

# Salty Soroptimist News

## February 2024

Soroptimist of Salt Lake

### President Rita's Message



I hope everyone survived the holidays. We finally had some very cold weather so it felt more like winter. I'm not excited for the very cold temperatures to come back, but we still do need more snow to keep us in sufficient water supply for the hot months.

I am getting very excited to meet our new Live Your Dream Award winners. I hope you have registered for maybe the best meeting of our year. This is a great meeting to bring potential members.

Carolyn Roberts, who

hosted our last Program meeting, shared an exciting new Public Awareness project. You will hear more about it in this newsletter. Plan to attend our May Program meeting to become involved with a fun kick off of this project. You can also mingle with some of our Live Your Dream winners from last year and this year.

Our Spring Fundraiser is in high gear. I am asking each member to try to bring friends, co-workers, and family for a fun night of Trivia. I would like each member to organize a team of 6-8 people for the Trivia game, if possible. If you don't have that many we will combine participants to make the teams. This is also International Women's Day on March 8th. We will have Tapas and a silent auction. You can purchase tickets to watch for \$30 or to participate in Trivia for \$35. Talk to your friends and if they like games, this fundraiser is for them! Who wants BRAGGING

RIGHTS!! We will have a professional M.C.

Jan Crane or I can get you postcards to send to family and friends. We also have posters and we are asking members to try to get at least 3 posters out in businesses or community areas to advertise our fundraiser.

We will need help getting set up on March 8th afternoon as well as clean up after the event. Please get your name on a committee. We need everyone!!

We have a lot going on this year and want everyone to get involved in some way with our projects. Let's get our Soroptimist name out in the public more with each event!

We can with all your help!!



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## Live Your Dream Awards Banquet



Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City

### LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS BANQUET & LUNCHEON

*Honoring our  
2023-2024  
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# Soroptimist 101 January Program Meeting *by Carolyn Roberts*

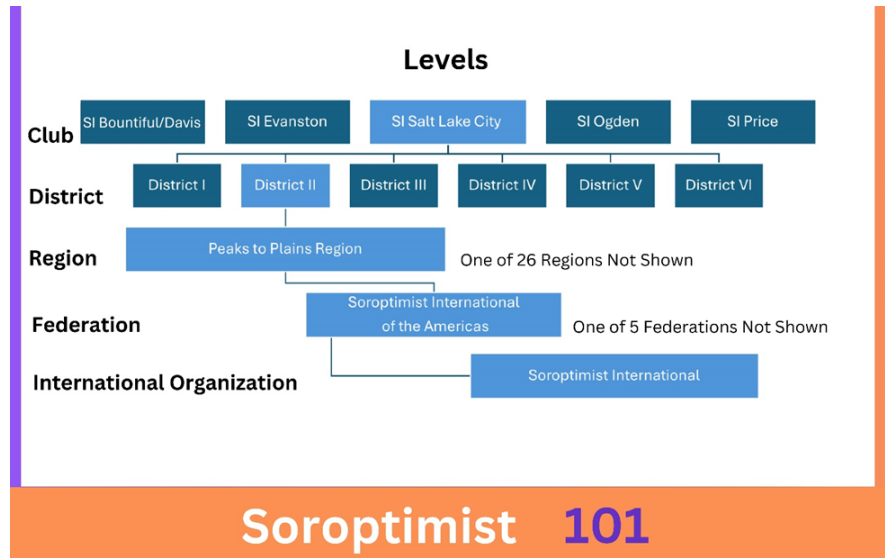
At our January program meeting we learned all about Soroptimist. We were pleased to have as a special guest Mary Stuart who is the director of fund development from SIA. We reviewed a little of the history of our club and our region as well as the international organization. Our club was started in November 1931, just 10 years after the first Soroptimist club was founded in Oakland California. We learned that the Salt Lake Club sponsored the Ogden and Denver clubs to form the Rocky Mountain Region in 1939.

We were introduced to the organizational structure of the club in relation to the international organization and we visited the websites for the club, federation, and international organization.

[www.sislc.org](http://www.sislc.org)

[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

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Carolyn, Jan, and Rita



Soroptimist 101



Mary Stuart, SI Director of Fund Dev.

## Public Awareness Campaign *by Carolyn Roberts, Public Awareness Chair*

### Public Awareness Campaign **SOROPTIMIST ROCKS**



If Soroptimist International of Salt Lake City has been around for 90+ years, why do so many Salt Lake residents say they have never heard of us? I believe it is because the word Soroptimist is unfamiliar, and people are not comfortable pronouncing it. If they aren't comfortable pronouncing it, they just don't say it. If they don't say it, no one hears it. We need to get the "word" out. Our new public awareness campaign will help us do just that.

Soroptimist Rocks are plain old rocks that club members, their family, their friends, or complete strangers have painted and hidden in the Salt Lake Valley.

These rocks have a message on the back that asks the finder to post a picture of the rock on our Soroptimist Rocks Facebook page.

We have created a SOROPTIMIST ROCKS Facebook page for that purpose. It is linked to our club Facebook page. Once a rock has been posted to the Soroptimist Rocks page, we can share that post on our own Facebook page and spread the "word".

The Facebook page is already live. You can google it, or you can use the following link or QR code.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/911250047336971>



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## Spring Fund Raiser—Trivia & Tapas—March 8th

Our fundraiser will be here before we know it (March 8th). Now is the time for *action*- PLEASE approach your favorite places, companies you associate with, etc. and ask for donations for the event. Note: it might be a tiny bit scary/uncomfortable- just ask yourself, "What's the worst that could happen?" They might say no, and could you live with that? Of course!

Also, talk it up with friends and family- each of us will need to recruit one or more teams (6-8 people) to make the Trivia & Tapas night a success.

We have created some useful tools for you which were sent out in an email by Jan. These included:

Sample letters- these are in word so you can easily modify to make them more personal

Sample postcard which we have printed. Let Jan know if you want these. A sample flyer is also printed and available for you to place in business locations you are associated with.

Soroptimists MAKE IT HAPPEN and it takes all of us. Will you do your part?

Any questions, call Jan or Carolyn or Kyra.

**TRIVIA & TAPAS**  
*Fundraiser*

**MARCH 8TH 6PM**

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## Listen Technologies Highlights Soroptimist



Listen Technologies recently highlighted our Soroptimist trip to Omaha, Nebraska where we visited the Bridges of Madison County. Carolyn Roberts arranged with her son-in-law, Carl Brewer, an engineer at Listen Technologies to allow us to use their ListenTalk transceivers. Implementing ListenTALK for this tour successfully improved the tour experience. "I was so impressed that when the group was wandering

around and somewhat scattered, you could still hear the leader. It was amazing. ListenTALK was such a great tool on our tour because it was cold and windy

[that day]; otherwise, we would not have been able to hear or pay attention to our guide," Carolyn said. Another participant explained that the ability to walk away from the group to take pictures and still hear the tour guide made the multi-stop tour more efficient and saved time. The group loved being able to communicate with each other from separate vehicles and was thrilled with the audio quality. One Soroptimist member exclaimed, "The voices were so clear that I kept looking over my shoulder for the person who was speaking."

Listen Technologies will donate an auction item and sponsor a team at our fundraiser.

## Binh Thanh Rybacki Passing



It is with incredible sadness that we announce the passing of our friend and fellow Soroptimist sister, Binh Rybacki. Binh founded the Children of Peace Organization in Vietnam in 1993 when she returned to her home country and

found children working as street peddlers, beggars and prostitutes. Soroptimist has supported Binh's organization with funding and support for many years. Every conference that we attend in our Region we find Binh there giving a report on the status of the children being supported by her organization or standing and selling goods from Vietnam that help support her cause. Several of our fellow Soroptimist have traveled to Vietnam to work on humanitarian missions on behalf of Children of Peace. Binh's beautiful, shining personality always reflected the love she had for the work she was involved with and the love she had for her fellow Soroptimist sisters. Hers was a life well lived and she will be greatly missed by all of us that knew her and were fortunate

to have their lives touched by her. Visit [www.childrenofpeace.org](http://www.childrenofpeace.org) for more information about Binh and all the amazing things their organization is doing and will continue to do as her legacy.



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### *In Sympathy ...*

We announce the passing of the husband of our Governor-Elect, Harriet Beck. Howard J. Beck passed away on January 16th.

Howard enjoyed traveling, running marathons, college sports, track and field events, cars and his family. He believed in giving back to his community by his membership in the Rotary Club and as a Paul Harris Fellowship member, serving as a reserve deputy sheriff

and board member for Chino Valley Fire in California.

He retired early from ARCO as assistant director of public relations and enjoyed working as security officer for gold and armored car companies, picking up the *Unita County Herald* in Green River and supervising adolescents doing community service in Evanston. While in high school and college, he was an outstanding member of 100 and mile relay teams.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either the Evanston Rotary Club or Soroptimist International of Evanston.

## February/March Calendar & Member News



### *Mark Your Calendars ...*

- 2/7—Board Meeting at Rita's
- 2/17—Live Your Dream Awards Banquet
- 3/6—Board Meeting at Rita's
- 3/8—Trivia & Tapas Fund Raiser

### *February Birthdays*

- Jan Crane—February 5
- Rita Offrett—February 7



### *Fund Raising Totals*

- Fall Fund Raiser—\$5,368
- BWS Fund Raiser—\$1,475
- Grants—\$11,750
- SIA—\$3,000
- AMEX—\$5,000
- CHG—\$2,500
- Rio Tinto—\$1,250