



SOROPTIMIST

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**Soroptimist International of Chico**  
**Improving the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world**

Eraser the Stigma  
of Mental Illness

May 8, 2018

### **New This Week**

Need door greeter tomorrow  
Soroptimist Day Retreat  
SUDS  
Ann Leon thanks for all you do!  
President's Message  
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### **Message from President Natalie Conrad**



### Events



[Click here to see all our upcoming events](#)

**Eraser the Stigma:**  
**A Community Conversation about  
Mental Illness**  
**May 10th @ Manzanita Place (Chico  
Elks Lodge)**  
[Click here to go directly to this event](#)

**Volunteers Still Needed at the  
following events:**



**JESUS CENTER**

[Servers needed sign up here](#)

### **Greetings!**

I'm sitting on the swing in my backyard writing this. The weather is perfect with a gentle little breeze and my geraniums look amazing! It's a good day for me and I hope you are enjoying the start of your week. Last week, I heard a father, and best selling author, talk about mental illness and his son's experience. (The book he wrote is called Crazy.) Hearing some of the story was hard for me as some of it sounded like my story or that of my sister's. Then he gave us this quote from a Harry Potter book:

"Understanding is the first step to acceptance,  
and only with acceptance can there be recovery."

Part of this understanding is to educate others on the need to eliminate the mental illness stigma. Help me and your fellow

## WEDNESDAY DOOR



[Click here to sign up](#)

**We need a door greeter for tomorrow, May 9th**

## Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho-Chico Presents 23rd Annual Microbrew Fest



[Tickets on sale now - click here](#)

They can also be purchased at:  
**The Home Brew Shop**  
**3130 Hwy 32 #2 - Chico**

Soroptimists help Butte County by bringing your family, friends and neighbors to our event on Thursday night. Pick them up if you have to because this is an important part of that first step to acceptance.

You may also email the flyer below:

[Click here for Erase the Stigma Digital Flyer](#)



In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tatiana Conrad'.

Soroptimist International of Chico  
2017-2018 President

**You won't want to miss THIS WEEK'S AWARDS PROGRAM**



*Imagining Possibilities*



[Click here for PDF flyer](#)



[Click here to see call to Convention](#)

Sincerely,  
SIA Headquarters

### SAVE THE DATE

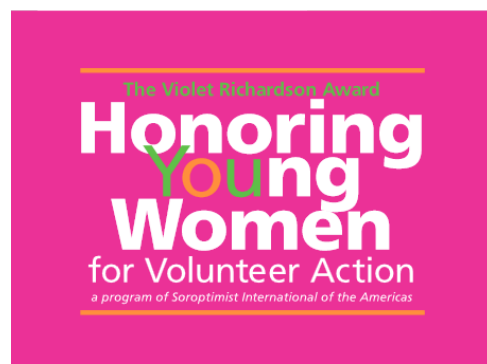


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You are invited to the 2018 Sorozptimist Day Retreat!!

Date: Saturday August 18, 2018

Place: Sun Dog Ranch, Cohasset



Come and meet our two Imagining Possibilities award recipients and two Violet Richardson award recipients. These are four deserving young women already making a difference, meeting challenges and striving to reach their goals. SI Chico is privileged to be able to award a total of \$4,000 to these young women and even more importantly show them how much we support and believe in them and their dreams.

[Read more](#)

#### Coordinator:

Diane Fossum, Imagining Possibilities Award

Carol Braziel, Violet Richardson Award

#### Giving Committee Co-Chairs:

Miles Berdache Lynk

Linda Allen

### Monthly Sorozpti-Wear Day



On the first Wednesday of the month (Business Meeting) is our SI Chico wear your T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies day. Add bling too if you like.

To purchase Sorozptimist T-shirts,

Details of timing and cost will be forthcoming. Mark your calendar and don't miss this epic Soropti-experience!!

sweatshirts and hoodies contact Kathy Erickson at: [kathyerickson@pacbell.net](mailto:kathyerickson@pacbell.net)

## Soroptimist of Chico

### SUDS (Soroptimist Understanding through Drinking & Socializing)



**May 4, 2018 SUDS for Marilyn Ey.**  
**Marilyn is Texas bound in a few weeks.**



**When:** June  
14th 5:30ish

**Where:** TBD

### Ann Leon thanks for all you do!



SI Chico's Spring Fundraiser, Epicurean Rendezvous was a big success thanks to Ann Leon for providing the venue. As a thank you to Ann for opening up her restaurant, Leon Bistro, and for all the many hours of hard work she put into this fundraiser SI Chico is happy to give Leon Bistro a FREE ad in our weekly E-blast through our fiscal year June 30th, 2019.

[Click here to visit Ann's website](#)

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### Spreadsheet

Please take the time to look at this inventory spreadsheet. Do you have anything in your garage, car, closet, home or anywhere in between that needs to be added to this inventory?

[Click here to view inventory spreadsheet](#)

There are a few things **NOT** in storage, that was in storage at our old storage unit. Does anyone know what happened to the following items?

- sand bag
- Walkie-talkies with chargers
- metal border stakes
- HGA utilities (garden hose, rope, bucket, tie down , bungee cords
- HGA lawn signs & stakes

Please email me at: [joy2health@gmail.com](mailto:joy2health@gmail.com)

Thank you,

Joyce Brown  
Inventory Controller/  
Keeper of the Key

Thank you Ann!



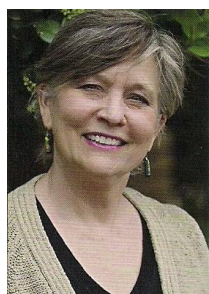
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Know a member that is making a difference in the committees, the club or the community? Let's recognize her or him with a Starfish Award. Please email your nomination to Kathy Erickson, Director Delegate at [kathy Erickson@pacbell.net](mailto:kathy Erickson@pacbell.net)

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



I want to thank our sponsors for helping pay for our weekly E-blast. It is also that time of year where your payment is coming due for next year. Ads run from July 1st to June 30th. Payments are due on or before June 15th. I sent you all a payment renewal notice last week via email.

If you would like to advertise in our E-blast, please let me know. Ads are \$100 for a business card size ad. As stated above they run from July 1st to June 30th Our E-blast is not only seen by our members, it's seen by Sierra Nevada Region in their bi-weekly newsletter, it's placed on our website & SNR's website for the public to see.

Please email your articles or announcements by 5pm Sunday to: [eblast@sichico.com](mailto:eblast@sichico.com)

Joyce Brown, Editor

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