday.



Smile!



Laura was there in spirit.



We even had time for kayaking!



We stayed at a beautiful house on the Delta.

In addition to evaluating the previous year and planning for the upcoming year, we have time for fun and relaxation. You won't want to miss next year's Retreat!

# Soroptimist International of Woodland

## Scholarships and Awards



**The Live Your Dream Education and Training Award (formerly the Women's Opportunity Award)** assists women who have overcome significant hardships and who have primary financial responsibility for their families, to obtain the skills, training, and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their families.

**The Soroptimist Ruby Award** honors women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work.



**The Soroptimist Ruby Award:  
For Women Helping Women**



**Sheila Edwards Memorial Scholarship:**  
**Supporting Future Educators**

**The Sheila Edwards Memorial Scholarship** honors young women pursuing a career in education, who exemplify Sheila Edwards' passion for education and improving literacy in our community.

### *The Violet Richardson Award*

**The Violet Richardson Award** is a recognition program for young women ages 14 to 17, who are engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. The award is given to young women whose activities help make our community a better place. Recipients receive a cash award, and the recipient's charitable organization of choice receives a donation in the recipient's name.



**Violet Richardson**



**Evelyn Holland Scholarship:**  
**Education in Agriculture**

**The Evelyn Holland Scholarship** honors young women pursuing their education in agriculture, who exemplify Evelyn Holland's dedication to civic affairs and the advancement of women in society.

If you know someone who may qualify for one of the scholarships or awards, please refer them to:

<http://www.soroptimistofwoodland.org/scholarships.html>,

where they can find more information and the application deadlines.



## 2014-2015 Officers

President .....	Monique Brammeier
President-Elect .....	Laura Liddicoet
Secretary.....	BriAnne Dewberry
Treasurer.....	Lisa Bruni
Immediate Past President.....	Tami Leathers

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Soroptimist International ..... <http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>

SIA's "Live Your Dream!" Campaign..... <http://www.LiveYourDream.org>



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