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Reflecting on our Year

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How quickly the year goes by when you are busy doing "good things" for others. It's "Summer Solstice" time and we are already wrapping up another SIGS year...and what a successful year it was!



To our SIGS sisters we applaud each of you with your selfless, generous time and talents. You have provided continuous support in our programs to further our SIGS goal of helping women and girls live their dreams by giving them "access to education and training to achieve economic empowerment, specifically those facing significant obstacles." Our main event was the **Holiday Craft Party** that brings joy to the children and adults of Women's Empowerment (and to all of us in SIGS too!).

Our **Live Your Dream** program provided money to 6 women pursuing their education, including a reception to celebrate them. We also donated two **Chrome Books** to residents of Academy Stay.

We raised funds through **Olive Oil sales, Big Day of Giving, Superstars and a fun "Silent Auction."**

Our twice--a-month club meetings involved having speakers to connect us with our community. Through our year we appreciated speakers from: *Academy Stay (including another event of a wonderful tour of their facility), CASA, Yolo Crisis Nursery, Alzheimer's Association, Women's Wisdom Art and an interesting talk from Jennifer, a death doula.*

Attending our **District Conference, District meetings, and attending the Women's Festival** to hand out our SIGS brochure helped to connect with other Soroptimist Clubs.

We also had "Fun while Getting It Done! We had our **Summer and Winter mixers, our Retreat** that was combined with celebrating our 40th Year Anniversary. Finally, our **Installation Dinner** recognized the coming year's officers and committee chairs, while enjoying a potato and salad bar dinner.

Happiness is getting **NEW MEMBERS**and we are so happy to have inducted Julie Gower at the beginning of the year. And we look forward to at least four new members for the coming year (see page xxx)

Again, many thanks to all of you for your involvement. We couldn't have done it without the chairs of Ways and Means--Paula; Service--Carole D; Program--Carol L; Hospitality--Lydia; Membership--Hilda. And of course we appreciated all that our Secretary Alice, Treasurers Susan and Lydia, Newsletter Cindra, Website Carole D, and Facebook Carol did to make things run smoothly! (P.S. Did you know that Cindra has created our newsletter for 20 years? Early in her tenure, our newsletter won top awards in the region.)

Lori and I appreciate every one of you!! Thanks for the opportunity to serve as SIGS Presidents. We wish you a happy, restful summer and see you in August at our Summer Mixer!

