

# Happy Birthday



December 13—————Judy Shuford  
December 14—————Carol Rowe  
December 23 — — — — —Sarah Barraza  
January 10—————Paula Cheatham  
January 31—————Gloria Stegman

# Condolences



Liz Middleton on the death of her nephew.

# Get Well



Karen Haughey



February 12 – SI of Riverside  
Chocolate Auction  
February 21 – SI of Chino Hills  
Mystery Dinner

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The awards are upon us, **VRA, WOA, and MADWA**. This is what all these letters stand for:

**WOA:** Women's Opportunity Award- This award is for a deserving adult woman that is attending school and is a hardship situation. It is a woman supporting a family who usually has a few children. Some of these women have come from extreme hardship and possible abusive situations. Some of our past winners have been from the nursing program and other programs with a focus on helping others. Our deadline of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> has past and we have several good candidates from which the committee will select a winner. Our club gives \$1500 to the winner and then she will go on to compete at the region level and possibly the national. More prize money is involved at each level.

**VRA:** Violet Richardson Award- This award is for high school girls ages 14-17 years of age. This girl does a great deal of volunteer work with a focus on women and girls. Our club had a region winner 2 years ago that helps at a women's shelter, The Sheepfold. She thought of a unique fundraising idea, the trade it up tree where people make donations by trading \$1 bills for \$5, \$10, \$20s or more. The deadline is Jan. 15 so we have only a few weeks left. The club gives \$500 to the girl and \$500 to her charity.

**MADWA:** Making a Difference For Women Award: The award recognizes a woman in the community who either by her employment or through community service efforts makes a difference in the lives of girls and women. Dec. 15 was the deadline and we will soon be selecting a winner. Our club donates \$500 to the charity that this woman supports.

**President's Appeal :** This is coming from the international part of our organization. It is asking us to donate money to a cause selected by the international president. The program that we are supporting this year is the Addis Ababa **Fistula Hospital** and Desta Mender Village in Ethiopia. The program is funding for a medical procedure to repair an unnatural tear between two organs. This is called a fistula and is created in childbirth. The women will leak urine or worse and become outcasts in their village. We don't budget for this project but have been passing the can around for personal donations. Our club is planning to partner with Big Bear and others to send is money as a larger group.

Once again I hope you had a wonderful holiday, be safe and enjoy the New Year,  
President Gloria



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We had a **speaker from the Women's Prison** who told us how the clothes we have all donated are being used. Christy has been collecting business clothing the past several months for this project, thank-you Christy.

**Fall meeting** was in Ontario this year and very well attended by SICV. The new Holiday Inn was lovely and we all had a wonderful time. Our club got several awards. The weekend was well organized and very informative. We still need a few members to report on this.

**Meeting Information**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday–Business Meeting  
@ 7:30AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Program  
@ 7:30AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Program @ 7:30AM  
Last Thursday- Board Meeting  
@ 7:30A.M.



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# SoroptiMoos



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## *President's Message*

Happy New Year!

Members, I hope you had a joyful holiday season. We are busy this time of the year with many Soroptimist activities and projects as well as our family activities. I hope you remembered to slow down once in a while and enjoy the season with good friends and family.

Our **Christmas family** was from Chino. They were presented with their gifts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Dec. Tina and Michelle did a wonderful job of coordinating our Christmas gifts for the family. They received a variety of gifts from our members. Thanks to all of the members for bringing in gifts and gift cards.

Our first **Christmas ornament auction** was a huge success making \$386. The members seemed to enjoy the auction and Annamarie did a super job of putting this together and acting as the auctioneer. Thanks to all who brought and purchased ornaments. The profit will help defer the cost of attendance of Spring Conference.

**Gold** was also collected at the meetings this month. Many of us cleaned out our jewelry boxes and brought in unused items to be sent to a company for cash. Florence is doing a splendid job of collecting the gold and sending it in for us. Thanks for thinking outside the box!

Shopping is a fun activity for most all women and our club capitalized on this at the Nov. **Shopping Night** at Carol's home, thanks Carol. We had several vendors come in and display their wares for us to purchase. Since many of these items were things that we would be purchasing for Christmas gifts it was not as though we were buying extra things. The profits are earmarked for Spring Conference SI Education in Albuquerque New Mexico.



### FOCUS ON



### FUN

Don't take a laxative and a sleeping pill at the same time!!!

