



SIGS News

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SIGS Meets

First & Third Tuesdays
Lunch Meetings
12:00 noon – 1:15 pm
(Sign-in begins at 11:30)
Jackson Catering
1120 Fulton
Evening Meetings
As Announced



Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

SIGS in January

January 8 Holiday Party!!

5:30 p.m. Social, 6:00 Buffet Dinner

Cantina Axteca, 6400 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael

Cost: \$25 Checks payable to SIGS, you may pay upon arrival.

If you have not RSVP'd to Carole Davenport yet, please do so right away.

All you need to bring is \$25 for dinner and cash for beverage (we'll run a room tab and pay at the end of the evening.)

Participate in our gift exchange this year by bringing a wrapped bowl of any type or size. We have some activities planned, so get ready for a fun evening with a room full of great women and a memorable start to 2019!



January 15 Lunch Meeting



Lisa Wrightsman, Program Manager, Street Soccer USA

SSUSA's Mission is to fight poverty and empower underserved communities through soccer. We brings our programs to kids 6-18 years old, as well as special needs populations including homeless families, adults and people in recovery. SSUSA is also the official partner of the Homeless World Cup and the Street Child World Cup, which provides opportunities for valuable international experiences for our program participants. We were recently featured by "Rob" on the Road" on PBS.

January 31 Panty Contest Deadline

Thanks to everyone who has already donated panties to our Panty Contest. You are helping to defray the costs for Hidden Support when buying bras and panties for our WE graduates.

We are well on our way to our goal of 100 pairs of panties by January 31, 2019. Panties not used for Hidden Support will be donated to other organizations in need. Faye asks that you put your name on your donations, so we know who might win this contest!



February 5 Lunch Meeting

Our speaker will be **Joan Medeiros**, attorney at law, who devotes her Sacramento practice to estate planning, Medi-Cal planning, elder law, special needs planning, probate and trust administration.

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Board meetings are usually the second Tuesday of the month at Michelle Whisenand's office conference room. All are welcome.

President's Message*By President Michelle****Happy New Year Everyone!***

How quickly this past year has gone by. What a reminder that we have to hang on to those moments in time and be present. A blink of an eye and days and months have passed by.

My New Year's Resolution for this year (yes, I do make 'em and break 'em, but I always hold out hope) is simply to put one foot in front of the other. I am using this promise to myself when I exercise, have a project to complete, or simply see my "to do" list as way too long. I will put my head down and put one foot in front of the other until it's done.

I will be doing that as we head into 2019. We have a lot happening this coming year, starting with the Winter Mixer on January 8th. We have grants to give away, funds to raise, great speakers lined up, and everything in-between.

I do want to say that the WE Holiday Craft Party was a huge success!! I received a lot of very nice comments and gratitude from the families coming into the lunch room. I know there's a lot of women behind that success, but hats off to **Judy Dean** for being in the middle of it all and getting us organized. Thank you, **Judy**, for your time, hard work, and persistence when it was needed most.

Looking forward to a great 2019!

Olive Oil Products available*By Marilyn Goodfellow*

Email or text me and hopefully I can have your order ready for Tues Jan 8.

**Ternero Farms Olive Oil Products**

- ❖ Estate Blend (Picual) Olive Oil 15
- ❖ Flavored Oil (Basil, Jalapeno, Oregano Blend) 15
- ❖ Body Oil (rosemary, lavender) \$13.50 each
- ❖ Soap (orange, lavender) \$8 each

Capay Ranches Balsamic Vinegars, \$15 each

- ❖ Cranberry, Pear, Mango-Sriracha

respond to every call that excites your spirit.

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WE Holiday Craft Party A Huge Success

By Judy Dean, with photos by Alice Carney

The Holiday Craft Party was a joyful event this year with 200 participants from Women's Empowerment and a return to the St. Francis High School location. In addition to continuing 5 favorite SIGS crafts, we also introduced 4 new crafts (book marks, scented sachets, kisses Christmas tree ornaments, and sock cupcakes) which were an instant hit. St. Francis girls also hosted their own craft table for the first time.



Many hands worked together to make the day a success: a big thank-you to craft table leads **Lori H, Kathy K, Hilda T, Susan G, Lori B, Marilyn, Carole L, Penny, and Faye**....and....to **Penny** for gathering a great selection of donated books, **Janet G** for critical truck transportation and helpers, **Paula** for signs and decorating, **Jean** and crew for tree decorating, **Michelle** for handling snacks/"kitchen", **Faye** for arranging SIGS lunch, and **Alice** for check-in and pictures. An additional heartfelt thanks for all the advance preparations: **Roni** for awesome coordination of crafters; **Marilyn and Sally** for sewing beautiful stockings; **Marilyn, Stephanie, Hilda and Kathy K** for prepping crafts; **Laurie B** for stockings and Target gift cards, and **Stephanie Villanueva** at St. Francis for overseeing gym set-up and coordinating St. Francis girls. And lastly, to all the SIGS, SIGS men, and SIGS friends for the hundred little extras, assisting with crafts, making guests welcome, and the magical transformation of the gym into a festive venue.



Got Bags?

By Sheryl Sorem, VP Ways and Means

We need designer bags, and the really big sales have started! Everyone needs to go shopping, keeping an eye out for designer bags!

As we strive to do each year, we try to make the upcoming event the best one yet, and this year, we'd like to increase the number of luxury designer bags. Think Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada, Ralph Lauren, Chanel, Kate Spade, Burberry, Yves Saint Laurent, Tory Burch, etc. And course we always love bags from Coach and Michael Kors.



Designer websites, outlet malls and discount stores have great deals this time of year. We are accepting donations now, and look forward to seeing your fabulous finds!!! And don't forget, we will gladly accept your cash donations as well.



Superstars!

As per our club's tradition, there will be \$1 or \$2 fines at every meeting at the whim of our glorious fine master. In addition, if you have a personal or professional milestone, accomplishment or recognition, you will also be fined for being so wonderful.

Want to avoid these pesky fines? For a mere \$50, you can become a SuperStar! For your tax-deductible donation, you will have the privilege of not having to pay fines at meetings AND you can brag to the club about anything you want! To join in, simply present your check to Michelle or Jean at any meeting/function and start bragging!

Thanks to Alice Carney, Lora Edwards, Marilyn Goodfellow, Sally Johnson, Carol Little, Stephanie Paia, Cindra Smith, and Millie Stone, who are current superstars. (Please contact me if I've missed your name).



SIA's Big Goal

Together, we are preparing our organization for our 2021-2031 Big Goal: **Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.** More than 2,000 members from 18 countries and territories answered our 2018 survey and here's what we learned: 77% of members agree or strongly agree:

- Our recent accomplishments can be attributed to changing the way we work to achieve our current Big Goal of increased collective impact.
- Focusing our resources on building the impact of our brand-unifying Dream Programs is the best way to increase our impact, which will result in increased recognition of our organization.
- Focusing on our brand-unifying Dream Programs is the best way to support the UN's call for accelerating women's economic empowerment. Our Dream Programs address other issues of importance including domestic violence, trafficking, sexual assault and access to health care.
- We can build upon our success by focusing on our next Big Goal: Invest the Dreams of Half a Million Women and Girls Through Access to Education.
- If all clubs commit to achieving our next Big Goal, we can reach 500,000 women and girls in the first decade of our second century. In FY17/18, members provided input into plans for our 2021 Big Goal: Invest the Dreams of Half a Million Women and Girls Through Access to Education.



Sara is using her Live Your Dream Award finish her education, after escaping an abusive marriage.

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Lunch & Meetings

Jackson Catering, 1120 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento
Cost: \$22

We are enjoying our second year at Jackson Catering as our venue for our lunches. They have excellent food, easy parking, and keep the cost low. Please respond to **Carole D's** email prior to each meeting asking you to RSVP. If you respond yes or no, you won't get a reminder email, so keep your in-box free of clutter and respond quickly! Thanks.

If you need to cancel, contact Carole as soon as you can. However, no shows and late cancellations may still be responsible for the cost of the lunch if we are charged for it.

Guests and potential members are always welcome. The club covers the cost of the first lunch for a potential member. Contact **Paula Maw**, VP Membership, if you would like her to send a letter inviting your guest to membership.



Calendar & Links

2019

January 8	Evening Holiday Party Cantina Azteca
January 15	Lunch Meeting
February 5	Lunch Meeting
February 29	Lunch Meeting
March 5	Lunch Meeting (Grants)
March 19	Lunch Meeting
April 2	Lunch Meeting
April 6	Annual Retreat (Business)
April TBD	SNR Conference
May 7	Lunch Meeting
May 9	It's in the Bag Fundraiser
May 21	Lunch Meeting
June 4	Evening - Installation
June 11	Joint Board Meeting



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