



# SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PLACERVILLE HIGHLIGHTS



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## Member Spotlight–Judy Brooks

Judy first got involved with Soroptimist in 1971, after joining Venture Club in Davis sponsored by Soroptimist International. Venture was designed for young women to eventually transition into Soroptimist and followed most of the same guidelines and goals. At that time a member had to be classified in order to be in Soroptimist at a high level such as a business owner, or executive. Venture Club was discontinued after this classification rule was eliminated.



*Don & Judy at  
Choc Affair '17*

It was expected that a young woman would transfer into Soroptimist as soon as she qualified. One could not stay in Venture Club past the age of 40. In the mid-1980s, many Venture Club members in Davis were approaching their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. As a solution, members decided to charter a new Soroptimist Club of Greater Davis. Judy was the Charter President in 1985. There are still seven (7) active “charter” members in Soroptimist Clubs.

Some of Judy’s favorite things about attending regional conferences are the interactions, team building with fellow Placerville members and seeing old friends from the Greater Davis club and other longtime Soroptimist friends. It’s like a big reunion!

The Prom Boutique is still one of Judy’s favorite projects. She notes the joy and fun the young ladies have as they try on gowns. The interaction with their friends is great to see.

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## Member Spotlight (continued from Page 1)

Judy's favorite current project is Helping Hands. She is deeply moved every time we assist a woman in need. Judy said "unless you've walked in these shoes, it's hard to realize how difficult life can be when one doesn't have the resources to fix a bad situation". Judy commented that this is the best project she has ever had the honor of participating in during her years in Venture and Soroptimist.

In her spare time Judy truly loves traveling with her husband, Don, especially into natural settings surrounded by nature and animals. She has a bucket list of places to go and things to do. Last year she and Don went to Belize. Their next trip is to South Africa!



## On Main Street.....

### Music in the Courtyard (312 Main St - Saturdays 2-5 PM):

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jazz Gitan (Jazz)  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Red Dirt Rukus (New Grass)  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Scotch Tape & Bailing Wire (Country)

### Hangtown Car Show

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 5-8 PM

### Placerville Oktoberfest

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 3-8 PM

### Antique Street Faire

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 8 – 3 PM

### Main Street Movers

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 8 AM meet up at Sweetie Pies

### Third Saturday Art Walk

5-9 PM Main Street

### Wednesday Night Farmer's Market (Thru October)

4 PM -Dusk at the Bell Tower

## New Member Profile – Lynne Rogers

We are proud to announce the addition of Lynne Rogers to our club. Lynne, retired, was a senior executive with the Department of Defense (DOD). She and her husband moved to Placerville in 2016.



President Tanya & Lynne:  
Lynne's Induction 7/5/17

Lynne spent many years mentoring young professional women at DOD. She provided career planning guidance for advancement opportunities. She's also a skilled writer and editor. These skills will be put to use implementing the 2017/2018 Dream It Be It Program and other Club projects.

In her free time, Lynne enjoys sewing, crewel embroidery and baking. The club is excited to have such a talented woman join our ranks.



## President's Corner Tanya Moran 2017-18

This being the "maiden" President's Message for our first issue of the 2017/2018 Club Newsletter, I was wondering what to write about. But after a few minutes sitting in front of my Word document, I realized with a couple months of warm weather left this year, we have plenty of time to pull off some great projects to carry us through to the year-end festivities.

First, we are very excited to host our Sierra Nevada Region District 3 meeting here in Placerville. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date so mark your calendars! The registration form is moving around at our upcoming meetings so please sign up now!! Our theme "Apple of Your Eye" will help make the September luncheon festive with the launch of Apple Hill opening. Logos, decorations and prize give-aways will be the icing on our gathering with our District Members to learn about what's going on in the Region as well as Governor Vicki's new Region Project: Dress A Girl Around The World. Some of you may be familiar already with this project as many of our local churches have participated in one way or another. Now, with the Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimists involved, thousands more girls will be reached with the cute cotton dresses we will be sewing for them so they have the mark of "belonging". These dresses will help deter ill-willed intentions against them. Here is an excerpt from the little girls who received dresses:



*Thank you, Dress A Girl Around the World! We are recipients of your beautiful dresses! We can feel that you made the dresses with love because they are so pretty! They help us to realize we have dignity and to know that God loves us! We want to know that we are worthy of love. Many of us are overlooked and often abused with no one to protect us.*

*You know, for many of us this will be the only new dress we ever own. Thank you for making them so carefully so that they can last us a very long time. Could you please make sure to use a good, sturdy cotton fabric? Our bodies need to be covered and if the fabric is thin, sometimes our skin shows through and it's embarrassing.*

*And can you please help protect us from predators by putting the Dress a Girl label on the outside front of the dress? The label indicates that an organization is looking after us and just maybe a predator will pass us over! That's worth the extra time and effort, don't you think?*

*Thank you so much for giving us 'God's best dress'! We love you!*

*Isn't that as sweet as can be?! Please join us for this inspirational meeting. Go to: <http://soroptimistsnr.org/node/376> for details.*

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## President's Corner (Continued from Page 3)

We are also launching a new collaboration with the Placerville Kiwanis Club to present our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of A Chocolate Affair 2018!

Our two longstanding Placerville Clubs will join forces to present this premier and immensely popular event scheduled for February 10, 2018. Both clubs will be raising funds for local educational scholarships, awards and other community service projects, each club will bring their expertise and labor of love to create a fun-filled atmosphere for guests to enjoy wine and beer tasting and samples of delectable bites from local wineries and restaurants. We are preparing new and exciting ways to add to the great reputation of this community event.



Our next big Club project is: Soroptimist's Sex Trafficking Education and Prevention Upstanding Program (SSTEP UP) is a unique and upbeat comprehensive prevention program empowering students and adults with life skills that will have them *STANDING UP* to all forms of Human Trafficking and more. Soroptimist International of Placerville's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. To that end, Soroptimist International as a larger group, and specifically the Placerville club, have put their energy (and money) into a multi-year campaign to prevent Human Trafficking, especially the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in El Dorado County. We are in the beginning phases and will have more to report on in upcoming newsletters.

Another project Soroptimist International has made available is a fabulous curriculum to provide career guidance to high school girls. It provides the handouts and instructions to work through modules with high school girls to help them with career choices, facing obstacles and achieving their dreams. We launched our first session of Dream It Be It two years ago at El Dorado High School with a small group of girls. Last year we were able to present a shorter version to the Manos de la Obra club at El Dorado High School and helped over 40 youth in considering their career options and how to go about achieving them. We are currently in the planning stages of presenting to the students at Independence High School. Super exciting!!



I enjoy this work and am blessed to be part of a team of like-minded women who have compassion for helping other women and girls. Each person we can help will be enabled to help another... what a great domino effect! This ultimately improves our own lives and the function of the community in which we live!  
Join us for lunch or a dinner on Wednesdays!

## Helping Hands Fund Update

Born in 2008 the Helping Hands Fund exemplifies the Soroptimist mission to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Through the Helping Hands Program, we assisted more than 30 women and 50 children and their families with an amount totaling over \$14,000.00 in club year 2016-2017 for a grand total of \$73,921 since inception.

We were honored to be awarded a Regional Endowment Grant of \$1,000 from the Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region for the 2016-2017 year. This assistance enabled the Helping Hands Fund to assist even more women and children than ever, along with generous donations from community members and proceeds from our annual "A Chocolate Affair".

The Soroptimist Helping Hand Fund provides emergency funds through (but not limited to) the following agencies:

- . El Dorado Co. Human Services & Senior Day Care
- . Hope House
- . Lilliput Children's Service
- . The Center for Violence Free Relationships
- . Community Health Clinic
- . Marshall Cancer Resource Center

### Letters of Gratitude:

*"Me and my little girl would like to thank all of you at the club for helping us get into our new home. Now we can have a safe place to eat and sleep and put our clothes away! God bless you. Thank you."*

*"To each of you I thank you all for your compassion for me. Because of your financial assistance I am able to stay in my home. I have had to live in my car and am doing all I can to have a home. Thank you."*



## Helping Hands

### Letter of Gratitude from a woman helped by the Program:

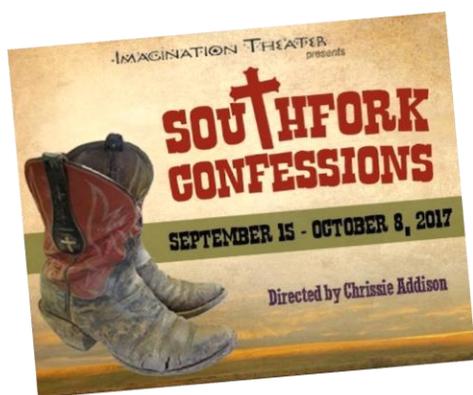
*"I have a home! I owe it to women and sisters such as yourselves who may have no idea how you can help guide and teach young single mothers such as myself. I am just an anonymous recipient of the good you do on paper but in real life I am a woman who can smile again. I can look people in the face again. I could be your daughter, your granddaughter, but in God's eyes we will always be sisters. I promise to use this opportunity to change my life for the better so that I may lend a helping hand to another someday."*

# Fun, Fun, Fun at Cielo Estates Winery 8/25/2017



Pictured above-Top Row: The Barton Douglas Band, Steve & Kaye Scott and our dessert (thanks Barbara).  
Bottom Row: Barbara Smiley & Pam Gardner; Bill & Callie Neville and Jack & Debbie Rice & Mama Janet.

## Upcoming Community FUN



Southfork Confessions, a musical, at Imagination Theater runs Sept 15-Oct 8 ([www.imaginationtheater.net](http://www.imaginationtheater.net));  
Music on the River at Camp Lotus is on Sept 17([www.Ruralcommunitiesunited.org](http://www.Ruralcommunitiesunited.org)); and special tours of  
Priest Mine at Gold Bug Park on Saturday, Sept 2 only ([www.goldbugpark.org/](http://www.goldbugpark.org/)).

# MEMBERSHIP IN SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PLACERVILLE

Are you interested in joining the largest classified organization in the world? We would love to have you visit one of our program lunches to experience the joy of giving and receiving the benefits of camaraderie and accomplishment in our local community and the joy of providing aide to women and girls globally.

We usually meet at Denny's on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and invite you to contact our Club by calling **530-344-1476** or visit our website at **[www.siplacerville.org](http://www.siplacerville.org)**. You may also send us an email at **[siplacerville@gmail.com](mailto:siplacerville@gmail.com)** for more information.

Remember our Club Motto: **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK.**



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