

Salty Soroptimist News



President Barbara's Message



Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

As we step into the vibrant month of April, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work we continue to do together. Our collective dedication to improving the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world is truly inspiring.

March was a particularly busy month for us, filled with meaningful events and activities. One of the highlights was our *Trivia Night Out*, which was a great success! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members, we were able to bring people together for a night of fun, friendly competition, and fundraising for a cause that is near and dear to our hearts. Your support and enthusiasm made it a memorable evening, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed to its success.

As we move into April, a month that symbolizes new beginnings, growth, and renewal, we are reminded of the important work we do. Our efforts to empower women and girls through education, leadership development, and access to resources are as crucial now as ever. Each step we take, no matter how small, is helping to create a brighter future for those who need it most. This month, we'll be celebrating the progress we've made and gearing up for the exciting initiatives and events we have ahead. I encourage each of you to continue inspiring and supporting those around you.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission and the passion you bring to our club. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive world.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Barbara Rosner



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Board 2024-2025

Barbara Rosner - *President*
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 Loretta Peterson - *Treasurer*
 Pat Murdoch - *Treasurer Elect*
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Rita's Fundraiser Party! *By- Rita Offret*



I want to thank all Club members for your support of our Spring Fundraiser this year. It was our second annual Trivia Fundraiser. All that attended had a great time. I want to especially thank my committee for all their dedication and hard work to prepare for the event. The silent auction this year was a little smaller but as I looked at most of the items during the night, we received a good return with most doing well and with at least one going over value. We had about 43 items and all did very well. The live auction brought out competition and the items went well over value.

We tried a new location this year that worked out well. It was roomy and well-lit and we didn't need to add much in decorations. We even have room to grow at this location and parking was convenient and plentiful. We had feedback on the caterer that everyone agreed with. The alcohol sales went quite well.

The names of some of our teams were very creative: "I Thought This Was Speed Dating," "The Brainy Bunch," "Hot Shots," and "Cats5ever."

Prizes for the top 3 teams were well received! It seemed everyone had a great time! I had one of our new invitees state, "Next year I am going to bring my own group for a table because it was so much fun." Be thinking of who you can invite next year to grow our event! Net proceeds this year were \$ 10,716. Woo Woo!



Team Pictures





Inspiring Women and Girls with March Projects, Dream it Be it and Big Goal - By Carma Ingram

Our club has been really busy keeping up with presentations at a couple of schools, as well as, the Women's Resource Center in March. We first attended Roosevelt Continuation School on March 6th where we had 12 girls attend. Kathy Margaritis and Michelle Jackson did a presentation on Values Clarification. Donna Schultz, Carma Ingram, and Rita Offrett were in attendance there as well. The girls were very respectful and seemed to enjoy the exercises, overall presentation, and making bookmarks..

On March 7th we attended Granite Connections High School where we brought in four career speakers to talk to the girls about their careers. We had about 25 girls at this event. Our career speakers were Kellie Ju Huntzinger who spoke about her various careers as a dental assistant, dental office manager, pedicurist, and working for UPS. Kate Anderson, one of our Live Your Dream Award Winners, came and spoke to the girls about nursing and the variety of opportunities they would have in that field. Karllen Johnson spoke to the girls about a music career, and Katie Payne spoke to the girls about being a successful graphic artist. The girls totally enjoyed this class with a lot of questions being asked of our presenters.

On March 8th we went to the Women's Resource Center and Carma gave a presentation on using positive affirmations to change the way your brain thinks and bringing positivity into your life. Rita Offrett, Pat Murdoch, and Donna Schultz were there to provide support and additional information to the ladies. We had 20 women attend this class, which was the most that we have had at any class there so far.

On March 21st, we had Kathy Williams at Horizonte Adult Education present on Overcoming Obstacles. Kathy Williams is retired now but our club worked with her for over 20 years at Horizonte when we were presenting to the Young Parents Program. We had 13 girls to participate in this session. While we were there their teacher, Natalie Shiozawa, told us that the girls said they loved us coming and wished we came more often. Kathy gave a great presentation on overcoming obstacles and brought the girls journals to write in.

We have no further sessions scheduled for DIBI this year but will do three more Big Goal Accelerator presentations, two at Horizonte and one at the Women's Resource Center. The dates for these events are 4/18 & 5/16 at Horizonte and 4/19 at the Women's Resource Center.

Please join us in one of these mentoring opportunities

Please Join Us: Upcoming Big Goal Projects

DIBI provides guidance, training, and resources to prepare girls for career success.

April, May classes:

- **Horizonte Rose Park: Friday, April 18**, our fourth session where Donna will present on Balancing Stress. **Arrive at 10:30 a.m.** (class 11-12:40). Address: 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC, Northwest back door, ring the bell.
- **Horizonte Rose Park: Friday, May 16**, our fifth session with special speakers including Patty Shay (Career Counselor). **Arrive at 10:30 a.m.** (class 11-12:40).
- **Women's Resource Center: Saturday, April 19**, arrive at 10:30 a.m. (11:00 class). Address: 131 E. 700 So., SLC.

It's a rewarding experience mentoring these girls and women during an important time of life's transitions!



Horizonte Youth-to-Adult Program Big Goal. with Rita, Kathy Williams (teacher), Carma and Michelle.

Horizonte adult students completing learning activities 'Overcoming Obstacles' class # 3 of 5.



"#Genderequality can never be achieved if everyone sits on the sidelines. We need to take action to make it happen. While there has been progress, it has been slow," says Melanie Garber, who created this [#AccelerateAction](#) [#lettering](#)

The 2025 theme for *International Woman's Day* was also the focus of **SIA's Virtual Tea Party** on March 10th. The SIA President said that at the current rate of action, it will take five generations to reach gender equality. *Way too long!* Working with the UN, Soroptimist are pushing to accelerate progress. Three specific priority areas of focus from the Beijing Declaration are 1) Education and training for women; 2) Gender Equality; 3) Women and the Economy and of course women's health. One of the most requested ways women would like help is through mentorship.

As individuals, we can all take steps in our daily lives to positively impact women's advancement. We can call out stereotypes, challenge discrimination, question bias, celebrate women's success, and so much more. Additionally, sharing our knowledge and encouragement with others is key.

Impactful organizations and groups across the world deliver an array of effective strategies, resources, and activity that help **#AccelerateAction** in many areas including:

- promoting creative and artistic talent of women and girls
- forging women's economic empowerment
- recruiting, retaining and developing diverse talent
- providing women and girls with access to quality education and training
- supporting women and girls into leadership, decision-making, business and STEM
- helping women and girls make informed decisions about their health

By addressing these areas supporting the advancement of women and girls, we can begin to Accelerate Action!

Getting to Know



Diane McCarty

I'm a mother of 3, grandma of 5, and a great grandmother of 1. I worked for the State Of Utah as a business analysis supervisor for 34 years and retired in 2021 to be my Dad's primary caregiver. Hanging out with my Dad was so much fun and so rewarding. I love spending time camping with my family at our property by Indianola, Utah. I go to car shows with my kids, and even though I own a 1965 Ford Galaxie convertible, I belong to the Wasatch Chevy car club.

I was introduced to Soroptimist through my childhood best friend Cheri Richardson in 2012 at the Breakfast With Santa event. I was so touched and overwhelmed with the love shown to these single moms who are trying to better themselves and provide for their children. I went to a couple of meetings and was impressed with all of the programs and opportunities available to women and young girls to live their dream, and fell in love with all of the Soroptimist ladies. I joined in March 2013 and have held the position of Treasurer Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Delegate. I love this group and love being a member.

Donna Visco



I was born in Canada, in the small town of Stouffville, Ontario; the daughter of Italian parents who came to Canada in the late 1960s in search of opportunity and a better life. Their courage and work ethic shaped my values from a young age, grounding me in a deep appreciation for community, resilience, and family. In 1998, I began my journey with American Express Canada as a student, still attending University of Toronto. I had no idea then how deeply that path would shape the course of my life. Over the years, my career at Amex has been nothing short of extraordinary, taking me across the globe to live and work in Sydney, Brighton, Salt Lake City, New York City, and now Phoenix, Arizona.

Along the way, I found more than just professional growth; I found purpose and connection through my involvement with Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City. It all started when I joined an event called "Crop 'till It Stops" where Rita introduced me to Pat, a passionate member, who shared the group's mission to combat domestic violence and create a better world for women and girls.

Rita encouraged me to meet all her Soroptimist sisters; a dynamic, compassionate group of women who welcomed me wholeheartedly and made me feel like I could be truly myself. That is when I also picked up my passion for crafts.



Soroptimist Membership MILESTONES

Cheri Richardson	23 years	4/23/2002
Donna Schultz	13 years	4/24/2012

Donna Visco (continued)



Through Soroptimist, I learned the heart of servant leadership, giving back with purpose, leading with empathy, and finding passion in meaningful work. One of my early fondest memories was visiting girls at juvenile detention. There, I witnessed the power of storytelling and healing through creativity, as we helped the girls create dream boards while listening to Marilyn's stories of resilience and overcoming adversity.

Leaving Salt Lake City for a new role in New York was exciting but bittersweet as I missed that sisterhood.

Life in New York was fast paced where I didn't make time for Volunteering and there wasn't a local club near me. Later, in Phoenix, I connected with another local Soroptimist group, but something was missing and I never joined. I am often asked why I volunteer and sometimes travel back to Salt Lake City for Soroptimist, the answer is simple: the friendships, the authenticity, and the genuine kindness of those women are irreplaceable. Every member inspires me in ways I can't put into words they've shown me what it means to lead, to

serve, and to show up with heart.

I'm also blessed in my personal life married to George, my wonderful partner and our new spirited kitten, Benedict. Life has taken me far from where I started, but through all the change, I've stayed grounded by the people and values that matter most.

Donna Visco



April & May Birthdays

4/23 - Kathy Margaritis

4/29 -Cheri Richardson

5/01 –Carolyn Roberts

5/09– Kymberly Wells

5/27– Donna Visco

Happy Birthday!



Spring Conference

Mark your calendars. Region Spring Conference will be held May 2 - 3, 2025, in Fort Collins, Colorado! The Call to Conference was sent to each member on March 2, 2025. An educational agenda and fun activities were detailed. Hope to see many of you there!



Board Report and Action Plan -March 12 & April 2, 2025

Board Summary -March

- Spring fundraiser was a big success netting about \$8,200. Venue, silent auction and Trivia game get good marks.
- There are several people interested in joining the club.
- Nominating committee for the 2024-25 board include Carma Ingram, President Elect and Donna Visco, Board representative. The committee needs a member at large to serve as well.

Action Plan

- Service projects at Horizonte and the Women's Resource Center will continue through May. All members are welcome to help.
- Membership to follow up with those interested in joining.

Board Summary -April

- Updated spring fundraiser amounts, raised after expenses are \$10,900.
- Region Conference is May 2-3 in Fort Collins, CO. Deadline to register is April 25th. Link to registration is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-peaks-to-plains-region-spring-conference-tickets-1251386393389>

Action Plan

- SIA will have a small increase in dues for 2025-2026 year. Board to discuss at next meeting.
- Nominating committee submitted 2025-2026 board. Email will go out to club with nominations asking if others want to volunteer before the board is finalized.
- April 16th program meeting will give a recap of the year along with information about our Dream It Be It program.

Thank You Soroptimist Volunteers!



Thanks to all members that have been working to help our club achieve it's many goals. **Please track and report your hours *** to Loretta Peterson, by the 2nd of the month,

*** Reported volunteer hours help us when applying for grants.**

April/May Calendar & SI SLC Member News

Mark Your Calendars

- 4/16 - **Program Meeting**, 6:00 pm, Marie Callendar's
- 4/18- Horizonte Rose Park Big Goal class: meet at 10:30
(class 11- 12:40) 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC
- 4/19 –Women's Resource Center Big Goal class: 10:30
- 5/02 -05/03 –**Region Conference**, Ft. Collins, CO. Make your reservations and plan for a fun event!
- 5/07 - Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Zoom
- 5/16 - Horizonte Rose Park Big Goal class: meet at 10:30
(class 11- 12:40) 1400 W Goodwin Ave., SLC
- 6/04 - Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Zoom
- 6/14 - New Board Induction, 6:00-8:00 pm



The **Walk for Women** is a worldwide event during the month of March to celebrate *Women's History Month* and *International Women's Day* (March 8).

Carma Ingram, Kathy Margaritis and Michelle Jackson from our club participated in the walk on Saturday, March 22nd with a walk along the Jordan River Parkway.

We enjoyed the beautiful day and visited while we walked.



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