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Business Meetings
March 4
April 1
May 6

Awards
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March 18
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Peg Taylor Poppy Walk
April 18

Home & Garden Show
April 18 & 19

44th Annual Sierra Nevada Conference
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Reno, NV
April 24-26

Save The Date



46th Biennial SIA Convention
Bellevue, Washington
July 22-25, 2020



President Carrie Pavis Quarterly Recap

We had two amazing programs in December. We learned from Erin Haley about how music is therapeutic to the soul and about the Camp Fire W.I.S.H. program from founder, Kristina Carter.

We rang the bell for our annual hands-on project with Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Safeway and at Raley's.

After the holiday break, we started 2020 off with our 90th birthday cocktail party at Roseann Bradley's home. We had a great turnout, and even husbands enjoyed in the celebration including mine! Thank you, Roseann for inviting us into your lovely home and thank you to our fabulous Events

Committee for putting this all together. The following week at our luncheon we had a lovely tea party and learned all about the history of tea from Maureen Durette. Carolyn Dusenbury presented a SOLT minute "90 years of service – Highlights from 1930 – 2000". Once again the Events Committee did a fabulous job.

We had our second Social Luncheon on January 29th at Panera Bread. It was very well attended and potential new members joined us too.

We inducted three new members this quarter: Gretchen Bender, Stephanie Rogers and Sue Mackey. Welcome ladies!

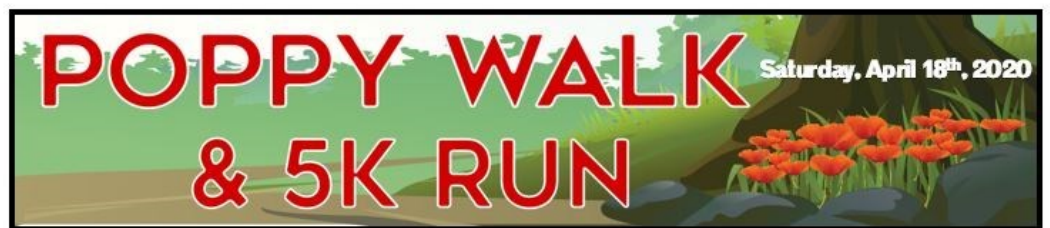
February was American Heart Health Month. We got educated on women and heart health from Dr. Jessica Babare, D.O. Cardiology Specialist at Enloe Medical Center.

Coming up is the Home & Garden Show on April 18th & 19th and it is the last fundraiser of this year. We all need to fulfill our commit-

ment to help with annual fundraising for the club. More information coming soon.

The Peg Taylor Poppy Walk is on April 18th. This is my Presidents Project and SI Chico has a team. An email was sent out with instructions on how to join our team, there is a link in the E-blast and instructions below. Join us!

The 44th Annual Sierra Nevada Conference at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada is April 24th-26th, 2020. You can make your room reservations at the Atlantis by calling the Reservations Department at (800) 723-6500 and provide group code **SISNR20**. You can also book online by clicking [here](#).



To join our team go to: <https://tinyurl.com/sod4rpl> Next click on "Join an existing team." In the box "Team Code" type in: **77BVGY1S** then click on validate. Our name, Soroptimist International of Chico will appear and then click on "Next." Now you are on the team registration form, select your category, fill out the form, select your T-shirt size, pay your registration fee and you are all set.

Soroptimist International



Australia Inc

Soroptimist International of Australia Response to Bush Fires 2020

By Bonnie Chapman

Did you know that the bush fires in Australia are still burning? The southeastern part of the country is still experiencing hundreds of fires. In total, over 24 million acres have burned. By comparison, California wildfires of 2018, of which we are intimately acquainted, consumed 2 million acres. To date, Australia has had at least 44 deaths, 6,000 buildings destroyed and perhaps up to a billion animals have perished. The fires began in September, originating in New South Wales and the Victoria region of Australia. Like California, Australia has an annual "fire season" but this magnitude of wildfire is unprecedented.

Australia is part of the Southwest Pacific Federation of Soroptimist with seven regions supporting dozens of clubs in each. If you visit their website; <https://www.siaustralia.org.au/> you will find that the clubs are very much like ours, hosting fundraisers, doing service and socializing. They are also working hard to provide relief to the areas im-

acted by the bush fires. Our club was so fortunate to have huge support from our sister clubs near and far during our time of crisis during the Camp Fire. Having been on the receiving end of this outpouring that included money, material donations and words of encouragement, we know the value of all of it. It is now our privilege to return the favor of responding in kind, to others in need.

SI Chico will be making a monetary donation to SI Australia's Bush Fire Support Recovery Appeal. Once the clean-up phase of the destruction begins, Soroptimists will coordinate with the affected communities providing aid from this fund as needed. The money will be dispersed fairly among the different impacted states within the country and these decisions will be made by the executive committee of SI Australia. SI Chico is fortunate to be able to help our sister clubs halfway around the globe, just as other clubs on different continents helped us in 2018.

Hands on Service Project Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Pictured on the near right are Carolyn Dusenbury & Daran Goodsell at Safeway

Pictured on the far right are President Carrie Pavis & new member Erin Krause at Raley's

Coordinator for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is Janet Earl



February 19, 2020 Award Recipients

SI Chico President Carrie Pavis, , Stephanie Price, Cynthia Waller, Faith McFadden, Mineko Onishi, Mackenzie Bryan, and SI Chico Giving Committee member Marge Rivas.

For complete details: <https://soroptimistchico.org/february-19-2020-award-recipients/>

Dress A Girl Sew-In Project Cathy's Sew & Vac Feb. 18, 2020



Events Committee Recap of Our Winter Events

January is our birthday month. This year we turned 90, so to celebrate we had two events.

The cocktail party was held on the evening of January 10, at Roseann’s home. It was the best attended event in recent memory with 27 Soroptimists and 14 of their significant others. Roseann went all out to create an elegant and festive evening. The elegant food table was dressed with an elaborate candelabra and beautiful tablecloth. Members contributed appetizers or desserts and brought what they wanted to drink.



We continued the celebration the following Wednesday, January 15 at our lunchtime meeting held at Manzanita Place. It was a proper English tea, complete with specially ordered tea, truffles and mini cupcakes. Tables were individually set by Events Committee Members. The result- a unique and creative visual experience. Maureen Duquette gave us a history of the traditional English tea and Carolyn Dusenbury provided a brief 90 year history of our chapter. What a way to celebrate 90 years.



A social gathering was planned for the fifth Wednesday of January at Panera Bread. Something about cold and rainy winter weather seems to dictate soup around a warm fire, and that’s exactly what we did. About 25 members and friends gathered by the fireplace at Panera to enjoy an informal get together. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and good company.

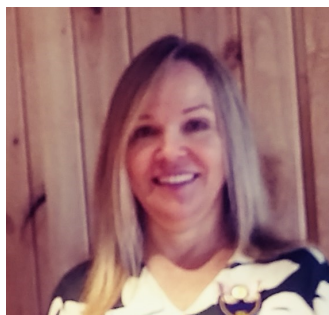
Below are past president’s that attended our 90th birthday tea party luncheon. Front row: SNR District 1 Director Lisa Fitzgerald, SIC President Carrie Pavis, Marilyn Evers. Middle row: Patricia Cockcroft, Bev Rozendaal, Maureen Duquette, Jackie Travis, Bonnie Chapman. Back row: Margaret VanLaanMartin, Gayle Aylward, and Joan Stoner.



Welcome New Members



Gretchen Bender



Stephanie Rogers



Sue Mackey



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Home & Garden Show 2020
By: Bonnie Chapman

SI Chico! Get ready to step up and help with our last fundraiser of this Soropti-year. We will be working the ticket booths and main gate during the Spring Home and Garden Show at the fairgrounds on April 18 and 19. We will also be hosting an information booth about Soroptimist at the front entrance which gives us an opportunity to tell attendees about our club and good work. There will be a sign-up genius sent out to all members so each of us can select a shift that fits during the weekend.

Who should sign up? Well, all club members are invited and encouraged to help us raise money at every opportunity. The funds we raise allow us to support many other worthwhile causes and to give our awards and scholarships. Those members who were unable to help at Epicurean Rendezvous last October should be especially diligent in choosing a shift at Home and Garden. As a reminder, all members are expected to help with *at least* one fundraiser each year.

What will I be doing? If you are wondering this, there are a few options. If you choose to work in the ticket booth, you will sell tickets to the general public as they enter. You will handle cash, coupons and two different ticket types (regular and senior admission). If you work the gate entrance, you will take tickets and hand out maps as well as answer questions as you are able to. Those who represent SI Chico at our information booth will chat with interested parties about our club and what we do. Our booth will be set up with photo boards and other displays of our projects. We will have brochures and a sign-up for those who would like to be contacted to learn more.

The best part about working a shift at this event is that you will have time to work side by side with one of your Soropti-sisters. When things get slow, we get to chat and get better acquainted with one another. Last year, I worked the ticket booth with Carolyn and we had a good time visiting and selling tickets. I recommend it all! Thanks in advance for stepping up and helping us finish the fundraising for this year strong.

