



# SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PLACERVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Member Spotlight – Cherie Raffety

Cherie joined Soroptimist International (SI) in 1987. She shared some special memories during her 31 year tenure. Cherie joined SI because she enjoys supporting women in all aspects of our society, in work, at home and with their children. She also enjoys contributing to our Club's charitable activities. When she retires, Cherie looks forward to taking art and floral design lessons, dedicating more time at her church and SI Placerville Club.



Cherie fondly recalls her visit to Kyoto, Japan and her attendance at the SI Conference. Up to 500 attendees wore beautiful kimonos and were adorned with diamonds, rubies and pearls.

While she was Club President, the club raised funds for the purchase of a clock for the Co. Fairgrounds.

Cherie and husband, Mike, enjoy travelling to visit with their grown children and grandchildren. She looks forward to their upcoming Oregon trip. They also enjoy international travel and visiting art museums, exotic foods and Broadway plays.

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# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF “A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR”

Members from our Club and Placerville Kiwanis Club hosted a fabulous 20th Anniversary of ‘A Chocolate Affair’ on February 10, 2018.

The event raised \$40,000 for local educational scholarships, awards and other community service projects. Each club brought 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.



The lucky winner of the World Travel Ticket Raffle was Leigh Ann Kieley. She won a luxurious cruise with a Balcony ocean view Cabin. She can choose to sail to Alaska, Europe, Canada, the Caribbean or Bermuda. Check out the 2018 event video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDzoCFh3Hts&feature=youtu.be>

## Special thanks to our Beer/Wine Vendors

Charles B. Mitchell

Colibri Ridge Winery & Vineyard

Crystal Basin Cellars

Fenton Herriot Vineyards

Findleton Estate Winery

Gold Hill Vineyard

Madrona Vineyards

Nello Olivo

Outbreak Brewing Company

Perry Creek Winery

Rucksack Cellars

Smokey Ridge Farmstand & Winery

Sobon Estates/Shenandoah Vineyards

## Special thanks to our Food Vendors

Annabelle's Chocolate

Barsotti Family Juice Company

Caffee Santoro

Cowabunga BBQ

Crack'd Toffee Company

Delloree's Confections

Diane Wilkinson Catering

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## Special thanks to our generous Sponsors

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David and Cindy Brazelton

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Carl Hagen Agency/Farmers Insurance

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The Law Office of Zappettini Bradley

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### **Chocolate Cupcake (\$250)**

Callie and Bill Neville

Madeline Majer, DDS

Palm Accountancy, CPAs

Michael and Cherie Raffety

Joe Vicini, Inc.

### **Chocolate Chip (\$100)**

Frank's Body Shop, Inc.

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## Live Your Dream

Since 1972, the Soroptimist International's Live Your Dream Awards Program has disbursed more than \$30 million to tens of thousands of women who have overcome poverty, domestic and sexual violence, divorce, the death of a spouse, or other life challenges. Recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education. Annually, our Club selects one woman to receive this \$2,500 cash award.



This year's Live Your Dream winner is Angelic Lopez. She is a mother of two (ages 5 and 7) and is enrolled at both Folsom Lake College and Brigham University. She plans to transfer to Sacramento State University to obtain her Bachelor of Science of Sociology. Angelique volunteers at Chamber of Commerce, has worked with seniors at Senior Day Care and participates at her children's school. Her career goal is to become a university-level guidance counselor. She has created a home for her family after once being homeless. She encounters obstacles with gumption. Her moto is with every problem in life there is always a solution. Angelic is responsible, motivated and goal oriented. She overcomes personal challenges with a positive attitude while, as a single mother, she works to instill these values, high morals and integrity in her children.

## 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, up to \$500 to empower women to better provide for themselves and their families, through many local agencies. Fifteen (15) \$500 Requests were received January – March 2018. Our Club funded the following:



Four (4) Requests were received to help with rental assistance. These funds allowed four families to remain in their homes and not become homeless.

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



One (1) Request was for a survivor of domestic violence who recently fled, was homeless and without a car. She recently entered a Sober Living Home and is currently employed. She lacked reliable transportation. The recipient had saved some money for a down payment but needed additional funds to purchase a newer vehicle.

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One (1) Request was for a woman seeking cancer treatments. She recently lost one of her two jobs. She has found a roommate to reduce expenses but needed assistance paying for propane.



One (1) Request was for single mom currently living at Progress House T-house program. She is aggressively job hunting; we expect her to find employment soon. Her possessions are in storage and, if unable to pay the storage unit rent, she would have lost all of her belongings.

One (1) Request was for a woman, with two children, for assistance attending the LVN prerequisite phase of her schooling. She was a stay-at-home mom until a separation and does not have the skills to make a living. The funds were used to buy gas cards to enable applicant to get to the school.

## Soroptimist Fun Times

Several members, former members and Friends of Soroptimist enjoyed a light dinner and drinks at Placerville's Public House on January 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Wine & Canvas Paint Night** - May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Placerville's Pizza Factory. Reserve your spot online at [www.paintnite.com/buy/10053933](http://www.paintnite.com/buy/10053933).

Let Deb know if you've signed up. She can be reached at [siplacerville@gmail.com](mailto:siplacerville@gmail.com)

## Dress A Girl Around the World "Sewing Day" – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-5 PM

Calling all sewers, pressers, cutters. No sewing experience needed. Bring your sewing machine, cotton fabrics, extra-wide double fold bias tape. Dress a Girl Around the World is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International (a 501 (c) 3 organization) bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006.

Let Deb know if you want to join us. She can be reached at [siplacerville@gmail.com](mailto:siplacerville@gmail.com).



Visit their website at <http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>



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## 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 Denny's 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 at **[www.siplacerville.org](http://www.siplacerville.org)**. You may also send us an email at **[siplacerville@soroptimist.net](mailto:siplacerville@soroptimist.net)** for more information.

Remember Club President Tanya's theme: **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK.**

Remember your local Soroptimist Club.....Giving is easy thru [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com). Just register your donations to go towards Soroptimist International of Placerville and a percentage of your Amazon purchases will benefit us!!



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