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President's Message

February is the month of love. I ♥ Soroptimist. I love our members. The coming of spring brings hope. Hope that we will overcome the virus, hope that we can resume all our activities without fear. My hope is that we continue to put every ounce of energy into the growth and advancement of our club.

This month we lost another dear member of our club, Jodi Arave. I remember when I first met Jodi on the fun bus to Wendover. I felt an instant connection. She had an open caring way about her. We appreciate all she contributed to Soroptimist and our club including providing resources for our fundraisers such as trips to Mesquite and fun bus to Wendover. Her legacy lives on through her daughter, Cheri Richardson. Our condolences to her and her family.

I had the privilege of welcoming a new member into our club, Georgia Presnell. Georgia has been a Soroptimist member for over 45 years and has recently moved here from Sacramento. The unique thing about Georgia is that she is 102 years old and the oldest Soroptimist on the planet. We are fortunate that she wants to join us.

I am grateful to be serving as your president. This month I challenge you to live with intention and purpose. "The best way to predict your future is to create it." – Abraham Lincoln

Carolyn Roberts, President, SI of Salt Lake

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Zooming In on Our New Members

By Carolyn Roberts



Our January program meeting was held virtually on January 19. It was well attended, and we appreciate everyone that participated. We were able to induct four of our new members, Ann Treacy, Barbara Rosner, Sarah Murphy, and Sarah Hinman. Membership chair Jan Crane had sent the new members welcome packets which included their name badges and pins. She asked them to have a candle available for lighting during the ceremony.

Jan gave a lovely presentation about what it means to be a Soroptimist. She invited the new members to light their candles representing adding their light to the collective light of Soroptimists all over the world. She presented them with a virtual yellow rose of friendship. The new members took the oath and the existing members pledged to accept, support, and make them feel welcome in our club.

Teresa Just, our Live Your Dream chair, gave a presentation on the Live Your Dream award and gave us some background information about this year's recipients of the award. We will announce and honor the winners at our upcoming meeting in March.

Kathryn Thomas, Executive Director of People Helping People, shared the mission and vision of her organization which closely aligns with ours. People Helping People is a local grassroots non-profit employment program that teaches women how to navigate barriers that hold them back from workplace success, how to increase their confidence, and how to reach self-sufficiency through successful employment. We will be collaborating with People Helping People by providing hygiene kits and cleaning supplies to women who graduate from their program.

Here are profiles on three of our new members. Please note that Sarah Hinman was featured in the November newsletter.



Kathryn Thomas,
Executive Director
People Helping People

"Now as the Executive Director for People Helping People, my passion for mentoring women is realized in my daily interactions; helping them find the strength to overcome challenges, re-invent, and not let their past define their futures."



Ann Treacy



I am 65-years old and hail from Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Illinois, and Minnesota. I arrived in Utah 35 years ago and this is home. I live in Cottonwood Heights.

My titles are Mother, wife, caregiver, sister, friend, aunt, co-worker, neighbor, and citizen.

I work at a company called Yoli in Salt Lake City. They sell health supplements and I have been with them for about 8 months. I am their HR department of one and they have 65 employees. I work with the best people!

Prior to that I worked for the Waterford Institute, a non-profit that focuses on educating young children, for 29 years. My children attended the Waterford School which is how I became cognizant of the Institute.

I wore many hats there starting as a receptionist up to a Vice President of HR and Facilities.

I am a dog-lover, reader, movie watcher, lover of the mountains and past traveler (not to be confused with being a time traveler - I just can't travel anymore).

I am honored and excited to be a part of this extraordinary group. Thank you for including me.

Barbara Rosner

Barbara Rosner was born in Lima, Peru, and came to the USA in 1998. She worked as a Spanish professor at the Great Basin College and as a volunteer to the ESL program in Elko, Nevada. She loves to volunteer and participate in different service programs.



Barbara has served as a Soroptimist President of Salt Lake from 2013 to 2014. Barbara is the founder and managing director of TRADUCY, an interpreting and translating company located in Salt Lake City, Utah. She also volunteers as an English/Spanish interpreter in the Hispanic community. Barbara is also an avid scrapbooker and crafter. Her motto is: "Help with your heart and soul."

Sarah Murphy

I am the second of 4 kids in my family. I was born and raised on a farm outside a town of 600 people in Minnesota (and we were the big town in the area). A week after I graduated high school I branched out on my own, moving to Tempe, AZ to attend Arizona State University.



After graduating from ASU, I moved to Salem, MA, where I lived while I attended New England Law downtown in the Theatre District of Boston, MA. It was there, during my first semester of law school, I found out I was very ill and had emergency open heart surgery. After the surgery, I had to take the rest of the year off from school, so my fiancée at the time, and I moved back to AZ to ride out the rest of the year. The following year in August I started law school again in Orange County, CA. I completed law school there, took and passed the AZ bar, before moving back to the cold at the behest of my mother.

I lasted about 5 years back there before I made my move to UT. I have now been here in UT for just under 2 years. I work as a paralegal, unsure if I want to take the bar exam again to practice here. For now, I am content, other than the exorbitant rent.

I am so happy to be a member of your Club. I love everything you stand for, and can't wait to start getting more involved.

A Special Welcome to Georgia Presnell



President Carolyn and Membership Chair Jan with our newest (and oldest) adopted member, Georgia Presnell. She has been a member of SI Sacramento for many years and wants to keep that membership. We welcome her as a part of our club and look forward to her sharing her many years of experience as a Soroptimist at our February Program Meeting.

Hands-On Service Project Planned for February 2022

By Pat Murdoch

We have two opportunities to perform our service projects this month. Our first project is at the Women's Resource Center on Wednesday, February 9th, from 5:30 to 7:30. We will sort the clothing and stock the Boutique with the clothes, shoes, and other items.

Our other project is making cleaning buckets for People Helping People. We will be doing 30 buckets and give them to PHP next June. Rita Offrett has purchased the buckets for us, but we need the products listed below to fill them:

Toilet brushes, toilet cleaner, rubber gloves, dish towels, hot pads, cleaning pads, dish soap or pods, and Windex.

If we want to do the buckets by month, I've divided to items up by month OR you can bring all the items at once and we can store them in the shed.

February: toilet brushes and toilet cleaner
March: dish towels and hot pads
April: rubber gloves and cleaning pads
May: dish soap or pods and Windex

We will be organizing the hygiene kits for PHP that were donated by Volunteers of America/Women's Resource Center at our February Program Meeting. We have all the items and will put them together in a nice bag. We will store these until June also.

I hope you can join us for one of these projects. Service is our primary purpose as Soroptimists and hopefully you can attend one of our meetings.

February Program Meeting to Feature Socializing and Service

Please plan to join us for an in-person potluck dinner on Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 PM at the home of Carma Ingram.

Georgia Presnell will be our guest speaker. Georgia recently moved to Utah from Sacramento where she has been a Soroptimist for over 45 years. Hopefully, she will tell us her secret for living a long life. She is 102 years old.

We will also be assembling hygiene kits and cleaning supplies for People Helping People. Please bring the items listed above.



Upcoming Events

Feb 2	• Board Meeting 5:30
Feb 2	• Newsletter Deadline
Feb 9	• Volunteer at Women's Resource Center, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Feb 16	• Program Meeting: Potluck at Carma Ingram's Home
Mar 2	• Board Meeting 5:30
Mar 2	• Newsletter Deadline
Mar 8	• International Women's Day SIA Women's Empowerment Tea Party
Mar 24	• Reboot of 100 th Anniversary Event
Mar 26	• Live Your Dream Awards Luncheon, Willow Creek Country Club
Apr 29 – May 1	• Rocky Mountain Region Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Happy Birthday



JAN CRANE - FEBRUARY 5
RITA OFFRETT - FEBRUARY 7



And Now – a Word from our Sponsor



American Express has been a signature sponsor of our Single Moms' Breakfast with Santa since 2007, the year Soroptimist International of Salt Lake began the project. Through the years American Express has donated funds for our shoppers to purchase warm clothing for the children of the moms selected to participate. This past year, American Express donated \$5000. In past years, when we have had the opportunity to serve more single moms, the donation amount has been higher.

We recognize and sincerely thank American Express for their support and generosity.

In Loving Memory...



JoAnn Louise Hansen Arave, "Jodi", age 84 passed away peacefully on January 25, 2022, after a short illness. She was born on June 15, 1937 to Raymond Lassen and Stella Frugoli Hansen. She graduated from Ogden High School. She met the love of her life, Kent Gene Arave, shortly after graduation. They married on September 1, 1955. Jodi and Kent had four children: Cheryl Ann (Cheri), Michael C., Mark D., and Bradley P.

Jodi worked for "Ma Bell" most of her adult life, starting as a service representative for the telephone company and working her way into a sales position for AT&T. She sold telephone systems until her late 70s and was well loved by her customers and her co-workers alike. She was an active volunteer and volunteer leader, serving in the Jayettes, the Ogden Footprinters, Soroptimist International of Ogden and Soroptimist International of Salt Lake.

Jodi is survived by her children Cheri (Paul) Richardson, Mike (Roxanne) Arave, Mark Arave, and Brad (Wendy) Arave, her siblings, LaRae Hansen and Bill Hansen, nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband and soulmate, Kent, her parents and her brother George Hansen.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude and appreciation for all of Jodi's caregivers at Stonehenge of Ogden, as well as their amazing staff.

The family also wishes to acknowledge her in-home caregivers: Jodi, Tammy, Corbin, Kendall and Andrea.

Editors Note: I cannot thank my Soroptimist Club enough for the kindness and support you have shown me during this difficult time. Mom loved being a Soroptimist, and loved sharing Soroptimist with many of her friends and co-workers. I am pleased that she chose our club to receive her memorial donations. I thank you for the beautiful flowers you brought to her services.

