

Salty Soroptimist News

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President's Message

Hello, Soroptimist of Salt Lake members and friends. I write this message with gratitude and hope. I am so grateful for all we have accomplished together and hopeful for the year ahead.

This month, we officially kicked off Dream Believers — Soroptimist in Action (SIA). This is our new mentor program focused on our Live Your Dream and Dream It Be It, women and girls. Through this program we continue to support and help these women and

girls achieve their dreams. My goal for the club is to provide additional funding, to support future financial awards through Dream Believers.

We are also announcing Nominations for Club Officers 2021-2022. My sincere gratitude for your willingness and commitment to serve. Without members willing to volunteer their time and serve in these positions, our club would cease to exist.

For our March program, we will make greeting cards and

play Jeopardy including Soroptimist History. Please RSVP and plan to participate. I know you miss all your friends. We have a lot of fun seeing each other on Zoom.

I welcome all your ideas for future meetings and fun ways to connect and engage with each other.

*Teresa Just,
President
SI Salt Lake*



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Introducing Your Officer Nominees for 2021-2022



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President, Carolyn Roberts



President-Elect—Shannon Kelly

I am originally from Seattle, WA and have worked in data science for over 20 years. I currently work at Zions Bank leading a risk management function that reviews and approves all mathematical/statistical models. I am currently on the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission representing District 6 and I work with the United Way of Salt Lake. Given the challenges I have faced in the STEM field, I am most interested in supporting women's economic mobility & empowerment. I have been a Soroptimist since 2019 & have enjoyed the opportunity to help single moms. I look forward to the opportunity to serve.



Secretary—Pat Murdoch

I have been a Soroptimist for 25 years. I have served as Salt Lake President and other Salt Lake board/chair positions. I have also held positions with the Rocky Mountain Region as treasurer and membership chair. I've worked at various jobs over the years—L-3, Oakgrove School and lately the Women's Homeless Shelter. I have two children and two grandchildren. I look forward to once again working with the Salt Lake Soroptimist board.



Treasurer—Loretta Peterson

I would like to be considered to hold the position of Treasurer for the 2020-2021 club year. It is an honor to serve on the SISLC Board. I have held the position of President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The work our club does to support women and girls in our community is important and impactful and it makes me happy to be a part of it. I have been a member of the club since 2010.





Introducing Your Officer Nominees for 2021-2022



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 Elect.



Director-At-Large—Carma Ingram

I have been a Soroptimist since 2003. During this time I have served as President, Secretary, Director At Large, Delegate and chaired several committees. In addition to our family, my membership in Soroptimist and the wonderful community events I have been involved with has become central to my life. My husband and I still enjoy camping and towing our motorcycle with us where we ride all the beautiful roads in our region. I am grateful to be a member of Soroptimist and look forward to the opportunities to serve.



Delegate 1—Laura Chamberlain

I have been a member of Soroptimist for two years and have participated in Soroptimist events in the past. I won the Live Your Dream Award in 2004, and am very grateful for the support I received from your Club. My hobbies are quilting and traveling. I have lived in Utah most of my life and worked in Nome, AK after getting a Masters Degree in Social Work. I am currently working for Chrysalis as a Social Worker and raising 2 sons. I appreciate the nomination and am excited to be of service.



Delegate 2—Angela Yarborough

I have been a member of Soroptimist for 6 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.



MENTORING

*For the kick-off at our meeting on February 18th for the **Dream Believers**:*

***Soroptimist in Action (SIA)** we had 9 members agree to be mentors. During the meeting. Then we had 2 others volunteer.*

Members have the opportunity for hands on service through the Dream Believers Mentoring Program.

Each member is assigned one Live Your Dream Mother or Dream It Be It participant, or women participating in our College Book Program to contact at least once a month.

Members can contact them by phone, email, texting or a card. We want to be their cheerleaders and available to help them talk through an issue if they have one they want to share. If there are additional obstacles they need help with.... the Mentor would bring that information to the Club to see if there is something we can do to help them overcome their obstacle. You might send a birthday card, or any holiday card to them to cheer them up. If you give them a gift, it would be from your personal funds. Each of the women participating have excitedly said they would like to participate in this program and would be happy to have another resource available to them.

I hope more members will volunteer to participate because we have a number of additional women I think would be interested in this opportunity.

If you have any questions or want to participate, please contact

Rita Offrett 801-953-5308



Soroptimist International of Europe

WE STAND
FOR WOMEN! UP



We are planning a fun activity night.

We will make greeting cards and play a fun game of Jeopardy.

Donna Visco has volunteered to prepare the greeting card kits and mail in advance. This is a great activity for our Dream Believer mentors to create a special card for their mentee.

RSVP by February 28th so we know how many kits we need

The cost should be less than \$20 to each



HELP US ACHIEVE EVEN MORE IN 2021 BY SPONSORING OUR 11TH ANNUAL CULTURAL FASHION SHOW.

View our sponsorship packages at womenofworld.org/fs2021



We focus on what works best for our women to achieve self-reliance quickly and effectively, namely; educational advancement, employment opportunities, and English proficiency. Women of the World was able to safely serve our community at all times during the pandemic, offering virtual and in-person service.

A piece done on WoW "This is Utah": <https://www.pbs.org/video/women-world-ev10so/>

Every year we have the opportunity to help showcase the rich culture and the resilience of our program participants. This year WoW is conducting the Fashion Show virtually and inviting an international audience of influencers and leaders. Including members of the UNHCR from both Geneva, Switzerland and New York City.

This virtual event will be free, attracting the broadest coalition of interest and influence—people that can really impact change. We are looking for sponsorships since this is the only fundraiser and is a WoW signature event, showing the brave, resilient, powerful women. The Fashion Show is also always a great education for Utahns about their new neighbors.

Sponsors do more than just cover the costs of our Fashion Show and programs, they are a beacon of safety and humanity for our whole community, safe spaces where forcibly displaced women can work, shop, and live as valued members of our society. Since the Fashion Show will be free for all the world to see, enjoy & learn from the generosity of Utahns....Our state will shine even brighter.

2020 Successes: Helped 39 women find new jobs. Clients' revenue increased \$920,000 on an annual basis from job placement and career development. \$27,000 in educational support and scholarships. \$96,000 in savings through customized service and advocacy. Much of this on partnering to reduce the burden of health related expenses. 881 case hours.

Throughout the Pandemic, Women of the World has been open both virtually and in-person in order to secure the necessary healthcare, maintain well-being, overcome trauma, and assist in employment for our ladies. In the coming months, we anticipate that our case load will escalate as women continue to recover from COVID-19 and require services and a social safety net to return to work and previous wellbeing; questions will arise on vaccine distribution and access for our low-to-moderate income clients; and we continue to combat misinformation.

Our women are resilient and hard-working and Women of the World continue to be there for them, our customized casework and community development will be a necessary component of the well-being of this community, and their access to a space is key to the trust they place in us. Please consider sponsoring Women of the World by going to <https://womenofworld.org/fs2021> for more details.

DREAM IT BE IT

CAREER SUPPORT

{for girls}



Thursday, February 18, 2021.

This event was given in a zoom format due to Covid-19 restrictions placed by SIA

Donna Visco was our presenter for our Dream It Be It **Session 2: Exploring Careers.**

This session is quite intense and requires the girls to determine what values they have in their life.

They worked on some worksheets that helped them determine how their values correspond with certain career types and what career possibilities matched each of the career types.

It let them get an idea based on their personality and values, as to, what type of career might be a good fit for them to look into.

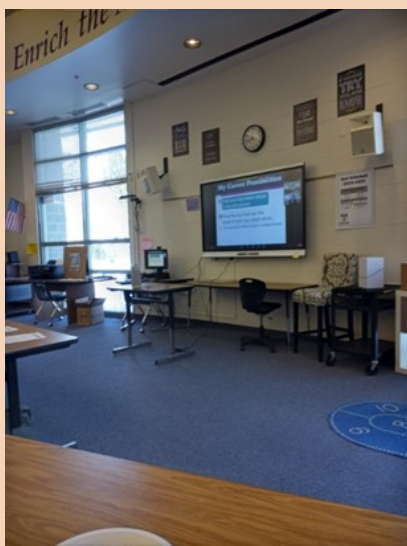
We had six girls from Granite Connection High School in attendance.

The girls attending were very enthusiastic and engaged in the activity.

We served the girls lunch and want to thank all the Soroptimists that donated money for the food we purchased.

Our next Dream It Be It presentation will be Thursday, March 18th—10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

We will send out a invitation to anyone that wants to attend the zoom session next month.



"You don't have to see the whole staircase....

Just take the first step"

MONTHLY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Gay Houchens

I was honored to be asked to be the spotlight member this month. Jan Crane would not take NO for an answer. I felt it was a little "self-serving" since I publish the Newsletter. But here I am! I have been editor of the Salty Soroptimist News for almost 4 years. It is a small way that I can contribute to the Club from a distance.

I have been a Soroptimist for probably more than 35 years (don't know exactly). I joined my first club in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in the 80's. I have served as club secretary & president (twice). Then served on the RMR Board as secretary and district chairman. When I was a "snowbird" living in Henderson, NV in the winter, I just couldn't find a Soroptimist Club that suited my needs. So I turned to the Salt Lake Club where I had developed many nurturing & dedicated members over the years. Now that I live in Henderson full time I have traveled to Salt Lake a couple times for a RMR conference & a club retreat, but still try to contribute to the club as much as possible.

In the past I have attended SIA conferences in San Diego & Hawaii and still am inspired by the work of Soroptimist locally & Internationally. Being able to say, "Soroptimist International holds a seat on the Human Rights Committee of the United Nation" gives me such joy & is still the best way to describe the impact this organization has in the world.

My passion is Children of Peace, which is sponsored by the Salt Lake Club and RMR. I first met Binh Rybacki at a conference in Nebraska and then heard her story a couple more times. Finally made the decision to accompany her on a summer medical mission to Vietnam while attending a conference in Boise. I was Hooked! I traveled on 10 of those missions and still connect with Vietnamese people I had the pleasure of meeting & working with. This is the most selfless organization & one of the "purest" non-profits I have ever seen (being from Jackson Hole I have seen a lot of non-profits). Even though I do not travel to Vietnam anymore, Binh and I are the best of sister-friends. If and when you get a chance to support Children of Peace.....do not hesitate!

The realization that I am now closer to 80 than 70 gives me pause and makes me more cautious. Otherwise I would still be traveling to Vietnam. I am grateful for good health, good life & good friends. A body cannot ask for more than that, but traveling that far anymore is just not "In the cards" for me.

I do have a husband, Fred. We have been married 59 years in June. We spent 49 of those years in Jackson Hole where he was born. We are enjoying our retired life in Sun City MacDonald Ranch in Henderson. Thanks to "fitbit" we try our hardest to get in 10,000 steps a day. I play Pickleball four times a week and we play "corn hole" & frisbee golf with our kids.

We have three adult daughters and two adult grandchildren. They are all simply amazing!

One daughter lives here in Henderson just down the street. Daughter number two will soon be moving from Jackson Hole to Henderson. Daughter number three lives in Kona, Hawaii. Because of Covid we have not seen her for over a year. UGH! We would always go to Hawaii in January and August. Hopefully we will be traveling again this August to visit. Our Grandchildren live in Jackson Hole & Salt Lake City.

I am sure this is more than anyone ever wanted to know about Gay.

But, filling the page is always my goal when writing the Newsletter.....mission accomplished!



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION SOROPTIBLAST

DATES TO REMEMBER*March 8, 2021**International Women's Day**April 23-24, 2021**Virtual Spring Conference**March 2021*

Hello Soroptimists!!!

The Region Board is working on a virtual Spring Conference to be held April 23 and 24, 2021, due to the temporary pause on face-to-face meetings. The call to conference will be sent out in the next couple weeks, as we are continuing to pull information together. Thank you to everyone for your support, as we continue to navigate the virtual world.

Along with working on Spring Conference, the board and several members have been working on forming an On-Line Club. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Soroptimist or renewing their membership, but cannot make the meetings, this may be a great option for them. Please send contact information to your district director or anyone on the region board and we will reach out to them.

I want to thank everyone that responded to the survey that went out regarding the potential merger between Rocky Mountain Region and North Central Region. I hope you have had the opportunity to go to the region website and read the information on the survey. This information was shared with headquarters. The SIA Headquarters held their board meeting the first part of February, and the vote to merge Rocky Mountain Region and North Central Region, was passed.

I am very excited about the merger!!! The task force is working on timelines, bylaws, procedures and financials. Information will continue to be shared as we move forward.

A new survey will be sent out soon to everyone asking for your input for a new region name. I hope everyone will reply.

As Soroptimists, we support each other, grow, learn and adapt within the ever-changing world around us.

In Soroptimist Friendship,

Teresa Eicher
Governor Rocky Mountain Region



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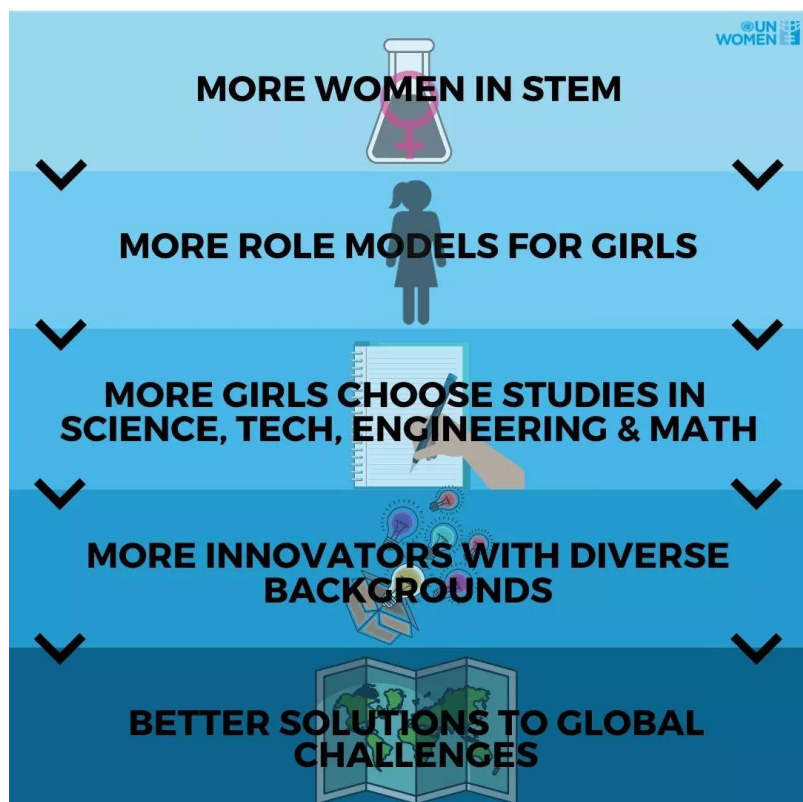
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Region Spring
Virtual Conference
April 23-24, 2021



March 2021

Monday	1st	Beginning of Women's History Month	
Wednesday	3rd	Board Meeting—Virtual	5:30 pm
Sunday	7th	Daylight Savings Begin	
Monday	8th	International Women's Day	5:30 pm
Wednesday	10th	Women of the World Virtual Fashion Show	6:00 pm
Monday	15th	Live Your Dream Winners to Region	
Wednesday	17th	St Patrick's Day	
Thursday	18th	Dream It Be It—Granite Connections	10:30 am
Thursday	18th	Program Meeting—Virtual	6:30 pm
		Final Vote—Announce Club Officers 2021-2022	
		Fun Activity—Card Kits/ Jeopardy	
Monday	25th	Newsletter Deadline	



Kelly Holtman

17th

Words for Thought....

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms"

April 2021

Sunday	4th	Happy Easter	
Wednesday	7th	Board Meeting—Virtual	5:30 pm
Thursday	22nd	Dream It Be It—Granite Connections	10:30 am
		Scholarship Applications	
Friday	23-24th	Region Spring Conference—Virtual	
Tuesday	27th	Newsletter Deadline	

