



Calendar

Business Meetings

September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4

SI Chico Retreat

September 7th

Farmers Market booth

September 14

After Hours

September 19

SUDS

October 3

Fall District Meeting

October 5

SUDS

November 7

SI CHICO RETREAT All Day - September 7



Don't miss this year's SI Chico Retreat! We're keeping it local again this year and the cost is only \$45. We have a full day planned with lots of good information, great food, camaraderie, and above all FUN.

We hope you can join us...
~ Events Committee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by President Carrie Pavis



**"SOMETIMES THE SMALLEST STEP
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
ENDS UP BEING THE BIGGEST STEP
OF YOUR LIFE.
TIPTOE IF YOU MUST
BUT TAKE THE STEP."**

My focus will be Steps toward Success for Seniors. This will work in two ways, helping two different populations, both near and dear to my heart. As President of SI Chico, I would like to continue the work we have started with Campfire Senior Women, I believe they were invisible during the fire and would like to make sure they are never made to feel that way again. The walk these women have taken has been extremely difficult. My hope is that we can help them take steps toward a brighter and more positive future.

I would also like to expand our efforts to educate and empower young girls attending Fairview High School through our Dream it Be It Program, offering a scholarship after completion of the program. I know our support there is so important. Most young girls going to Fairview have little or no family support and are just trying to get through day to day life. They need to be supported in taking those critical steps to ensuring in their transition to adulthood.

I invite you to Retreat on September 7th to hear more. I look forward to a lot of fun, hard work and also to not take life so seriously and be the best women we can be.



PROGRAMS

SEPT 4	BUSINESS MEETING
SEPT 11	Your Consciousness Key
Sept 18	Associated Students CSUC CAVE
SEPT 25	No Luncheon, Committee meetings
OCT 2	BUSINESS MEETING
Oct 9	PRESIDENT'S MEETING
Oct 16	COMMITTEE REVIEW
Oct 23	No Luncheon, Committee meetings
OCT 30	SOCIAL
NOV 6	BUSINESS MEETING
Nov 13	OLLI
Nov 20	Christmas in November
Nov 27	No Luncheon, Committee meetings
Dec 4	BUSINESS MEETING
DEC 11	MUSIC THERAPY
DEC 18	To be determined

EPICUREAN RENDEZVOUS! TICKETS ON SALE NOW

by Bonnie Chapman

Soroptimists! Get your hearts, palates, stomachs and souls ready to be filled to the brim on October 13 at our 2nd annual Epicurean Rendezvous. We are so excited to once again provide this amazing evening of food and wine pairings to our community. Our very own Ann Leon, chef and Soroptimist extraordinaire will be at the creative culinary helm with her masterful and imaginative dishes. With Ann's help, we have 17 wineries and 1 brewery bringing their finest for our attendee's to sample along with food to match each taste. It will be a flavor extravaganza.

The event will take place at The Elk's, Manzanita Place which will triple our capacity as compared to the first event, which sold out in just one day! We anticipate a full house once again. The doors will open at 5:00 and the evening will begin with wineries offering samples and appetizer pairings prepared by Ann. Mollie Openshaw will be our emcee for the evening and will segue the room to dinnertime as we eventually all find our way to our seats and listen to a short presentation about Soroptimists and our work. Next up will be entrée style plates which will continue to be paired with beverages. When it's time for dessert, the upbeat fun music of Decades, a favorite dance band will fill the room. Desserts will be self-serve in another area and will be a DO NOT MISS experience.

Throughout the evening, our silent auction baskets will be featured and available for bidding and we hope to dazzle the audience and raise extra funds with a few special live auction items (let us know if you have something to contribute!). We are counting on our club members to help us get baskets donated by local businesses or create one alone or with friends. Also, if you are interested in procuring silent auction items

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Soroptimist Orientation
Leadership Training

In 1921, the first Soroptimist club, Alameda County was formed in California with over 80 business and professional women from in and around the city of Oakland. With Violet Richardson as the first President, back then the first club, which changed its name to SI Oakland in 1928, met weekly, debating service projects and hearing speakers on various worldwide issues that would broaden members' horizons.

The first service project was 'Save the Redwoods' - the great ancient trees which were being felled. The club lobbied the legislature, taking on powerful lumber companies, and winning public support, which resulted in a major portion of the forest being set aside as protected land, that still exists today.

Additional Soroptimist clubs soon followed along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, amounting to 15 clubs within 5 years, with a growing concern for women in their communities.

Information source:

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/about-us/history/>

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

by Joyce Brown

Let's make this another great year and welcome our 2019-2020 President Carrie Pavis. Our committee is a small but mighty group, but we could use a few more helping hands. Four members, who were to be on our committee, did not renew so that leaves just 6 of us.

We are looking for members that are somewhat knowledgeable about marketing or writing, know their way around a computer, and are familiar with social media. Or if you've always wanted to learn more about it, come join us! Let President Carrie know you want to be added to the communications committee.

Below are the duties of our committee:

1. Promotion of all club events, public awareness of the club and brand, all social media and website activity.
2. Website:
 - a. Maintains and updates the website keeping with the brand of SIA compliance
 - b. Maintains webpage calendar
3. Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, You Tube, Twitter, etc.
 - a. Keeping the content fresh and up to date weekly
 - b. Finding articles of interest to our mission
4. E-blast:
 - a. Sending out weekly E-blasts to all members
 - b. Placing them on our website, submitting them to SNR for their newsletters and website
5. Public Awareness:
 - a. Promoting our events, through advertising, flyers, press releases, media blitz, etc.
 - b. Attending Chamber events, tabling in the community



We appreciate your consideration in joining this small and mighty committee!



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Epicurean Rendezvous continued...



to fulfill your volunteering obligation for our club's fundraiser, please let Bonnie or Lupe know.

We have been so fortunate to have several wonderful sponsors step up and support our event. More information will be forthcoming about this but for now, we are thankful thankful and did I say thankful??!!

Tickets for the event are priced at \$150 per person with an early purchase discount at \$135 per person if bought by September 15. This event is all premium food and beverages, and will be truly the foodie event of the year. The food, the wine and beer, the conversations, the music, the laughs,

the memories and the fun are all reasons to attend and/or help us sell the tickets. Most of all though, as we all know, it's the cause which is our ultimate purpose. The money raised at this exceptional event will allow our club to continue improving the lives of women and girls, and continue to assist with Camp Fire recovery as we do the work that is so close to all of our hearts.

Thank-you all for supporting Epicurean Rendezvous however you are able.