

# Salty Soroptimist News

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### President's Message

Thank you for putting your trust in me, once again. It is my honor to serve the next year as President of Soroptimist International of Salt Lake. This will be a critical year for our club. We need to find new ways to serve women and girls in our community. It will require flexibility, creativity, acceptance of change and dedication of your time and resources.

The need has never been greater than it is right now. For my theme this year, I am going to combine the SIA theme "Investing in Dreams" with our club theme. I decided to repurpose the logo from my previous presidency. You may recall the logo is a circle of hearts with hands in the center. This logo

will represent this year's theme. During the board and member retreats, we will discuss creative ways to restructure our programs, in a way that protects our members and the people we serve.

For example, Breakfast with Santa, can be changed so we deliver items to the chosen families. Rather than serving breakfast, we provide them food baskets. Clothing, toys and mom's gifts remain a staple. The one thing we may not be able to give is the visit with Santa. With that said, maybe Santa would be willing to do a drive by with us, while we deliver the items. Please give thought to how we can serve our community. We will continue with Live Your Dream award and

find a way to provide Dream It Be It, in partnership with Granite Alternative High School.

I am looking for members to participate as committee teams (see pg. 3). Bring your ideas to the Member Retreat Saturday, August 29th, 10-2 pm at Rita's backyard. The Board Retreat will be Wednesday, August 19th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location TBD.

If you are willing to host a meeting at your home, please let me know. Working together, we can be a real difference in the lives of women and girls in our community.

*Teresa Just  
President,  
SI Salt Lake*



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Soroptimist International  
of Salt Lake City  
Chartered  
November 12, 1931

Investing in  
Dreams

*Hand to Hand*



*Heart to Heart*

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# 2020-2021 Board Installation



Loretta's farewell speech and thank you to the club for the opportunity to serve as President



- President - Teresa Just
- President-Elect - Carolyn Roberts
- Secretary - Carma Ingram
- Treasurer - Loretta Peterson
- Treasurer-Elect - Janis Nash
- Director-at-Large - Rita Offrett
- Delegates - Kelly Holtman  
Zulie Gamez



*Thank you to Diane McCarthy for Installing our new Officers.*

*Thank You to Carma Ingram for Hosting this event at her home.*



Opportunity Drawing

## Message from Teresa to Loretta...

“Loretta, I would like to present to you the Past President pin and thank you for your dedicated service to this club and the community we serve.

I would also like to give you a small token of appreciation and something to remember your time as President.

I think this plaque says it all: *“If you’re handed it, you can handle it”*.

When you accepted the nomination of President Elect, you weren’t 100% confident of your ability to lead this club. None of us could have predicted that during your reign as President, we would experience a worldwide pandemic. You led with strength, dedication and commitment. Many times, you were performing tasks of several different positions, because the work just had to get done.

Here is a charm necklace with a heart labeled, “Sister”, in the center. This represents your Soroptimist sisters. Next is a charm of friendship for all the many friends you met through your association with Soroptimist of Salt Lake. The last charm is a racket symbolizing your love and talent of racquetball.

This organizer is a great place to store your pins and jewelry. It will hang in your closet for a quick reminder and easy access when dressing for the next Soroptimist meeting or event.

You can be proud of all that you have accomplished as President. Your leadership and service has improved the lives of so many women and girls.

Please join me in thanking Loretta for her service.”

## ***HELP NEEDED! Committee Team Members***

### **Membership Responsibilities:**

Contact members, send cards, membership drive, new member orientation sessions & documents.

### **Fundraising Responsibilities:**

Plan & coordinate fundraising activities. Creativity will be important. Leverage grants and corporate sponsors. Karen Mecham & Julia Vernon are our grant writer members of the fundraising committee.

### **Program and Service Projects:**

Plan & coordinate service projects. Live Your Dream chair and Dream It Be It leaders and presenters. Breakfast with Santa planning and coordination.

### **Public Awareness:**

Plan & coordinate public awareness campaigns & events. We need a member to manage social media such as the Facebook page. Website is managed by Cheri Richardson.





**Spirit of Soroptimist Award**

Congratulations to  
Carolyn Roberts on receiving this  
very special award from our Club.



A Powerful Message in One Photo!



**The Winner of the Opportunity Drawing**

A 5 night vacation for two in a deluxe king lagoon view room and daily breakfast at the Weston Resort & Spa Cancun, including air fare...

[Congratulations to Tony Brazelton of Sandy, UT](#)

# DREAM IT \* BE IT

## CAREER SUPPORT

### {for girls}



Please meet our 2020 Dream It Be It scholarship winner.....Emeline Katoa.

Emeline was awarded \$1900 as the first place winner.

Around age seven, Emeline says she was asked the question “what do you want to be when you grow up”. She answered “a teacher”. My answer soon changed when my uncle told me “maybe you should be something else, because teachers don’t really make a lot of money.” It hurt my feelings, being the age I was, but once I got older, I understood that my uncle’s intention was never to hurt my feelings or to bring me down. He only wanted me to find a career that would be able to help me become wealthy. My family lives from paycheck to paycheck. Some months

we struggle, other months we are “good” my mom says. I come from a family of nine children and I’m the youngest. I plan to attend Salt Lake Community College in the fall of 2020. I will be the first person in my family to attend college.

I plan to pursue my original dream of becoming a teacher, a high school teacher, teaching Math and Biology. The reason for wanting to become a high school teacher is to impact the lives of students. My own experience with my high school teachers, I’m beyond thankful for. They have all believed in me and they continue to believe in me. I have struggled with depression, anxiety and being bullied throughout Junior High and High School. But with the help of my teachers, I was able to get back on my feet and continue the path of education.

I plan to work two jobs during the summer in order to pay for college. I also plan to get a campus job when I start in the fall so that I may work close to the school. I also plan to join the promise program at SLCC to help pay for my education. Nothing will hold me back from pursuing my dream of teaching! My dream job is more than just worrying about paying bills, it’s to impact and help students. I was once in their shoes and all I needed was a little help, a little bit of hope, and my hope came from a teacher.

Your organization is exactly what I’m hoping for. Your organization is a great example for me because I have dreamt it, and now I’ll be it.

I am hoping that I will be able to receive this scholarship, because college is not cheap and neither is my dream job. With the support of your organization I believe that I’m a good fit, because just like your organization, in becoming a teacher I would be pushing students to follow their dreams.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my essay.



## SIA's Virtual Convention: Here's What's in Store



**SIA's 46<sup>th</sup>  
Biennial  
Convention  
Goes Virtual!**

**JULY 22-24, 2020**

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS  
SOROPTIMIST 46TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

f t v i n #SIAConv2020

The banner features a dark blue background with a white diagonal stripe. On the right, a computer monitor displays the convention logo, which includes a mountain range and a star. Below the monitor are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Instagram, followed by the hashtag #SIAConv2020.

**Dear Member,**

Although we can't come together in person, we are excited to bring convention to you as an online experience. While this can't take place of the fun and fellowship gathering in person brings, we hope you'll enjoy a different kind of convention from the comfort of your home. Let's reach new heights together!

**Here's what to expect:**

- New content posted on the Soroptimist convention webpage and emailed to you daily.
- **Live sessions on July 23 and July 24! Register now.**
- All other sessions will be recorded and shared daily.
- All convention content will remain on the site through the end of the year.



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*Rocky Mountain Region*



Dear Soroptimist,

Thank you for being a part of our incredible organization over the last few months as we have navigated the global pandemic together. It is truly extraordinary what Soroptimists can do even under the most challenging circumstances.

Since March, our clubs and regions have carried out virtual region conferences, club meetings, online galas and auction fundraisers, volunteer projects to support essential hospital workers and other community members, and more. We are so grateful for our members' creativity and drive to keep moving **Soroptimist Forward**.

As we continue moving forward, even as many of our countries and communities begin to "open up," we can expect that the way our world works - including how our Soroptimist clubs and regions operate - may be fundamentally changed. We can expect to conduct some of our operations in a virtual format for a long time to come.

To support our regions and clubs in making this shift, your SIA staff has collected best practices from Soroptimists clubs and researched ways to conduct our business virtually. We have curated a set of resources to help our volunteer leaders and members:

- raise awareness about your local impact and global issues,
- grow your fundraising events and programs,
- engage in new ways with your fellow members,
- manage day-to-day club operations,
- and continue to make meaningful impact on the lives of the women and girls you serve on a regular basis.

We'll be sharing a link to these resources in English in the forthcoming June edition of the digital Best for Women newsletter. Translated versions can be expected in mid-July.

In the face of change, the only way forward is to adapt, learn and grow. Thank you for helping us move **Soroptimist Forward!**

Sincerely, SIA Headquarters Staff



### August 2020

Wednesday	19th	Board Retreat—Location TBD	6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	29th	Member Retreat—Rita's Backyard	10-2:00 pm

### Enjoy Your Summer!



Gay Houchens	August 8th
Karen Mecham	August 12th
Janis Nash	August 14th

