

# Salty Soroptimist News

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*Celebrating the past ~ Creating the future  
Where women and girls thrive, and dreams really do come true*

## President's Message

Happy Spring! I am delighted that spring is here and the world is filled with rebirth and hope. I refer to this year's theme Celebrating the Past ~ Creating the Future to highlight all our club did in March and all we can look forward to in April and the coming months.

The month of March was filled with amazing events. The highlight of the month was the *Live Your Dream Awards*® luncheon held at the beautiful Willow Creek Country Club. It was wonderful to finally meet together with members, award recipients, and guests. Hearing the stories of the award recipients brought home the value of our mission and vision. I congratulate the six women receiving the award and I would like to recognize the exceptional work of this year's *Live Your Dream Awards*® chair, Teresa Just. We were honored to have our region *Live Your Dream Awards*® chair, Christine Blazey come down from Idaho to attend.

On March 8 I was privileged to host the broadcast of SIA's **International Women's Day Tea Party** in my home. Thank you to Jan Crane who helped me put on this event. **Kendra Scott Jewelry Store** invited our club to partner with their business on International Women's Day where they hosted an in-store and online event. They promoted Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City and gave us 20% of their sales. Kendra Scott, worth \$1 billion is a philanthropist with a history of supporting women and children's causes. They have requested an on-going relationship. During the weeks of March 14-25, I attended six of the Soroptimist-sponsored meetings held virtually as part of the **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women**. We finished up the month on March 31 by watching **SIA's Club Operations Training** webinar.

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Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City  
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I'm pleased to announce we will finally meet again in person for our *Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls®* program on April 12. Donna Visco and Carma Ingram chair this one-day event where all members are welcome. Also, in April we will meet in person for **Region Conference** for the first time in two years. Registration deadline is April 15. Please join me at both these events. Our work continues because of members like you. Please help us as we still have many more lives to change.

*Carolyn Roberts, President, SI of Salt Lake*

## Live Your Dream Awards

By Ann Treacy



I had the honor of attending the *Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon* on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Willow Creek Country Club. The venue was lovely, but the women in the room were exquisite.

I am a “newish” member and this was my first time attending this event. I’ll do my Heddy Hopper/Cindy Adams/TMZ imitation and say that the women were dressed to impress and pearls and broaches were in abundance.

What truly mattered, though, was the difference that this award brings to the lives of these courageous women and their families. We’ve all heard the quote from Nelson Mandela that “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

As I sat next to last year’s winner, Tracy Lavell, and listened to her story, Mr. Mandela’s words came to mind. In five months, Tracy will be a nurse! Her oldest daughter and son have watched her go through the program and have seen the benefit. Now they both want to become nurses too.

I also watched as one of this year’s recipient’s daughters sat and listened to her mother tell her story of spousal abuse and a lack of resources to improve their situation. The *Live Your Dream* award allowed her to enroll in school which then gave her options.

I am proud to be part of an organization that recognizes that education helps break the generational cycles of abuse and poverty and shifts all who attain it to a different type of cycle. A cycle of hope, courage, self-worth, and success.

## SI SLC’s Live Your Dream Award Recipients

SI SLC is pleased to have awarded six Live Your Dream Awards. Recipients are:

Mandy Van Dijk-Hutt  
Natalie Mendiola-Guarderas  
Cathy Silva-Palacios  
Megan Bourne  
Zoe Blankenship

Please note that one of our recipients has chosen to remain anonymous





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82nd Annual Rocky Mountain Region  
And  
107th Annual North Central Region  
Soroptimist International  
Spring Conference  
April 29-April 30, 2022  
Cheyenne, Wyoming





February 25, 2022

Dear Rocky Mountain and North Central Region Soroptimists:

We are excited to invite you to Spring Conference, April 29 – April 30, 2022 at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We are celebrating new beginnings.

We'd like to thank the Rocky Mountain Region and North Central Region Boards, and Denise Marquiss of SI Laramie and committees who have worked to coordinate the planning and preparation for the conference. We believe our speakers and presenters will help you feel inspired and ready to jump back into the next club year with even more great ideas, information, and useful tools to help women and girls feel inspired to Live Their Dreams.

We are happy to welcome our Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. © members Deborah Cook, Official Visitor, SIA Board of Directors, Jackie DeMartini, Official SIA Visitor, and Allison Sylvester, SIA Associate Manager of Membership Engagement to our conference. They are excited to attend and bring information from Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. ©. We hope each of you will take time to meet Deb, Jackie and Allison and give them a very warm welcome.

This Spring Conference will be a new beginning for Rocky Mountain and North Central regions. Thank you to all members that voted for the new region name: **"Peaks to Plains Region"**. We want to encourage all members to take this opportunity to attend and learn more about our larger organization, and the things we will accomplish together as a new Region.

Thank each of you for your dedication and passion for Soroptimist. You go out of your way to make the world a better place - one woman and one girl at a time. Together we will accomplish more to improve the lives of women and girls!

We look forward to seeing you in Cheyenne!!

Governor Teresa and Governor Jenny

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE AT [Soroptimist Rocky Mountain and North Central Region Spring Conference 2022 Tickets, Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

# Dream It – Be It Event



DREAM IT • BE IT  
CAREER SUPPORT  
{for girls}

**GOAL SETTING &  
CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2022**

AGENDA

**10:00A** Dream It Be It  
Kick Off

**10:30A** Vision Board

**11:15A** Career Speaker  
Gabby Garcia

**12:00P** Break  
Lunch Provided

**1:00P** Goal Setting

**2:00P** Wrap-Up  
Commitments

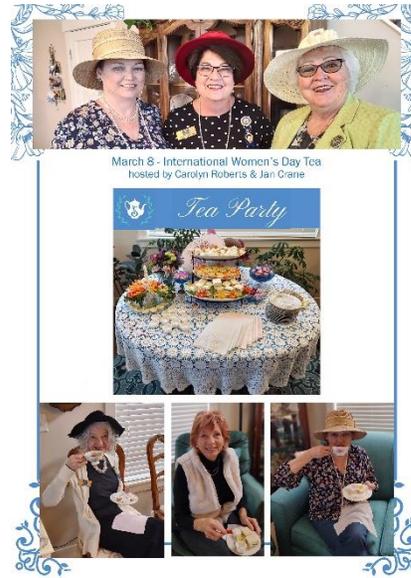
WORKSHOP ENDS BY 2:30PM

All members are encouraged to attend. Box lunch provided. RSVP Carma Ingram by Friday April 9. [carma.ingram@gmail.com](mailto:carma.ingram@gmail.com) 801-598-1362.

Coordinated and presented by Donna Visco and Carma Ingram

# International Women's Day Tea Party

By Carolyn Roberts



Soroptimist of Salt Lake hosted a tea party to celebrate International Women's Day. We donned hats and pearls, ate cucumber sandwiches and sipped tea while we watched a Soroptimist International broadcast in honor of women across the globe.

# Meet our 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors

## President – Carma Ingram

I am excited to fill the position of President. I have been a member of Soroptimist since 2003 and have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful women who are committed to helping women and girls live their dreams. I have served on many board and program positions including president. Soroptimist values are what we want for ourselves, our daughters and our granddaughters and I have a strong belief that every woman and girl deserve to live their dream. I am so grateful to be a part of this organization and appreciate your support.

## President-Elect – Rita Offrett

I joined Soroptimist in 1997 through the urging of a friend, Janis Nash. [continued on page 6]

I joined, not just for our local involvement, but also for the international connection we have as an organization. I have been a previous President of Soroptimist of Salt Lake, as well as most other positions in our local Club. I was 2018-2020 Governor for Soroptimist of the Rocky Mountain Region. I have held many other Region positions including Region Secretary for 4 years. Membership on Region and local were some of my favorite positions.

#### **Secretary – Barbara Rosner**

When I was introduced to Soroptimists I fell in love with the mission and vision of the club. Helping people was always my motto and I saw the potential in the club. As a member of SI of Salt Lake City, I have served as Secretary, President-Elect, and President. At the regional level, I have served as part of the Public Awareness Committee for a little time. I was inactive for a few years and coming back was always my deepest desire. I am glad to be able to be part of this wonderful group of women that with a lot of work, support, effort, and love dedicate their lives to serve women and girls.

#### **Treasurer – Teresa Just**

I have been a member of Soroptimist since 2010. I have served as President-Elect (twice), President (twice) and Past President. I have also served on various committees, including Chair for Breakfast with Santa. My husband Mike is a wonderful partner who is extremely supportive. I have one daughter, three stepdaughters, a stepson and 6 grandchildren. In my new job I am working as a Strategic Account Executive assigned to Dell the second largest account for Salesforce. I love Soroptimist of Salt Lake and honored to serve as Treasurer.

#### **Treasurer-Elect – Donna Schultz**

I have been a member of Soroptimist since 2012 and have served on the Board as President, Secretary, Delegate and Director. Live your Dream and Breakfast with Santa are my favorite service projects of our club. I love the work our club does and will consider it a privilege to serve as Treasurer Elect Next year.

#### **Director-At-Large – Ann Treacy**

I have recently joined SI International and I look forward to learning about all the initiatives it sponsors. Being a Director-At-Large will allow me to learn how the club operates and how I can be of most help. I worked for a non-profit for 29 years and am very passionate about the importance of education, especially for girls and women. I have lived in Cottonwood Heights for 35 years and have a son and daughter. I live with my husband of 41 years, my brother and 2 dogs. It is a privilege to be a part of this remarkable group of women.

#### **Delegate 1 of 2 – Cathy Stevens**

I have been a Soroptimist member for 12 years. I served as President in 2015-2016 and have served as Fundraiser Chair for several years. I love what Soroptimist stands for and the work we do.

#### **Delegate 2 of 2 – Angela Yarborough**

I have been a member of Soroptimist for 7 years. I am passionate about education and learning new experiences. I have a B.A with a major in Biology. As a member of the Salt Lake Christian Center, I volunteer as a teacher in the ESL program. My favorite service project is Breakfast with Santa where I have volunteered for several years. I am also a member of the Utah League of Writers. I have been employed at American Express for over 30 years in a variety of positions and locations. I look forward to serving on the Soroptimist board.

#### **Past President/Historian – Carolyn Roberts**

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president this past year. I loved every minute. And, I have come to love each one of our members. I believe in the mission and vision of the organization, and I know that our Salt Lake club can make a difference locally and internationally. I look forward to collecting and organizing our historical records in a useful and meaningful way. Thank you for your support.



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# Upcoming Events

Apr 6	• Board Meeting 5:30
Apr 6	• Newsletter Deadline
TBA	• Volunteer Women’s Resource Center
Apr 12	• Dream It - Be It Event
Apr 20	• Program Meeting TBD
Apr 29 – May 1	• Rocky Mountain Region Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming
May 4	• Board Meeting 5:30
May 4	• Newsletter Deadline
May 18	• Program Meeting TBD
Jun 1	• Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Jun 1	• Newsletter Deadline
Jun 15	• Installation of new officers

## Happy Birthday



CHERI RICHARDSON – APRIL 29  
 CAROLYN ROBERTS – MAY 1  
 KYMBERLY WELLS – MAY 9



## Photos from our Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon....

