



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PLACERVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

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Member Remembrance – Carolyn Hibbeln

We honor the memory of Carolyn Hibbeln, an active member, who passed away on May 23, 2018.

Our beloved Sister spearheaded the creation of the Club’s Helping Hands program which provides emergency relief funding to women in crisis. Carolyn was passionate about empowering women and girls by furthering their education. Annually, Hibbeln oversaw the club’s annual educational scholarships for students attending local high schools.



Carolyn was born January 1, 1960 in Santa Rosa, CA. She was inducted into Soroptimist International of Placerville in 2004, served a term as Club President and was an active member until her passing.

A wonderful wife, mother, sister and friend, she spent her free time traveling, gardening, reading, and enjoying life to its fullest with family and friends.

Carolyn, a banker by profession, worked for River City Bank in Placerville for 21 years. She retired in February 2018. She will be missed by her Soroptimist Sisters and members of the community.

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Final Message from Outgoing President Tanya

It has been a great pleasure to lead this club through the past two years.

We have a great group of dedicated club members that work diligently to uphold our mission: A global volunteer organization that economically empowers women and girls by providing access to education, the single most effective anti-poverty intervention. **Continued on Page 7**



President Tanya with farewell gift

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart”
– Elizabeth Andrew*

New Member – Claudia Jachens



L to R: Claudia & President Tanya

Soroptimist International of Placerville is proud to announce the addition of Claudia Jachens as our newest new member. Claudia lives in Rescue. She is a longtime local resident and a graduate of Ponderosa High School. She and her husband have 3 children (ages 18-29) and 2 yellow labs. She raises guide dogs for the blind to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to live with increased independence, confidence and mobility. She's very active in 4HG.

As a former “Friend of Soroptimist” she's twice volunteered at the Club's annual Prom Boutique, attended several of the Club's social activities and fundraisers.

The club is excited to have such a fun, optimistic, outgoing and talented woman join our Club.

WELCOME CLAUDIA!!!

Awards Night April 2018

Soroptimist Club members, guests, scholarship and award winners and their families gathered in April to honor graduating seniors, an active community volunteer, Tech Trek recipient and our signature Live Your Dream winner. Congratulations!!

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS—Winners: **Alyssa Campbell, Frida Garcia & Grace LeCuyer**

We awarded three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to selected graduating students. Preference was given to girls from low income families and consideration given to students heavily involved in the community.



L to R: Angelic Lopez, Alyssa, Grace, Frida, Hayden & Kaitlin

LENNIE MILLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Winner: Kaitlin Violette

This scholarship focuses on those students who excel in their volunteerism in our community. This additional scholarship is for those entering college. Lennie Mills was a club member and when she passed, a scholarship fund was established in her honor.

TECH TREK SCHOLARSHIP —Winner: Hayden Bebout

Soroptimist International of Placerville sponsor one (1) scholarship in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and send the winner to a one-week summer camp at UC Davis. It is designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when girls' participation in these fields statistically drops. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success. Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun.

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD – Winner: Angelic (Angelique) Lopez

This year's deserving winner of the Live Your Dream Award (\$2,500) is Angelic Lopez. This award is for women who have overcome poverty, domestic and sexual violence, divorce, the death of a spouse, or other life challenges. They are women who had the courage and determination to turn their lives around. Recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, including books, childcare and transportation. Congratulations to Angelic our 2018 Award Winner! Angelic's career goal is to help others, whether it be students, elders or her children. She wants to guide them to make better choices for their future. She hopes to become a guidance counselor or a therapist.

Helping Hands Fund Update

Our Soroptimist mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

The Soroptimist Helping Hands Fund provides emergency funds through many local agencies. Eight (8) Requests were received April – June 2018. Our Club funded the following requests totaling \$3,300:



Helping Hands Program

Three (3) Requests were received to help with rental assistance. These funds allowed three families, including 7 children, to remain in their homes and not become homeless.

Three (3) Requests were received to help with auto repairs, insurance and registration fees. These funds allowed women to continue seeking employment, getting to their jobs or to school and to better care for their families, including 3 children.



One (1) Request was for recent high school graduate who for the past year has been homeless with her 1-year old son. She recently moved into an apartment. This bright student gave the Commencement Speech at her high school graduation. She's been taking online college courses-using her cell phone to complete and submit assignments. Our Club partnered with Infant Parent Center to buy a laptop to help her continue her college education goals. She plans to become a nurse..

One (1) Request was for assistance paying for a widow's PGE bill. Due to several unforeseen medical and dental issues, she lacked funds to pay this utility expense.

Soroptimist Fun Times



Prom Boutique Finale – April 7, 2018

SIP held our annual and final prom dress giveaway in April. Over the past eleven years, local Soroptimist provided 683 prom dresses and accessories to more than 650 high school girls. Going to the prom can be expensive and we wanted to assist the high school girls in making their dreams come true! Placerville Soroptimist thanks the following local businesses for their unwavering support:

Camino Flower Shop
Fresh Cleaners
Party Royal Rental
River City Bank
Runway Boutique

Flowers on Main
Gold Key Storage
Renfros Bridal & Boutique
Robinson's Pharmacy
Salon Bellissimo

Generous donations from numerous local businesses, community members and the ever popular annual fund raiser, "The Chocolate Affair", held every February made this a successful event 11 years running. **Continued on Page 5**

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Soroptimist has discontinued Prom Boutique in order to focus on our newest global program for girls. Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. Look for more information on this exciting “hands-on” mentoring program in upcoming articles.



Deb, Sharon & Lynne proud of their "Tahoe Sunrise" paintings

Paint Nite

Deb, Lynne & Sharon created works of art at PaintNite on May 27th. Tasty food and refreshing drinks were available for purchase. Thanks to the Pizza Factory Management for hosting.

Stay tuned for upcoming PaintNites.

Dress A Girl Around the World “Sewing Day”

On June 2nd club members gathered to sew dresses and package dress-making kits for the Dress a Girl Around the World Campaign. Several dresses were completed and ½ dozen kits were assembled. We had so much fun. We may have another second sewing day next club year!

More information about this Campaign, under Hope 4 Women International (a 501 (c) 3 organization), can be found at their website at <http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>



L to R: Barbara, Tanya, Lynne, Kaye, Judy & Sharon. Not pictured: Debbie

Local Summer Events

Buckles & BBQ at the County Fairgrounds on July 22 starting at 8:00 AM. Check out their website for a complete list of upcoming events.

<http://eldoradocountyfair.org/index.html#>

Summer Concert Series at Cielo Estates Winery every Friday night thru September 21st.

<https://www.cieloestate.com/>

Year Round Music and Comedy Nights at Beef & Brew on Fridays.

<https://www.facebook.com/diamondspringsbeefnbrew/>

Star Gazing on your mind? Visit the Community Observatory and gaze at the stars. Gaze Friday-Sunday nights thru December 8th.

https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/event-view.cfm?Event_ID=89109

Imagination Theater presents “An Evening to Remember” on August 3rd and “The Complete History of America (abridged)” August 10-26th.

See www.imaginationtheater.net

Stagecoach Rides near the Bell Tower on the 3rd Saturday 12 PM thru November.

Hangtown Car Show on Main Street (PV) August 30th 5 PM.

Courtyard Concerts every Wednesday night (6-8PM) at Smith Flat House thru October.

<http://www.smithflathouse.com>

Olde Coloma Theater presents Melodramas thru December 23rd. Running thru July 29th is “The Great Northern Amalgamated Iron & Sperm Whale Company” or “Don’t Drink The Water”. www.oldecolomatheater.org

Farmer’s Markets

- Wednesday Night at Bell Tower 4-8 PM
- Saturday on Main St (PV) 8 AM-Noon
- Sunday in Tetrault Parking Lot near Post Office (PV) 8 AM-Noon

Antique Street Faire & Vintage Marketplace August 26th 8 AM on Main Street (PV).

Wine and Art Festival hosted on Main Street (PV) October 20th 6-9PM.

Oktoberfest features Craft Breweries and a Wine Garden September 22nd on Main Street (PV) at 3 PM.

Chamber Mixers

- July 26 Ponte Palmero 5:30 PM
- Aug 23 Rucksack Cellars 5:30 PM
- Sept 27 Gold Country Retirement 5:30 PM

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Working together with my club members, we have initiated a new program to begin in the fall of this year: Soroptimist's Sex Trafficking Education and Prevention Upstanding Program (S-STEP-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. This program will focus at the sixth grade level who are at the most risk in our society. We are excited to help with this essential program in our community.

We've also supported more than 70 women and girls over the last two years with educational scholarships and awards as well as assistance for essential needs to give them a "helping hand".

"Teamwork Makes The Dream Work"

MEMBERSHIP IN SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PLACERVILLE

Are you interested in joining a global volunteer women's organization? We would love to have you visit one of our program meetings (we'll provide your lunch or dinner) to experience the fun of working together and receiving the benefits of camaraderie and accomplishment in our local community, and the joy of empowering women and girls locally and globally.

We meet at various venues in Placerville 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 **www.siplacerville.org**. You may also send us an email at **siplacerville@soroptimist.net** for more information.

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