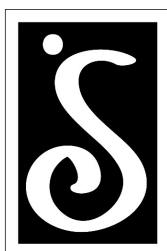


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President's Message

This year has gone by so quickly! It seems like just yesterday I was inducting Christy and Lori as new members. Now Lori has stepped in as delegate for next year after attending her first conference! We've even added two more new members that we met at our Day of the Dead Run, Patty and Katharine, who both attended their first conference this April. Conference was informative and well done. It was especially exciting for me and my raffle win. I think I will be infamous in a way I hadn't intended!

It's time for me to step down. I'm handing over my bossy-pants to Laura Liddicoet. I'm so jealous of her Everyday Superheroes theme! Can't wait to wear my Captain America shirt at retreat.

Thank you for all of the help I've received all year long! We've had a rough year of loss and change for many of our members. But we still got things done. I hope next year is smooth sailing for our members and that we provide hope and education for the people we serve. Here we come, 2015-16. We've got this.

Monique Brammeier
President, 2014-2015
Soroptimist International
of Woodland



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Club Meetings

September through June

1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each month: 5:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month:
12:00 noon at Mojo's Lounge & Bar

4th Wednesday:
Social evening
TBA



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Sierra-Nevada Region Conference



The Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno was the place to be April 24th -26th. Over 300 Soroptimist members from the Sierra Nevada Region attended the annual Conference, where awards were given, bylaws were amended, committee members were elected and fun was had by all.

Friday afternoon was filled with workshops to help improve our understanding of Club Budgeting and Our Global Presence. Delegates participated in the Candidates Forum and Delegates Briefing.

Kudos to Soroptimist International of Woodland (SI Woodland) members for winning first place in one of the Five Star Public Awareness Award categories for our newsletter. An extra big shout out to President Monique and editor Betsy for all their hard work coordinating this year's informative and creative newsletters.

Our "first time attendees" Lori Walker, Patty Sanchez, and Katharine Campos all received a great little gift from Governor Jackie to help them take notes throughout the Conference.



Saturday morning was all business as Delegates Krista, Roxane and President Monique voted on a bylaws change to clarify that membership dues of \$1 per member will be used for SIA programs at SIA's discretion. The Region cannot specify which program it would like the funds to benefit.

Liesl Schmidt, SI Marysville-Yuba City, ran uncontested as our District 2 Region Nominating Committee Candidate. Don't be surprised if she contacts you to possibly run for a Region office! She's looking for a few good women.

The evening kicked off with the traditional Grand March, with our very own President Monique decked out in beachwear, complete with a giant martini glass. District Director Tania and Governor Elect Vicki represented our club on the 2014-2016 Region Board of Directors.

After dinner the lights went down and we all had the chance to view the film "Girl Rising". This powerful documentary highlights the struggles of girls around the world and their plans for overcoming them. We had the opportunity to hear each girl's story, as told by the narrators, and hopefully develop a better understanding of how we can help them achieve their goals, as a world-wide organization. *(Continued on page 3.)*



SI Woodland members enjoying dinner at the SNR Conference, above. SNR 2014-2016 Board of Directors, right.



Sierra-Nevada Region Conference (continued)



One of the best things about Conference is the FOOD! And Sunday's brunch didn't let anyone down. Delicious quiche, fresh fruit, muffins and rolls were served during the annual Making A Difference Brunch. Before the Live Your Dream Awards were given out, Joanne Tremelling and Lane Parks presented on the U. N. Commission on the Status of Women.

Awards totaling \$20,000.00 were given out by our Region to the Live Your Dream Award winners. We had five \$3,000 winners and one \$ 5,000 winner. Their stories were emotional and heartwarming. All have overcome extreme issues in their lives and have returned to school to increase their social and economic empowerment.

Governor-Elect Vicki invited one and all to attend Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR) July 25th-26th at the Atlantis, and SIA Secretary-Treasurer RoseMary Reid extended an invitation to the SI Convention in Istanbul, Turkey this summer.

But wait, there's more!! Our very own President Monique won the 50/50 RAFFLE!! She was just a little excited (she banned me from sharing the photos that show her looking like a crazy woman) and her enthusiasm had the whole room applauding her gains. Congratulations Monique!!

If you missed this year's Conference you won't want to miss it again next year. Our own Vicki Watson will be installed as our Governor, and we'd love to have every SI Woodland member in attendance to congratulate her.

Annual Retreat



Members of SI Woodland look forward to our annual retreat every year. It includes planning for the next year, copious amounts of delicious food and liquid refreshment, strengthening friendships, and a whole lot of fun! This year was no exception. Incoming President Laura's theme was "Everyday Superheroes". Next year promises to be "super"!



Live Your Dream: College Bound

Improving Opportunity Through Education



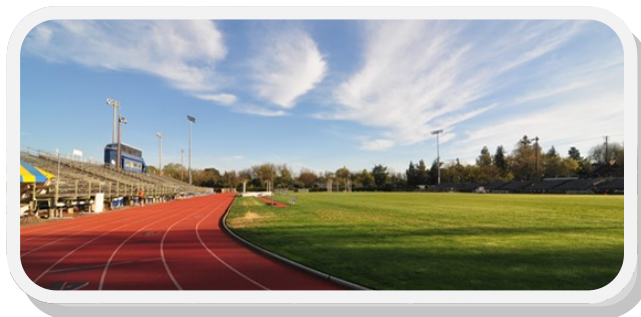
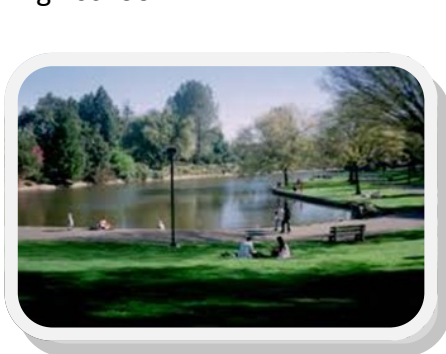
In 2012, College Bound was developed to encourage third grade students to attend college after high school by providing them with information they may not be exposed to in their typical home and school environments. Students are also provided with an informational presentation that is age appropriate addressing why it is important to go to college, aspects of college life, and goal setting while in their elementary classroom setting before touring the UC Davis campus.

This year we provided two schools in our school district with the College Bound program. Our first school experienced College Bound in the fall. We took our second College Bound school to UC Davis in April. The students really enjoyed the campus tour. Both the students and parents that came on the tour were astonished that we were still on campus when we went to Lake Spafford for lunch.

My group was especially excited to see the UC Davis gymnasts doing flips at Hickey Gym. All of the students were impressed seeing the pole vault and high jump athletes at the track. Some of the students struck up conversations with a young lady who was practicing her running technique. Most of the kids ran a lap around the track as well.

Another student interest was the outdoors art installations throughout the campus, the egg heads in particular. They actually would request to view pieces of art when spotted from afar! I'm glad that we were able to experience the different types of art on campus, especially with all of the budget cuts to arts programs throughout California public schools.

We gave them an informative, fun tour. I hope that we inspired students to consider college after high school.



Downtown Woodland Music Festival



Freeman Park in Woodland was rocking with music on Sunday, June 28th! SI Woodland partnered with the Yolo County Board of REALTORS® to host the first annual Downtown Woodland Music Festival. Live music featured three bands: Grooveline (R&B, Funk and Soul Classics), Conjunto Liberacion (Salsa and Latin Jazz), and Steel Shot (Authentic Classic Rock). The family-friendly event included two raffles: one for a "Lottery Lei", and the other for prizes including a resort

getaway, a VIP wine and food pairing for 10, wine tasting for 6, and a bicycle. Proceeds from the event will support the Yolo Food Bank and SI Woodland service projects. Numbers are still coming in, but all who attended enjoyed themselves.



Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon

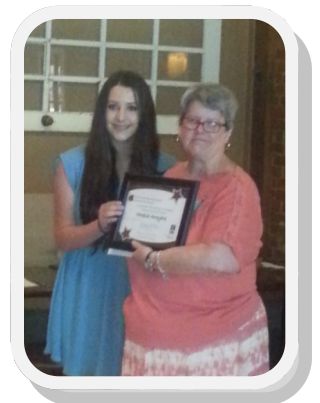


At our Live Your Dream (LYD) Awards Luncheon, SI Woodland presented **Kathryn Mary Wright** with the **Live Your Dream Education and Training Award**. This award provides women who have overcome significant hardships with cash grants to offset the costs of higher education or skills training. Katie has faced significant challenges in her life, but her success in turning her life around is a testament to her strength of character and determination to make a better life for herself and her children. Katie is currently taking online courses at Sierra College. Her goal is to become a Registered Nurse.



Sheila Edwards Memorial Scholarship:
Supporting Future Educators

This year's recipient of the **Sheila Edwards Memorial Scholarship** was **Vanessa Arroyave**. The Sheila Edwards Memorial Scholarship is in honor of Sheila Edwards, who was an educator and published author and member of SI Woodland until she lost her battle with cancer. The scholarship recognizes a young woman pursuing a career in education, who exemplifies Sheila's passion for education and improving literacy in our Community. Vanessa graduated this year from Woodland Christian High School, with a GPA of more than 4.0, and was the class Valedictorian. She will be attending UCLA in the fall. Vanessa plans to pursue a career in teaching, starting with a degree in history, and ultimately, to teach students at U.S. military installations around the world. *(Continued on page 6.)*



Installation of 2015-2016 Officers

To conclude our year, we had a wonderful turnout at our installation event. Sierra-Nevada Region Governor Jackie attended, along with our own Vicki, Governor-Elect, and Tania, District 2 Director. We even welcomed a new member to our ranks, Lisa Hein! We had a wonderful time in the Weaver Garden with music, food, sangria, and impressive hats. Many thanks were given for all of the hard work our members have done all year.

We had an audience participation portion, with Pam stealing the show. Patty's hat was deemed the most impressive by popular vote; Katharine was a close second. We missed BriAnne, current Secretary, who was sick that evening—boo!—but she submitted a picture of her wonderful hat for consideration and received some votes as well.

We installed our officers for next year with much pomp and glory as befitting their positions (with a bit of fun). Incoming officers who were installed were President: Laura Liddicoet, Treasurer: Lisa Bruni, Secretary: Monique Brammeier, Delegates: Jeri Sheets and Lori Vidales. We are certain they are up to the task!

We can't wait for President Laura to lead us into the 2015-16 year!



Thanking the 2014-2015 officers at the installation ceremony. Pictured from left, President-Elect Laura Liddicoet, Treasurer Lisa Bruni, Delegates Roxane Schepens and Krista Savala, and President Monique Brammeier.



Members enjoying a delicious repast at the garden party-themed installation event.



Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon (*continued*)



Evelyn Holland Scholarship:
Education in Agriculture

and the advancement of women in society. Evelyn Holland was President of Soroptimist of Woodland from 1954 to 1955. The scholarship was awarded this year to **Natalie Osburn**, who graduated this year from Esparto High School. She was an active member of 4H and FFA, and plans to pursue a degree in agronomy, crop and soil sciences. Natalie will be attending BYU in the fall.

The **Evelyn Holland Scholarship** honors young women pursuing their education in agriculture, who exemplify Evelyn Holland's dedication to civic affairs



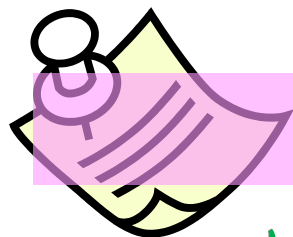
Live Your Dream Hike

Our Live Your Dream (LYD) Hike has been a program at SI Woodland since 2008. This program has provided girls 13-18 years-old with an opportunity to engage in a physically challenging hike while receiving helpful information. The LYD Hike has not only been about educating these young women, but also empowering them to take control of their own lives, be responsible for their own actions, and believe in themselves and their dreams.

The next LYD Hike, scheduled in the Fall 2015, will incorporate the newly released curriculum from Soroptimist International of the Americas for the “Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls” program. BriAnne Dewberry, chair of the LYD hike, has been working to change our Hike to reflect this new direction of career support.

BriAnne commented, “We are excited to present this new curriculum and to improve the future career success of girls in our community. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.”

Please check our website for updates regarding the new and improved Dream It, Be It Hike during the summer.



Fall 2015 Calendar



Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings and events!

Wed	Sept 2	5:30 to 6:30 pm	SIW Business Meeting	TBA
Wed	Sept 9	12 to 1 pm	SIW Lunch Meeting	Mojo's Lounge & Bar
Fri	Sept 11	TBA	College Bound	TBA (Sept 11 or Sept 18)
Sat	Sept 12	TBA	Garden Party	TBA
Sat	Sept 26	TBA	District 2 District Meeting	Grass Valley
Sat	Oct 10	TBA	Live Your Dream Hike	TBA
Sat	Nov 7	TBA	Day of the Dead Run	TBA





2015-2016 Officers

President.....	Laura Liddicoet
Secretary	Monique Brammeier
Treasurer.....	Lisa Bruni
Delegates	Jeri Sheets
.....	Lori Vidales

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