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President's Message

Calendar

Business Meetings

June 2

June 16

Programs via Zoom

June 9-Billie's Farewell Meeting

Installation of 2021-2022

Officers

June 13, 2021

10:30 AM

Brunch by Bacio Catering

Location

Roseann Bradley's Home



Hello Fellow Soroptimists,

I had the privilege of serving as our SI Chico Club President during one of our most difficult club years. 2020/2021 was not only a challenge for our club, but our entire community, and the rest of the nation, as well. We learned new ways to overcome the challenges of not being able to be with each other in person. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, we spent the entire year doing everything virtually, thank goodness for Zoom and other online platforms.

I was still trying to get my life back on track, after the 2018 Camp Fire, when I chose my Presidency "Theme, Focus, Motto, Mantra, Quote, and Logo".

Little did I know how important the "Attitude of Gratitude" was going to be, for me to serve as President during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. I found myself repeating the "Attitude of Gratitude" mantra several times a day. It is very easy to become overwhelmed with all the negativity we are constantly surrounded by on television and social media. Being isolated from one another only increases stress levels and negative thoughts. I don't know about everyone else, but I was very disappointed not being able to have in-person meetings or activities. Whoever thought we would have to reschedule installation and retreat three different times, only to end up with a virtual installation on Zoom and no retreat.

Each week, I would sit down at my computer to write my President's message for our club's weekly e-blast. This was the extra time I took each week to remind myself to really focus on "Growing Gratitude". After spending thirty minutes to an hour reading through gratitude quotes, I would feel like a huge weight had been lifted off me, both mentally and physically. It is amazing how much positive thinking can change our minds and our bodies. I hope my inspirational quotes of gratitude and thankfulness each week helped all of our members too. Through an "Attitude of Gratitude", I have been able to grow both emotionally and spiritually throughout my term as SI Chico President.

I chose to focus on "Women and Children with Intellectual Disabilities" during my term as President. I feel we accomplished this throughout our club year. My President's project this year was helping Catalyst remodel the playroom at their HAVEN location. The playroom was remodeled to help calm and heal children who have experienced trauma, and/or have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, while helping to promote developmental progress, both mentally and emotionally. We donated \$6,000 to Catalyst to cover the cost of the playroom remodel and we also donated \$5,000 to the ARC of Butte County, to help remodel their children's playground, to make it more accessible for children of all abilities. There were many more projects and organizations that our club assisted financially during our 2020/2021 club year. We will be doing a recap of all the positive contributions our club has made this year during our last two meetings in June, so please be sure to join us on Zoom at noon for our weekly club meetings.

I would like to close by expressing my thanks and gratitude to all of our club members who hung in there this year. This will be a club year to go down in history, and I am thankful and grateful that you were here to walk the path with me. I truly appreciate your commitment to help make this year a success.

With gratitude,

President Billie

****See President Billie's Year: Theme, Focus, Motto, Mantra, Quote, and Logo on next page****

President Billie's Year: Theme, Focus, Motto, Mantra, Quote, and Logo

Theme: "Gratitude"

Focus: "Women and Children with Intellectual Disabilities"

Motto: "Growing Gratitude"

Mantra: "*An attitude of gratitude*"

Quote: "*Today, I choose to live with gratitude for the love that fills my heart, the peace that rests within my spirit, and the voice of hope that says all things are possible.*"— Anonymous



"Growing gratitude"

Looking Ahead; Opportunities to Travel Here or Abroad with Soroptimist

By: Past President Bonnie Chapman

I highly recommend Soroptimist travel. In non-pandemic times, we typically have two opportunities each year to travel close to home, to Reno where our Sierra Nevada region events take place. These conferences offer camaraderie, great workshops, guest speakers, awards presentations and perhaps some carousing with our Soroptimist sisters from Northern California and Nevada. There are also Soroptimist events that happen farther afield that are well worth weaving into your future travel plans. In 2018, I was fortunate enough to travel abroad for the Soroptimist 46th Biennial Convention in Yokohama, Japan. There were five members of SI Chico who ventured to the far east together, first touring Kyoto and spending time with our sister club in Nara and then attending the conference in Yokohama. We finished our stay with seeing some sights in Tokyo and Kamakura, the ancient capital. It was a homerun of a journey with memories, cultural experiences, and the unbeatable firsthand exposure to seeing the worldwide impact Soroptimists are making everywhere.



In July of 2022, the 47th Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation Biennial Convention will be held in Seoul, South Korea. The theme of the event is "Together in Motion" and will highlight how we, in Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation can come together to plan for the future, as well as celebrate our accomplishments. Seoul is described as a city with rich history and vibrant culture. The very modern city is built around magnificent ancient temples and longstanding street markets. South Korea has over 40 Soroptimist clubs with dedicated hardworking members just like us. Those who attend will surely have an amazing experience full of new friendships and cultural delights.



July of 2023 offers Soroptimists the opportunity to attend the mothership convention, Soroptimist Internationals' "Challenge the Future" quadrennial gathering in Dublin, Ireland. Seminars, workshops, and keynotes will be featured from all five Federations around the globe. This will be a multi-national gathering including Soroptimist members from every corner. Ireland itself has more than 25 clubs and is thrilled to be hosting this major event. Extraordinary Dublin has wonderful history and charming character with lots to explore. Pre and post-convention tour packages will be offered for those wanting to see more of the Emerald Isle.

Please click on the links below for more information. Traveling as a Soroptimist an experience like no other. It affirms our work, gives a global perspective and its FUN!

<https://youtu.be/-76cD-yP10E>

<http://sidublin2023.com/>

SI Objectives Committee

Co-chairs Jami McNamee & Linda Allen

Member of the Month



Our April Member of the month was Renee Thatford

I Worked at a Girl Scout Camp in Bailey, CO after college. Worked as a cashier at the top of Peak 9 restaurant in Breckenridge, CO.

My family members are my husband, Dan. We have been married for 21 years and my daughter, Patricia (18 years old) is attending Chico State.

My hero is my Dad. He gives me much positivity and reassurance.

I am really good at being outside on the weekends, disconnecting from the world- doing hikes or snow shoeing in National Parks or skiing in Tahoe.

My favorite kind of music is K-LOVE

My hobbies are being outside in nature. Love hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, and going to try backpacking in Spring 2021

A perfect day is being outside on a hike in nature without a mask!



By Rosie Potestio, LYD Coordinator

Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by helping them with the resources they need to improve their education skills and employment prospects. They must be enrolled in a vocational/skills training program of an undergraduate degree program and be motivated to succeed in their educational goals.

Live Your Dream Zoom Program April 21, 2021



Our first place winner is Katie Cook:

Katie is attending Butte College working towards a degree in medical office administration and medical coding. She is scheduled to graduate next month. Her stellar references list leadership, kindness, compassion, determination and resilience as some of her attributes.



Runner-up candidate Madison Greb:

Madison is attending California State University, Chico, working towards a degree in business behavioral science. She is scheduled to graduate next month, and is currently employed by Tri Counties Bank as a marketing coordinator. Madison excels in organization, tenacity and her love of learning.



Runner-up candidate Sarah Lucas:

Sarah is attending Butte College working towards a degree in accounting. Sarah is a hard-working, inspiring and dedicated student.



By: President-Elect Sara Beacham
Past President Bonnie Chapman

More about rock painting

Soroptimist's global program for girls – Dream It Be It – is a career support program that targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. This program provides high school students with access to professional role models, career education, and resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist International of Chico and Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho have teamed up to deliver this program since 2018.

The Soroptimist Dream Programs ensure that women and girls have access to the education and training they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams. The program goal is to empower girls to pursue their career goals. Over the past three years, SI Chico and SI Bidwell Rancho team up to provide local high school girls (and boys) at Fairview High School this key Soroptimist Dream Program. The two clubs split up the seven sessions for the career class at Fairview High School. Every other week, SI Chico and SI Bidwell Rancho deliver their sessions.

The Dream It Be It Program was designed by Soroptimist International of the Americas and can be delivered as a one-day conference or over the course of seven weeks. Our program has traditionally been given over seven weeks. SI Chico delivered sessions two, four, and six, and SI Bidwell Rancho delivered sessions one, three, and five. Session seven was a joint collaboration.

Session one's topic helped students "Discover Your Dreams". Session two was all about "Exploring Careers". We had three different guest speakers join us via Zoom to share their story with the students. A common theme from all three of the guests was they received on-the-job training. Our guest speakers were Staci Huestis from California Water Service, Rachelle Neal of Flowers by Rachelle, and Christine Berk of Northern California National Bank. Students learned the value of networking with professionals from various backgrounds and to follow their heart.

Session three was "Creating Achievable Goals" followed by session four, "Rising Above Obstacles". Renee Thatford led this session for SI Chico and was joined by guest speaker Micah Hankins, a local entrepreneur, fitness enthusiast, and military veteran. The students devoured his talk, and the instructor asked Micah to stay for the second class session which normally views the recorded version of the live delivery. This was super special for Micah, for the students, and for Soroptimists.

Session five talked about how to "Turn Failure into Success". Session six addressed how to "Balance Your Stress". This session was led by President-Elect Sara and Bonnie Chapman joined the session as the guest speaker. We talked about how to manage stress instead of trying to balance stress, as well as self-care ideas including a good nightly routine, drinking tea, weight training, cuddling with your fur baby, going for a walk, and meditation. Bonnie talked about art therapy as a form of managing stress. We shared photos of rock painting, including the Inspiration Trail in Utah that Bonnie had visited on a recent trip. We provided the students each with a rock, primed and ready to paint and a bag of painting supplies to create an inspirational rock of their own. The response was overwhelming from this session, as students stayed late beyond their class period to finish painting their individual rocks.

Session seven wrapped it all up on May 6. Babette from SI Bidwell Rancho invited another SIBR member to talk about her career path and Sara had President Billie and her daughter, Ali join the session. Both President Billie and Ali had fascinating journeys to share with the class.

Dream It Be It was a huge success this year, even delivered virtually. There was wonderful collaboration both between clubs and within our membership with a variety of people stepping up to contribute. We feel positively about delivering this Soroptimist Program to Fairview and feel that we are helping girls (and boys) at this extension high school reach their goals in meaningful, measurable ways. Looking ahead to next year and beyond, Babette and Sara want to expand this program to other schools in the Chico and surrounding areas in a one-day conference. This doesn't happen on its own. We need volunteers from our club to step up and help start the planning now. The curriculum is written for you. We just need the heart – you, our Soroptimist sisters in volunteerism! Join the Dream It Be It team today.



Although painting rocks is an ancient art form and has been present off and on through history, recently, there has been a rise in the popularity of paint on rocks. This surge likely began around 2015 when a woman named Megan Murphy wrote a few messages in sharpie on some rocks while walking a beach on Cape Cod. This action was a catalyst to her starting a foundation built around spreading messages of kindness and joy, left on rocks for others to find. The mission of her organization is this;

**ONE MESSAGE
AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT
CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S ENTIRE
DAY, OUTLOOK, LIFE**

And it really has spread...all across the nation. Here in Chico, on Facebook there is a group called Chico Rocks where people can share photos of rocks they have hidden or found in our community. The point is to spread positivity. We were happy to share this very therapeutic and joy filled hobby with the students in our Dream It Be It program. Check out the website below about the Kindness Rocks Project if you want to learn more.

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





SNR Conference April 30–May 2, 2021

By Director Delegate Sandi Decker

Friday, April 30, 2021 kicked off the 45th Annual SNR conference via Zoom with a Loungewear Cocktail Party. There were approximately 95 participants. Each participant was put in a “room” with about 10 other Soroptimists to just have fun – no talk of COVID or Soroptimist allowed. There was a lot of talking about Wine, Hobbies and Summer Plans.

Keynote speaker SI President Sharon Fisher – President Sharon’s President Appeal is the Road to Equality, addressing vulnerable women and girls at risk of being left behind due to gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices. President Sharon hopes that Soroptimist can help influence Global Policy, especially in regard to FGM.

Awards

SI Chico won two Celebrating Success Awards:
Tied for 2nd place – Fundraising – Epicurean Rendezvous
2nd place – Public Awareness
SI Chico won a 3rd place award for our Social Media presence.

Saturday, May 1, 2021 was the Business meeting. President Billie, President-Elect Sara and Director Delegate Sandi were in attendance for voting.

Keynote speaker SIA President Penny Babb – The Big Goal for 2021 – 2031 is lift up ½ million women and girls – Investing in Dreams through Access to Education.

Sunday, May 11, 2021

Sunday was a heartfelt day beginning with the Celebration of Life for all Soroptimists who passed away in 2020, including our Bev Rozendaal.

SI Chico’s Ruby Award recipient, Alexa Benson-Valavanis was chosen the Ruby Award winner for the Sierra Nevada Region for her work at North Valley Community Foundation in support of wildfire recovery and COVID response.

Awards were also given for the Live Your Dream awardee.

Additional Information

100th Birthday Party is October 1 – 3, 2021 The cost is \$40 if registered before June 1st at

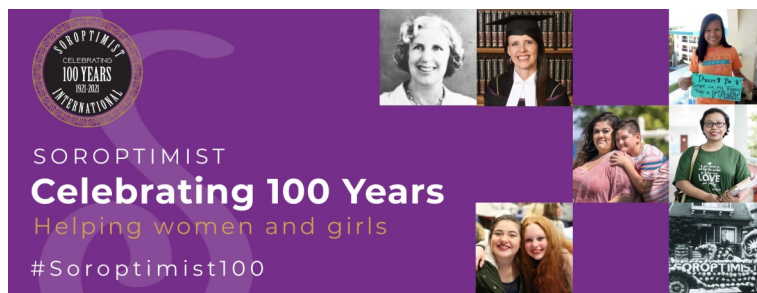
www.100.soroptimistinternational.org/SI100

The birthday party will be translated into five languages and broadcast over two time zones.

Soroptimist International Convention – Dublin, Ireland July 27-29, 2023. Registration opens January 2022 with an Early Bird Deadline of January 2023. The theme of the Convention will be “Challenge the Future”.



BRIGHT PAST
BRILLIANT FUTURE



Giving Committee

Tri-chairs Kim Huber, Carol Burr & Nancy Hanson

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Soroptimist International of Chico donated \$2,000 to the Honey Run Bridge Association

Soroptimist International of Chico donated \$2,000 to the Honey Run Bridge Association to help landscape the caregiver's cottage property that got destroyed in the Camp Fire. Katie Hagan will do the planting with Butte Creek Volunteers.

Pictured from left to right: Soroptimist International of Chico President Billie Araiza
 Robert Catolano President Honey Run Bridge Association
 Colene Newton Secretary Honey Run Bridge Association
 Katie Hogan Caretaker Honey Run Bridge
 Susie Critchlow Board Member Honey Run Bridge Association

Awards & Scholarships Honoring Women March 10th



Sarah Lucas won the 2021 Step-Up Award (Betty Boles) that recognizes a woman taking steps to improve the life of both herself and her children. Sarah is a mother of 4 and is completing her Associate's Degree in Accounting at Butte College. The Giving Committee was very impressed with her thoughtful and deliberate in developing her life plan. The last sentence in her application said that if she won this award "It will not go to waste!"



Joanna Chaney is the winner of the 2021 Positive Parenting Award for a woman pursuing her education to improve the family's situation. Joanna has two sons and working with them in pre-school showed her a new path in her life. She loves this work and hopes to complete her Associates Degree in Child Development with the goal of owning her own pre-school business. She ended her application letter "I will never give up!"

Awards Presentation Honoring Girls April 14th



This year's winner of the Violet Richardson Award is Kendra Johnson. Kendra has volunteered at Jan's Rails to Trails Rescue Sanctuary for the last six years, beginning as an intern and rising to become an assistant trainer. Kendra's volunteer efforts involved cleaning stalls, feeding and training

horses, and teaching children between the ages of 4 and 13 how to ride horses. Kendra says her volunteer activities helped her to learn responsibility, compassion, and patience. These traits will be of service to her when she attends college and pursues animal sciences to study animal assisted therapy.

The \$1,000 Violet Richardson Award will be split between Kendra and Jan's Rails to Trails Rescue Sanctuary.



This year's winner of Tech Trek Award is Ella Grothe's. *Through our Tech Trek interview process, Ella shared her strong interest in space, and in math. Her activities have included Chico Science Fair, CJHS leadership, Chess Club, gardening, soccer, karate, and piano. Ella participated enthusiastically in the two Zoom STEM projects that our Chico Branch members devised to help fill the void left by cancellation of the in-person 2020 Tech Trek Camp at UC Davis.*



This year's winner of the Dottie Locke Imagining Possibilities Award is Giovanna (Gigi) Bococcini. Gigi has experienced homelessness, the Camp Fire, the pandemic and still managed to graduate from high school in 2020. Now she is living on her own in Chico, enrolled in Butte College Cosmetology Program still meeting the goals she sets for herself. She has worked at a catering service in Paradise, the ILP store and the Paradise skate rink. She and her

friends bought tacos and burritos and handed them out to the homeless community in Oroville. She played soccer and loves to sing. She hopes to play the cello one day. Her long term plan is to complete the cosmetology program and business at Butte College so that she can start work on owning her own salon.

Giving Committee Continued

Tri-chairs Kim Huber, Carol Burr & Nancy Hanson



Soroptimist International of Chico's Ruby Award: Women Helping Women winner Alexa Benson-Valavanis has been chosen the SNR Ruby Award Regional Winner!

Alexa Benson-Valavanis, winner of SI Chico's Ruby Award: Women Helping Women, has been chosen the Ruby Award winner by the Sierra-Nevada Region! Our club is beyond grateful for this recognition of Alexa's charitable work at the North Valley Community Foundation, where she has served as president and CEO since 2005 and delighted that she will be recognized more widely through this award.

Under Alexa's leadership NVCF has grown from serving a dozen clients to more than 500 and generated revenue of over \$175 million, soon to be increased by the foundation's partnership with Aaron Rodgers, whose donation from guest hosting Jeopardy! will go directly to supporting small businesses in our area.

After the Camp Fire Alexa transformed the foundation into the lead philanthropic organization to support relief and recovery efforts, and in the last year built a COVID-19 response arm to slow the pandemic and provide relief to at-risk populations. To date NVCF has granted more than \$36 million for wildfire recovery and \$1.2 million for COVID-19 response.

Alexa runs a predominantly women-staffed operation with her grounding as a wife and mother. Unconditional love is the heart of everything she believes and strives for, finding and harnessing the inherent good in humanity. What an amazing role model for all of us!

Fundraising Committee

Co-chairs Lupe Medrano & Daran Goodsell

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Thank you everyone for supporting our Spring Bistro Bag Fundraiser



Bacio Eatery, Catering and Take Out is proud to have partnered with Soroptimist International of Chico on the Spring Bistro Bag fundraiser. The Spring Bistro Bag meals are original recipes, offered exclusively for this fundraiser. Bacio offers other menu items that can be found online here at <https://www.baciochico.com/> for your dining pleasure, for eat-in at our backyard patio, take-out, or for groups. Thank you Soroptimist for letting us partner with you on this fundraiser.

Bacio Culinary Director, Angel Lang



Spring Bistro Bag Sponsored By:



Communications Committee

Chair: Joyce Brown

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Welcome to Chico signs were replaced by the Communications Committee for our 100 year anniversary. The cost was split by Communications, 100 Year Ad Hoc Committee and then we got a surprise from SI Bidwell Rancho paying for half the cost.

Welcome to Chico West entrance; SI Chico sign put up by President-Elect Sara, Past President Bonnie and husband Ken.



Welcome to Chico North entrance; SI Chico sign put up by Past President Bonnie and husband Ken.



Welcome to Chico South entrance; SI Chico sign put up by President Billie and husband Mike.



End-of-the-Year Celebration Picnic by President Billie



May 16, 2021, was the first in-person event for the 2020/2021 club year, and boy did we celebrate in style. We had 34 members attend our SI Chico End-of-the-Year Celebration Picnic at Merlo Park in Stirling City. The day was filled with fun, friends, and laughter! SI Chico treated the attendees to a delicious meal from Bacio, and dessert was provided by the Girl Scouts of Northern California (GSNC), they donated Girl Scout Cookies to us. As most of you are aware, SI Chico chose (GSNC) as the recipients for our 100 Year Legacy Project. Each attendee received boxes of Girl Scout cookies, plus there were numerous raffle prizes given away. President Billie and her husband, Mike, made a prize wheel for the event. It was super exciting watching our members spin the wheel in anticipation of what unique prize they were going to get to take home. There were lots of fun games played (Bocce Ball, Horseshoes, Badminton, Croquet and several other lawn games too). To make the day even more special, the SI Objectives Co-Chairs handed out Anniversary Pins to members who were celebrating their 5, 10, 15, etc. years as SI Chico members. Barbara Evans was there to receive her 50-year Anniversary Pin. It's amazing how many long-time dedicated members we have in our club. SI Chico is rich in history, both local community history, and Soroptimist history.

The picnic was certainly a celebration of fun festivities helping us to close out our club year in style. Here are a few pictures from the picnic and you can tell by all the smiles, everyone had a wonderful time! This will be the event everyone will be talking about for the 2020/2021 Club year, haha! We are grateful we had this opportunity to share a day socializing and kicking up our heels.



A Dash of SOLT

By: Past President Bonnie Chapman

Friendship Link- SI Nara



What is a Friendship Link?

Friendship links began many years ago to reinforce the nature of our work as a global organization. By creating relationships with clubs in other countries, we can cooperatively serve and work toward our mission. Clubs are encouraged to create these links with one another which can be done informally via meetups at conventions or through visits, or with a formal application matching process through SIA.

SI Chico has a total of four friendship links, SI St Albans, England, SI Macatti in the Phillipines, SI Togo and SI Nara Japan, which is the one I will be talking about today. Of special note is the fact that SI St. Albans and SI Nara are also friendship links with one another. Margaret VanLaanMartin had the pleasure of interacting with both clubs at St. Albans 50th anniversary.

SI Nara

Our friendship link with SI Nara resulted from a match through SIA and the idea may have originated at a Federation meeting in Seattle many years ago. The relationship was furthered at the SIA Biennium that was held in Hawaii during Susan Evers McCauley's Presidency. The attendees from

both clubs stuck up conversation and friendship during the event. The bond has remained strong over the years and has included visits and many joint projects.

Joan Stoner has visited SI Nara twice, in 2018 along with myself, Natalie Conrad, Carrie Pavis and Gayle Aylward and also with Kit Hutchinson when SI Nara celebrated their 30th anniversary. Here's what she said about that visit;

"In 4 short days, we attended the conference, a concert, toured the temple, a pottery factory, ink factory and had a tea tasting. Most of the women did not speak English but we managed to communicate anyway. What I remember best however is the tremendous hospitality and graciousness of the Japanese."

Our visit in 2018 during the Biennium convention in Yokohama reflected the same feeling of being honored guests and treated so well. It is a relationship built on mutual respect, working together for the greater good and truly enjoying learning about one another.

Also, when Julie Rankin was President of SI Chico, our members visited Nara and stayed in the homes of their members.

A few joint projects of note;

We have contributed to SI Nara's efforts to assist with an orphanage in Africa

During Carol Braziel's Presidency, SI Nara sent us model cars to distribute to schools in Butte County as part of a project they were working on.

SI Nara has worked jointly with SI Chico on Dress a Girl for the past several years and has sent wonderful handmade dresses for us to include in our packages to girls in need.

In the aftermath of the Camp Fire, SI Nara reached out immediately to us asking how they could assist. They sent an initial donation and then later followed up with another large donation to purchase a Tiny House jointly with SI Chico.

Friendship links are truly valuable and provide club members with a global experience and perspective in addition to allowing us to work hand in hand.

**SIA Biennium Hawaii Convention 2000
SI Chico President Susan Evers McCauley
Drinks by the pool with friendship link SI Nara Japan**



Barbara Evans: Donates \$10,000 to Soroptimist International of Chico



I'm honored to announce our long-time member, Barbara Evans has gifted SI Chico with a \$10,000 donation to celebrate her 50 Years as a Soroptimist member. Barbara has chosen to donate during the month of May to help bring awareness to mental health. May is *National Mental Health Awareness Month*.

Thank you, Barbara, for your 50 years of service to our club and our community and for helping improve the lives of women and girls here and around the world. It is truly a privilege to have you as a member! I'm honored that you have chosen SI Chico to be the recipient of your very gracious donation and that you have entrusted us to use the funds to help bring awareness to mental health.

With my sincerest gratitude,

President Billie

Dear Soroptimist Sisters:

*This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Soroptimist organization and the 50th anniversary of my membership in the club. Combining these two momentous occasions this year is one reason I am donating \$10,000 to the club for mental health needs. In addition, May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, with emphasis on *You are Not Alone*.*

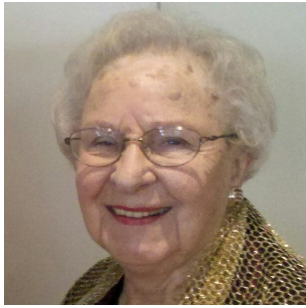
*I have not forgotten the two presentations that the club sponsored relating to mental health needs while Natalie Conrad was President. The theme was to *Erase the Stigma*. At the same time, I have thought that I should give something to the club on my 50th anniversary.*

My suggested guidelines for the Giving Committee to consider is giving a grant or donation to an individual or organization, or a scholarship to an individual, to assure that mental health needs will be addressed, particularly for women and girls. All of us probably know someone who is dealing with mental health issues at various levels. Just watching the news or reading the newspaper lets us know how often mental health is a factor in so many situations. I

Sincerely,

Barbara Evans

Congratulations to these Members for their Years of Service



Doris Arbuckle—60



Barbara Evans—50



Billie Sommerfeld—40



Sharadin Castaldo—25



Roseann Bradley—20



Kim Huber—15



Starlyn Brown—10



Billie Araiza—5



Linda Allen—5

Carole Mae Davis Names SI Chico as Beneficiary of her residence and estate

By: President Billie Araiza



I have some wonderful news to share with everyone! A dear friend of Patricia Cockcroft has named SI Chico as the beneficiary of her residence and estate in her legal will. This will be a nice little nest egg for our Club to look forward to in the future. Carole Mae Davis is a 2018 Camp Fire survivor. Patricia and Carole got to know each other when Carole stayed with Patricia after the Camp Fire. That was how Carole learned about SI Chico and all the wonderful things our club does. This made a lasting impact on Carole and she decided she wanted to support our club by naming SI Chico in her will. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Carole for choosing to help SI Chico continue in our mission of providing support and access to education for women and girls. Carole's generous contribution will help us continue to improve the lives of women and girls, both locally and internationally. We wish Carole a long, healthy, and happy life.