

Summer 2018

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International of
La Mesa

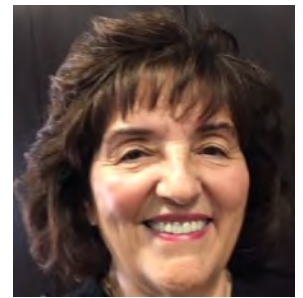


SOROPTIMIST

A global women's organization whose members work to improve the lives of women & girls through programs leading to social & economic empowerment.



President Marlene's Message



We had our installation of officers for the 2018-19 year on June 16th. I will be President for another year.

The theme for the 2018-19 Soroptimist International of La Mesa club year is

One Mission, Many Women & Girls, Countless Dreams

I chose this theme from the Soroptimist.org website to which I added, "& Girls" to include the Dream It Be It Program. The DIBI is a program that reaches girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success.

Our summer break is almost over and our Planning meeting will be Saturday July 21st. Judy Lawton from SI San Diego will be the meeting facilitator. We hope all members will attend and give input into our 2018-2019 activities.

We will be working on all of our Committees, which will cover the four Soroptimist Pillars:

Membership, Fundraising, Programs, Social Media

I look forward to our club working together for another year, so that we can go far with our Soroptimist Mission.....to continue "Improving the lives of Women and Girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment."

Take care and stay cool,
President Marlene

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Upcoming club activities:

All club meetings are held at **Denny's - Navajo and Fletcher Parkway** 7:30 AM unless otherwise indicated.

August 9 - Business Meeting
 August 23 - Board Meeting
 September 6 - Business Meeting
 September 13 - Program Meeting
 September 20 - Committee Meeting if needed
 September 27 - Board Meeting

Free a Girl Movement

has announced the opening of *School for Justice*, Mumbai, India, a school and education program offering support, tuition and the mentoring required for girls to reach university level. The first project of the **Free a Girl Movement, School for Justice** is much more than just a physical school. Its forward-thinking program **educates girls that are rescued from child prostitution, training them to become lawyers and prosecutors, and in doing so, affording them the power to prosecute the criminals that once owned them.**

India has the most underage sex workers in the world with an estimated 1.2 million children working in brothels against their will. In 2015 only 55 cases led to convictions in the whole of India. The fact that the perpetrators are not punished is what allows – and will keep allowing – underage prostitution to happen. *Source: School for Justice*

After winning the AFAS Challenge, a prize of EUR 50,000 was awarded by the AFAS Foundation to cover the costs of the first year of education for the twenty selected girls. Supported by at least eight **Soroptimist** clubs in the Netherlands, efforts being made by **Soroptimists** will finance the education of at least twenty girls from 2018, with hopes for this to continue into 2019.

Following the successful Soroptimist/Unicef project, Syria 'Back to School', a new approach and structure was established by the **Board of the Union of Soroptimist clubs in the Netherlands, Suriname and Curacao**, in order to support and encourage larger projects such as this one.

“This project is about the empowerment of women and girls in its most pure form: we do not only help freed individual girls and women, but we also contribute to the creation of concrete tools for awareness, and respect for the rights of women and girls through education, in order that women and girls might reach positions in which they can make a difference. **We as the Board of the Union of Soroptimist clubs in the Netherlands, Suriname and Curacao, are proud to cooperate with the vital partner Free a Girl**, who realize impressive results in the field of awareness and action for girls and women captured in prostitution. We do hope that other Soroptimist clubs shall support this project so that we can spread this concept throughout the world”.

Mallika Sherawat, actor and Ambassador says: “Underage girls forced into prostitution is a problem that we simply can't ignore any longer. It's the organized and systematic rape of young girls, happening on a mass scale, right here in Mumbai, Delhi and other cities in India. Girls, sometimes as young as 7 or 8, are forced into this life. By freeing the girls, we're not changing the system that allows this crime to happen. To break this cycle, we will attack a key factor: the fact that the perpetrators are not being punished. Because they are not punished, they can continue with their crimes. I ask you to support the *School for Justice* to help the victims turn their anger at this injustice into a force for good – and a furious determination to put everyone involved in child prostitution behind bars.”

For Further information:

We highly recommend you view the Youtube video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfcMMAFzLh0>

Find out more about the **Free a Girl Movement** here <https://www.freeagirlmovement.org/>

Article submitted by Elena Totten, SILM



Installation of the 2018-2019 Officers was held on June 16 at Di Leone's Restaurant. President Marlene graciously accepted another year of leadership and was installed by Becky Burgstiner and Christine Hartwell.

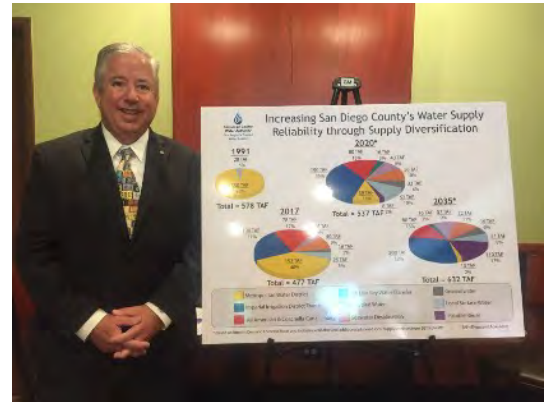


Thank you to all of the Board Members who have stepped forward to serve this year.



Thank you to the 2018-2019 Club Officers who were installed 6/16/18.

- Marlene DeMers - President
- Lisa Moore - President-Elect
- Lisa McCully - Vice-President
- Linda Barbod - Treasurer
- Felis Wolven - Recording Secretary
- Amal Hugisufi - Corresponding Secretary
- Elena Totten - Director, 1 year
- Dolores Kelly - Director, 2 year
- Linda Newell - Past President
- Becky Burgstiner - Delegate, 1 year
- Christine Hartwell - Delegate, 2 year



The May Program Meeting featured **San Diego County Metropolitan Water Authority's Assistant General Manager, Dennis Cushman.**

Historically, the Water Authority depended almost exclusively on water supplies imported from the Colorado River and Northern California by the [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](#). That changed in 2003 with the start of the largest farm-to-urban water conservation and transfer agreement in the nation with the Imperial Irrigation District, which now accounts for about one-third of San Diego County's water supply. In late 2015, the Water Authority added a historic new water source to its portfolio with the completion of the nation's largest seawater desalination plant in Carlsbad. Today, the Water Authority and its member agencies have identified potable reuse of recycled water as the next major source of local water supply, while continuing to aggressively promote water conservation as a civic responsibility.

The graph in the photo shows sources of water up to projected sources in 2035.

Soroptimist International of La Mesa is sustained and enhanced by donations from organizations and individuals. These donations assist the club in empowering women and girls through education and career support. To donate, please go to silamesa.org and hit the donate button. Or send your donation to:

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La Mesa, CA 91944



Upcoming Events

July - August Birthdays

July 8 - Lisa McCully
July 8 - Loretta Mayer
August 15 - Angelique Hood
August 23 - Felis Wolven

Members can notify Maudie or Christine if you are able to help with dinner to be served at Rachel's Center . The new schedule will be posted soon.

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Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Approximately 80,000 Soroptimist in 130 countries and territories support community-based and global projects benefiting women and girls. The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

The name Soroptimist means "best for women" and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best working together to help other women to be their best.

Regular Meeting schedule after Summer Break

All club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Denny's Restaurant 2691 Navajo Road, El Cajon, CA 92020 Phone: (619) 460-6420 unless otherwise indicated.

First Thursday of each Month—Business Meetings

Second Thursday of each Month—Program Meeting

Third Thursday of each Month—Committee Meeting - As needed

Notes: Only one meeting is held in the months of July and August—date to be determined by club President

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Officers, Board Members and Delegates - 2018=2019

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