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Greetings!

Please take the time to read this weekly E-Blast so you can stay up to date with what's happening at your club and upcoming events. You can also feel free to forward to a friend by clicking the link below.

 Forward to a Friend

Message from President, Julie Curl



Every year on Human Right's Day (December 10th) the President of Soroptimist International selects a project that provides direct assistance to women in extreme need, Natalie and I had

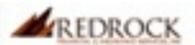
a chance to meet Yvonne Simpson, who is the 2015-2017 Soroptimist International President when we were in Orlando in July, she was delightful and caring.

These are President's Yvonne's words: "I am delighted to launch the SI President's Appeal 'Educate To Lead: Nepal' on 10 December, the very day in 1948 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Our President's Appeal addresses human rights issues that follow a disaster. The earthquakes in Nepal were devastating - physically, geographically, psychologically, financially, and economically. The resulting poverty has left women and girls more vulnerable. Human traffickers prey on rural

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HELPFUL LINKS

women and deceive them into losing their freedom and human rights. Many have lost their livelihoods and need to find a way to care for themselves and their families. Women can be change agents too - and it is imperative to have women in leadership positions so they can empower their communities. Education is the key. Education empowers women with new skills and new hope for economic independence. It provides the confidence and ability to stand strong and be partners with men to lead the future. The situation needs our long term commitment to make this difference.

I am thrilled that already so many Soroptimists have pledged their support, raising funds and awareness of the need to empower women and girls through education: Empower them to move out of poverty, to move away from vulnerability, and to lead towards a better life. The President's Appeal has traditionally been for the most vulnerable.

We have been most fortunate that for the 2015 - 2017 SI President's Appeal, sufficient funds have been pledged already, so we are able to launch the appeal with three projects. These are sample projects of what we hope to achieve. They include Soroptimist projects. They represent the very start - with more funding we will be able to fund more projects and thereby make a greater impact. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states it is a human right to be born free and equal in dignity and rights (Article 1). No one shall be held in slavery or servitude (Article 4). Everyone has the right to education (Article 26). Everyone has the right to work (Article 23).

The SI President's Appeal 2015 - 2017 'Educate to Lead: Nepal' will educate, empower and enable women and girls to overcome their adversity, stay safe and develop leadership skills that will in turn benefit their communities.

The logo flower represents beauty and fragility. It also represents full potential. This is achieved with care and the right nourishment. Our Appeal offers the same hope for women and girls in Nepal. With your support we will make a difference. Come, join us - Educate to Lead: Nepal".



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SNR Conference April 2017
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Jean Eaton has invited us to SI St Albans 60th Anniversary Friendship Weekend 31 March - 2nd April 2017

[Click here for program details](#)



Background Checks

Our programs committee will be presenting a program to us in January and we will once again "be passing the hat" to raise funds for this project. And, if you are interested, I did purchase the "logo flower" that Yvonne spoke of above, I am proudly wearing it on my Soroptimist Scarf.

This meeting will be our last Business Meeting of the year. Once again we have a very interesting meeting planned, many motions to vote upon and information of what you can expect in 2017. I hope that once again we will have a full house, see you Wednesday.

President *Julie*

This Weeks Program

Business Meeting

Financials:

[Budget vs Actual](#)

[Balance Sheet](#)

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Home & Garden Wish Board



Do you have a personal connection with a security company?



Do you know a landscaper you could invite to compete?



Can your spouse or adult son help us on Sunday (at the end of the Show)?

Remember if you haven't already filled out your background check for working with youth the deadline is **December 31, 2016**. Return them to Nancy Hanson, Treasurer Elect.



The Unconventional Date: Volunteering with your spouse

Do you know a master gardener who could speak at the show?



Click on the link below:

[SIC Compliance - Release Agreement For Working With Youth](#)

Save the Date
January 11, 2017
SI Chico Birthday Luncheon



Save the Date
January 13, 2017
SI Chico



Presented by: Special Events Committee
More information coming soon

Save the Date
January 26, 2017



More information to follow



December Basket

Full of Christmas cheer and New Years bubbly donated by the Membership Committee

Members Center



Click the links below to access tons of resources

[Our Website](#)
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**A SOLT Minute by
Bev Rozendaal**

Board meetings are open to all Soroptimist members. They are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 @The AAA office (Tonya Powell's)

A couple acronyms:
SUDS (Soroptimist Understanding [during] Drinking & Socializing); Pub Comm (Publication & Communication Committee) and Soroptimister (Soroptimist husbands).



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[From the Editor's Desk](#)

I hope you are enjoying the new look of our E-blast and all the informational links attached.

Did you know our weekly E-blast is now on the SNR (Sierra Nevada Region Website), click their link under "Helpful Links" above, then click "News", then click "Newsletters". You can also find the E-blast on our website, SI Chico. Click the link above; E-blast Archives (NEW) to access them.

Deadline for E-blast articles is Monday, 12 noon. Send them to the following email address:

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