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Erasing the Stigma
of Mental Illness

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Message from President Natalie Conrad



Greetings!

As I write this message on Sunday morning, I have just finished off the last of Roseann Bradley's delicious apple pie for breakfast. Memories of the dueling pianos evening come back with each bite! It was an amazing time and, I believe, very successful. Our table mates told me that we definitely must do this again! Thank you to the fundraising committee and all members who volunteered to make this fundraiser a smashing success!

Don't forget about our strategic plan; I have had one member already contact me about working on our emergency plan. What is **ONE THING** you can do to help us meet the objectives of SI Chico's strategic plan?

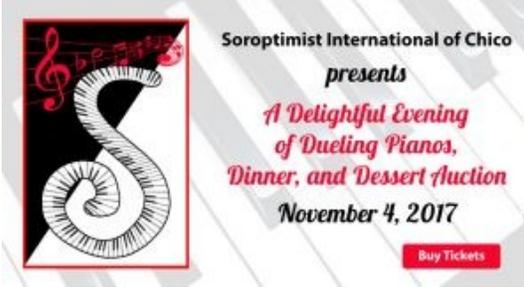
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Events



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Fall Fundraiser Wrap Up Meeting



When: November 13th Noon to 1 pm
 Where: Barrett Financial Services

Fall Fundraiser Co-Chairs:
 Bev Rozendaal & Bonnie Chapman

Fall Fundraiser Pictures



Billie dazzling the crowd



Natalie & Doug Fun Date Night



Vilma enjoying SI Chico for over 50 years

SI Chico 2017-2018 Strategic Plan



In service,

**Soroptimist International of Chico
 2017-2018 President**

This Week's Program

**Understanding the Role of the
 Harm Reduction Center**



Our guests for this week's program will be **Stairways Executive Director Michael Madieros, Morgan Kennedy and Jessica Cain** from the Stairways Harm Reduction Center. They will talk to us about mental illness among the homeless community and what they are able to do to support and assist the people that are ill.

Coordinator: Linda Kerch



**Wednesday, November 15th
 1:30 pm
 Training will be held at the
 NAMI office at 6 Governors**



Linda, Sharadin, Kathy, & Margaret where else but at the Wine Pull



Janet & Bev girls night out



Jackie & Mike having a great date night



Carolyn, Joanne, Bonnie, & Linda collecting the money



Priscilla taking a break from picture taking with Kimm & Sandi

Lane in Chico.

Any and all members are invited to come and learn how to use the White Card equipment.

Soropti-Stuff
by Carolyn Dusenbury

Soroptimist Village Project

In 1959, the Soroptimist Village Project in Norwalk was launched. Almost \$300,000 was raised to provide low cost housing for older women. The Village housed 59 residents in cottages designed to meet their special needs. And ...it is still going!

[Read more](#)

And that is your Soropti-stuff for November 7th.

Carolyn Dusenbury,
Soropti-stuffer

Monthly Lunch Raffle



Thanks to all of our members who have supported our monthly lunch raffle so far this year!

Remember- this lunch drawing is an internal fundraiser for club taking the place of the monthly raffle baskets. The money collected is used to help fund our operating costs throughout the year so we can give away more \$\$\$!

Kathy Erickson
Alternate Director Delegate

SUDS (Soptimist Understanding through Drinking & Socializing)



After all events are done, District 1 meeting, retreat and our major fundraiser let's reward ourselves with a SUDS! Bring a snack and a

bubbly of your choice, relax and enjoy.

Host: Kathy Erickson

When: Friday, November 17, 2017

Where: 811 Black Walnut Way, Chico

Time: 5pm ish to ????

Wednesday Door Greeters Wanted

Greet our members, guests and speakers with your smiling face as they walk in the door. Thank you all for signing up. Our slots are full for 2017 so start filling up slots for 2018.



[Click to sign up](#)

Thank you for signing up,

Becky Yuhasz

SI Objectives Committee

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Soropti-Wear

We have a limited amount of t-shirts, but we have lots of those cute little hoodies that you can purchase at our next business meeting for \$30!



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Kathy Erickson

Alternate Director Delegate

Starfish Award

Know a member that is making a difference in the committees, the club or the community?



Let's recognize her or him with a Starfish Award. Please email your nomination to Kathy Erickson, Alternate Delegate at kathyerickson@pacbell.net

Please include the members name and a brief description of what the member did to make a positive impact for others.



Story

Thousands of starfish washed ashore. A little girl began throwing them in the water so they wouldn't die. "**Don't bother, dear,**" her mother said, "**it won't make a difference.**" The girl stopped for a moment and looked at the starfish in her hand. "**It will make a difference to this one.**"

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