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President's Message

We are just getting started on a really successful year as Soroptimists. We just completed District I & II Meeting in Meridian, Idaho where a number of our members were able to attend. Our own member, Carolyn Roberts, is our District II Director and had a lot of responsibility as a presenter at the District Meeting. She is also attending the District III & IV meeting coming up in Scotts Bluff as a presenter. So great to have the opportunity to associate in our club with someone who is so connected to the activities in our Region.

Our own club activities are really revving up. We will be holding our first Dream It Be It meetings at two different high schools in October. We have a day-long presentation at Granite Connections High School on Thursday, October 6th, and another day-long presentation at Horizonte Instruction and Training Center on Friday, October 7th. This year is the first year that we are presenting at Horizonte and we have 100 girls signed up for our Dream It Be It presentation on the 7th. I hope you are planning on attending. Donna Visco and Kym Wells have been busy planning these events and I am excited to be there to support.

October 15th is our first fundraiser for this year. We are having Breakfast in the Park. We'll be meeting at Winchester Park, serving breakfast, with silent auction items and a kick off for our trip fund raiser. This is the first event of this kind that our club has ever done and we are excited to kick it off with great anticipation of a successful and profitable event. Please make sure to support us and bring all your friends and family.

Our Soroptimist statement says that *"Our years of experience working with women and girls has taught us that education is the key to unlocking economic empowerment of the world's women and girls. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families."*

Our club is focusing on education for women and girls which includes all of our programs. Barbara Rosner is our chair for Live Your Dream and collecting applications for that award. Kym Wells and Donna Visco are chairing Dream It Be It, Rita Offrett is chairing Dream Believers and Teresa Just is chairing our Breakfast with Santa.

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Every one of these programs works toward helping women and girls improve their lives with education as the focus. Thank you all of for participating and supporting our multiple efforts during this year.

Carma Ingram, President, SI of Salt Lake

*Soroptimists Share
Our Light*



*Helping Women and
Girls Live Their
Dreams*

Dream It – Be It Sessions Scheduled for Granite Connections and Horizonte

We have a full schedule of Dream It Be It presentations in October. We will be attending Granite Connections High School, 501 E. 3900 South, on October 6th at 9: 30 a.m., and Horizonte Instruction and Training Center, 1234 South Main, on October 7th at 9:00 a.m. We have 60 girls signed up at Horizonte, so we are splitting the presentation into two sessions, one at 9:00 am and one at 11:00 am. We need our own Soroptimist volunteers to participate. Kym Wells has organized these meetings at the schools and Donna Visco is our main presenter. We will be serving lunch and distributing gifts to all the girls. These events will be life changing to the girls participating and give us the opportunity to open our hearts to the possibilities that education can do for these young women.

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**GOAL SETTING &
CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2022
GRANITE CONNECTIONS HIGH SCHOOL

AGENDA

9:30A Dream It Be It
Kick Off

9:45A Vision Board

11:15A Career Speaker
Aura Gutierrez

11:45A Break
Lunch Provided

12:15P Goal Setting

1:00P Wrap-Up
Commitments

WORKSHOP ENDS BY 1:30PM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022
HORIZONTE - SESSION 1

AGENDA

9:00A Dream It Be It
Kick Off

9:30A Vision Board

10:00A Goal Setting

10:30A Wrap-Up
Commitments

1:00P Lunch in the
Lunchroom

WORKSHOP ENDS BY 1:30PM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022
HORIZONTE - SESSION 2

AGENDA

11:00A Dream It Be It
Kick Off

11:30A Vision Board

12:00P Goal Setting

12:30P Wrap-Up
Commitments

1:00P Lunch in the
Lunchroom

WORKSHOP ENDS BY 1:30PM

Don't Miss our Breakfast in the Park Fundraiser



**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF SALT
LAKE CITY**



BREAKFAST IN THE PARK



Saturday, October 15th

Winchester Park

1200 W. Winchester Street (6400 South)

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

\$20 PER PERSON / \$50 PER FAMILY

Bring your family and support our Fundraiser. We will have **Silent Auction** items and an Opportunity Drawing for a **Super Trip**.

Your help will fund our programs:

- Live Your Dream Scholarship for Single Mom's
- Dream It Be It Goal Setting classes for High School Girls
- Breakfast with Santa Christmas support for Single Mom's



**REGISTER OR DONATE:
WWW.SISLC.ORG**

Our Breakfast in the Park Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 15! Don't miss the fun (and fundraising)!

- Encourage your family and friends to attend. They can register at sislc.org.
- Help with the event. We'll need members to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and cleanup.

More information will be sent via email. Contact Cathy Stevens at 801-641-5292; email cstevensdesign@yahoo.com

Single Moms Breakfast with Santa

This year's Breakfast with Santa will be held **in person** at the LDS Church at 464 West Germania Avenue (5150 South).



Breakfast with Santa is a program to reward single mothers who are working toward self-reliance. Soroptimist of Salt Lake understands the desire of a mother to provide for her children. Single mothers work hard to establish and stay within a budget; however, when Christmas comes around, the budget often goes out the window and mothers find themselves in financial debt before they start the New Year.



Breakfast with Santa was created to ensure single mothers get off to a good start in the New Year.

To qualify, a single mom Mother must be in an educational program to become self-reliant.

Example: accredited State or private college or technical school. She needs to be head of her own household (lives alone with children), and the children must be under 18 and living with their mother.

If you know someone who qualifies and you would like to nominate her to participate, please send her contact information to Rita Offrett at roffrett@hotmail.com. The application deadline is November 1, 2022.

How You can Help...

- We need to find a Santa! If you know Santa personally, please get his contact information to Teresa Just at mikeandtj@msn.com
- We need someone to coordinate non-member volunteers. Contact Teresa if you can step up.
- We need volunteers for the wrapping area, where the children select and wrap gifts for their mothers. The committee is also discussing an option for toy wrapping.
- We need volunteers to shop for new clothing for the children. You will be given funds and a budget. If you can help, contact President Carma at carma.ingram@gmail.com
- We need **all members** to solicit donations of toys (2 per child) and mother's gifts (1 per child). Monetary donations are also welcome, as are donations of wrapping paper, gift boxes, ribbon, bows, and gift tags.
- We need **everyone** at the event!
The families will arrive at 10:00 a.m.; members arrival time is still TBD but plan on earlier than 10!



The Breakfast with Santa Committee is excited to bring this long-standing, heartwarming program back in person. It's going to be great!

District I/II Meeting Recap

By Barbara Rosner

The District I/II Fall Meeting was held September 24-25 in Meridian, Idaho. This was the first Peaks to Plains District Meeting after April's big announcement at the last Region Spring Conference. What a great experience!

The big question is, what is a District? – A district is a union of clubs in a determined geographic area. Our club belongs to District II and encompasses Southeastern Idaho, Utah, and Evanston (Wyoming). The clubs that are part of District II are Bountiful, Ogden, Price, Salt Lake City, and Evanston. We belong to the Peaks to Plains Region.

Seeing new faces and meeting fun old Soroptimist friends was great. On Friday night, our friends from SI Caldwell (District I) hosted a friendly welcome to members in the hospitality room. There were snacks, spirits, and soft drinks, but most important was to meet new people and greet old friends! Saturday started early with breakfast and Presidents and Treasurers meetings. At 9:00 am, the general session started. The Mayor of Meridian gave us a big welcome, and we proceeded with the agenda. Carolyn Roberts, District II Director, did the introductions and recognitions to the clubs that fulfilled their club goals successfully.



District II Director
Carolyn Roberts



Barbara
participating with
other District
Meeting attendees.

Andrea Dickerson, the region Co-Governor, held an activity to brainstorm the strengths and needs throughout the region. Sharing experiences with other clubs was significant. I learned that many clubs are struggling with membership participation and retention. Also, many ideas were given to improve membership engagement. Some members mentioned that they do fun activities with their club members, the need to emphasize volunteerism, education regarding the club's ideals, mission, vision, programs, etc.

Other topics that were discussed in the meeting were: the Governor-Elect fundraiser, the region fundraiser, club giving, and Laurel Society, membership, Dream It Be It, Live Your Dream, Public Awareness, SI president's appeal, Fundraising, programs, celebrating success awards, and club appreciation awards.

Announcements:

1. Soroptimist International Convention
Dublin, Ireland – July 27-29, 2023
Registration is open!

2. Leadership Summit

This summit is open to leadership and those who want to be leaders

Virtual, July 2023, date TBA



3. Soroptimist International of the Americas' 48th Biennial Convention Bellevue, Washington – July 24-27, 2024 Volunteers are needed

4. Civility Training

While members each have unique qualities and characteristics that make them special, sometimes, there is friction among personalities that can cause unrest in a club. This can lead to various unpleasant issues and poor club relations – often resulting in members leaving their club. This training promotes respectful and considerate behavior.



SI SLC members Carolyn Roberts, Rita Offrett, Pat Murdoch, and Barbara Rosner enjoy dinner at Louie's.

Virtual – Free – 2023, date TBA

After the general session, we were invited to a delicious dinner in an Italian restaurant! We had a good time with talks, jokes, laughs, anecdotes, stewardship, and friendship.

Dear members, this was an unforgettable time in which you not only learned about our clubs, districts, regions, missions, visions, programs, and activities but also created bonds between members of different clubs that enrich our lives with their shared experiences, love to our mission as Soroptimists, and willingness to help women to improve women's and girls' lives.

Don't miss these experiences and come to the next conference, convention, or meeting. You will love the environment and be surrounded by women who share and have the same ideals of helping struggling women to be their best.

Soroptimists Celebrate Founders Day on October 3



Violet
Richardson
Ward

October 3 marks 101 years since the founding of the very first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, in 1921. It was a day when women leaders, led by President Violet Richardson, united in their purpose to create an organization committed to improving the lives of women and girls.

President Violet said she "never would have considered the Soroptimist movement had she not envisioned it as worldwide and dedicated to all matters of justice and quality of life." It seemed that, at long last, women would finally have a club of their own that fought for the equality they all deserved. Today, her vision has come to life in countries around the world.



Soroptimist
of Salt Lake

Give Thanks Gathering

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Wed Nov 16th - 6PM

Cheri's Clubhouse
2117 West Jordan Villa Dr - West Jordan

We'll share a delicious meal of hearty soups,
bread, salad, and dessert - \$10 a person

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Donations of new underwear & bras will be
collected for the Women's Resource Center



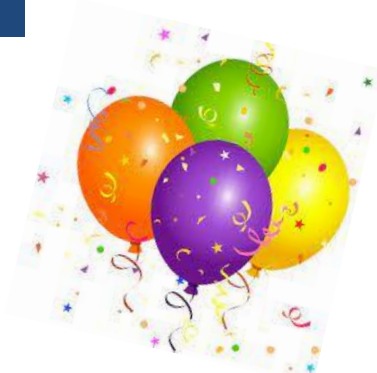
Upcoming Events

October 3	• Founders Day
October 3	• Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Carma's home
October 3	• Newsletter Deadline
October 6	• Dream It - Be It Granite Connections
October 7	• Dream It - Be It Horizonte
October 15	• Breakfast in the Park
November 7	• Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Carma's home
November 7	• Newsletter Deadline
November 15	• Live Your Dream Portal closes/Form 990 Deadline
November 16	• Thankfulness Dinner, 6:00 pm, Jordan Villas Clubhouse

Happy Birthday



LORETTA PETERSON - OCTOBER 1
 TERESA JUST - OCTOBER 13
 ZULIE GAMEZ - OCTOBER 26



Big Goal Accelerator Projects

By Carma Ingram

Soroptimist of the Americas has a Big Goal to invest in the dreams of 500,000 women and girls by 2031. In order to meet that goal, each club is encouraged to participate in a Big Goal Accelerator Project each year to enhance the numbers of women and girls that we serve. Our club is going use our Breakfast with Santa participants that are in education as a count towards our Big Goal Accelerator Project. We will also count any scholarship that we award the Dream It Be It girls.

Big Goal Accelerator Projects

Club and region work that increases access to education for women and girls facing obstacles and leads to economic empowerment will count towards our next Big Goal! Clubs and regions wanted their local work to count, and now it will! Starting in 2021, SIA will begin collecting information from clubs and regions about their work outside of the Dream Programs that contributes to our 2021-2031 Big Goal. These projects will be called Big Goal Accelerator Projects. It is important to note that not all club and region projects will count toward the next Big Goal.

Big Goal Accelerator Project Eligibility

What criteria must projects meet to be eligible?

To be eligible, club and region work must meet all five of the following criteria:

1. Work only with women and/or girls who are facing obstacles
2. Provide access to education
3. Ultimately lead to economic empowerment
4. Be a Soroptimist-led hands-on project
5. Be reported to SIA through the official reporting link

What do we mean by “obstacles?”

These are some examples of the obstacles that can make accessing education more difficult for a woman or girl:

- Poverty
- Violence
- Racism
- Teen pregnancy
- Being a foster care youth
- Trafficking
- Single parenting
- Substance abuse disorder

What are some examples of projects that increase access to education for our target population of women and girls facing obstacles?

- Scholarships/awards (for college, technical/vocational school, advanced degrees)
- Removing obstacles (providing necessary items for education like computers, internet, transportation; paying fees for college-preparation exams, college applications, entrance exams, or professional licensure)
- Classes (focused on job training, skills training, applying for financial aid/college, computer training, career mentorship)

