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President Rita's Message

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Salt Lake Soroptimists:

The holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving is almost gone, still food lingering and hopefully visits from more friends and family! We have so many things to be thankful for and thanks to all of you, we are able to bless the lives of many single Moms and their children with our Breakfast With Santa. Thanks to all of you for your work in getting ready for this beautiful event!

I have heard a number of amazing talks this past couple of weeks about "Gratitude." If we don't have gratitude in our lives, we have nothing. Even when times are hard, we should have gratitude for the small

things around us. We can have gratitude for the changing of the seasons as we have certainly seen this past couple of weeks. We may not like snow, but it puts snow in our mountains so we have water to drink and put on our lawns so our surroundings are beautiful next year.

John F Kennedy stated: We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." All of you make a difference in my life as you raise your hand and support our Soroptimist Programs. Thanks to all of you for your continued support throughout this year and even in the past. I feel like the things we do not only give us gratitude for what we have, it also blesses many other

lives. Every year when I get home from Breakfast With Santa, I am tired, but I take time to think how we have blessed the lives of Mothers and children, and it also blesses me and makes me appreciate the gratitude for all that I have and can share.

A statement by Robert Caspar Lintner, "Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day," is one I want to hold on to and continue my gratitude throughout the year.

Thanks again to all of you for all you do in our Club, but also, I know you do much more outside of our organization! THANKS

President Rita

Christmas

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DREAM IT ★ BE IT

CAREER SUPPORT

{for girls}



Angela Larson

On November 16th we met at Horizonte and held our second Dream It Be It presentation for this year. We had two great presenters that the girls really enjoyed.

Angela Larson came and gave an overview of financial competency. Angela has worked for her own business helping people overcome their financial problems. She gave the girls tips on how to manage their money, which included ... pay cash for everything and do not use credit cards, educate yourself about finances, learn to

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Granite Connections
501 E. 3900 South
Friday, December 1st
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.***

budget, start an emergency fund, plan for retirement, guard your health, and protect your assets. She handed out little personal money folders for the girls to use in saving cash for their monthly expenses. Angela presented last year and some of the girls were able to get a repeat lesson. Other girls were there for the first time and learned the value of managing their money.

Our second speaker was Rosey Schaefermeyer who is a social worker. Rosey spoke about overcoming obstacles. She emphasized to the girls that to be successful you need to feel connected, supported and loved. Rosey spoke for an hour and could have taken more time. The girls really loved the discussion and were actively participating.

Both Rosey and Angela will be presenting again when we go to Granite Connections on Friday, December 1st at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Come and support this program. It is a lot of fun and always very informative!



Rosey Schaefermeyer

Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday, December 2nd
LDS Church
464 W. Germana Avenue
Murray, UT**

**Soroptimist members arrive at 7:00 a.m.
For set up
Outside volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m.
Bring your clothing bags and toy donations.**

Contact Teresa Just with questions.

Friendsgiving Dinner

by Rita Offrett



On the 3rd Wednesday of the month we held our Program and Friendsgiving Dinner. We had a good turnout with about 18 attending. We had a great meal provided by our hostesses: Michelle Jackson and Rita Offrett. We also had some great door prizes. Besides having dinner and catching up with some members we have not seen for a while, we also had zoom for the first part of the meeting because we had a presentation from another 501(c)3, Waste Less Solutions, to learn about their projects.

Suzanne Liese presented very interesting information about the ef-

fects of food wastage on the green-gas emissions. She also shared that the U.S. is the largest contributor to this issue. Other countries such as India are much lower in their food wastage. The non-profit arranges to pick-up left over foods from big events, stores, or individuals and deliver it to people in need. They even have kitchen services available to cook the food before delivering, if needed. Teresa Just stated she had a lot of left over peaches on her tree and wondered if she could donate them. Suzanne shared that they have volunteers that will even come pick the peaches and deliver them where they are needed.



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We had lots of questions and the presenter was very engaging in sharing their mission and vision. We were glad to have some members participate by zoom and learn about this program.



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PARTY

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13TH
6 PM**

**CHERI RICHARDSON
CLUBHOUSE
9339 S. JORDAN VILLA DR.
WEST JORDAN**

**POTLUCK
BEVERAGES PROVIDED
\$20 GIFT EXCHANGE**

**RSVP
CATHY STEVENS
801-641-5292 BY 12/9**

Save the Date for Next Summer, July 24-27!

Mark your calendars—we're heading to breathtaking Bellevue, Washington, in the Pacific Northwest for SIA's 48th Biennial Convention next summer! If you haven't experienced a Pacific Northwest summer, you're in for a treat.

☑ Nearly Perfect Summers: The Pacific Northwest is renowned for its splendid summers. Expect brilliant blue skies, warm sun and gentle breezes.

☑ Peak Conditions in July & August: Seeking warmth and sunshine? These months promise the warmest and driest days



☑ High Season Vibes: Embrace the vibrant energy while you network and learn with fellow members.

Registration will launch during the first quarter of 2024, and the rates for all attendees are as follows:

- Early Registration Rate (applicable from the launch of registration through March 14, 2024): \$750
- Regular Registration Rate (applicable from March 15, 2024, through May 17, 2024): \$850
- Just in Time Registration Rate (applicable from May 18, 2024, through July 23, 2024): \$950

Soroptimist International President's Appeal



'Opening Doors to a Bright Future' is the Soroptimist International (SI) President's Appeal, 2021-2023, which officially launched on 1 October 2021.

The appeal is headed by SI President, Maureen Maguire, and is part of the Soroptimist International Foundation. The appeal has established projects in each of the five Soroptimist Federations, with pro-

jects up and running in Cambodia, Uganda, Georgia, Trinidad and Tobago, Paraguay and Malawi.

'Opening Doors to a Bright Future' has a strong focus on education, understanding its fundamental role as a driver for sustainable development, peace, and equality. We believe that investing in women and girls' education brings high

rewards, breaking cycles of poverty and aiding economic growth

Every year our club participates in Soroptimist International President's Appeal. At our Christmas Party we ask for donations, which we forward on to SI for this project.

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December Calendar & Member News

Mark Your Calendars ...

12/1—DIBI Granite 8:30 am

12/6—Board Meeting 6-7 pm

12/13—Christmas Party 6 pm

1/3—Board Meeting 6-7 pm

Many Happy Returns



12/6—*Diane McCarty*
12/22—*Rachel Woodhouse*
12/26—*Pat Murdoch*

Fall Fund Raiser

**\$3,730
Raised!**

