

Healdsburg Soroptimist News

Newsletter- March 2016

Message from the President

Spring is in the air!

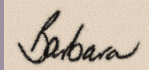
Thanks to all of you who were able to attend our fun Bunco night, and to our guests who helped guide us along. We may not have made the books but we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

We are gearing up for our two big fundraising missions, and we need everyone to pitch in and volunteer to ensure our success. Girlfriends on the Green is on May 13th and is being chaired by Candy Summer. We encourage all of our members to attend the dinner and to bring along your significant others and friends. We are having both a live and silent auctions with great offers!

Beer in the Plaza will be held on Saturday September 10th, and we are planning early this year. I am chairing this mission and I will be calling for sub chairs this month.

For our community service day, we have decided to contribute to the "Women Helping Women" gently used clothing swap and sale at Trione Winery on Sunday March 13th. All money raised from this sale goes to Sloan and Harold houses, and the women from these homes get clothing for free! Donations of clean clothing, shoes and accessories in very good condition must be dropped off at my place by Friday March 4th, and I will take them to their drop off locations.

Thanks for all you do!



March Guest Speaker

Veronica Velez is the Program Secretary, for The Salvation Army, Lytton Adult Rehabilitation Center. She has been employed here for two years in April.

Prior to her latest employment position, Veronica has had a long standing career in the advertising field. She has worked in the newspaper and magazine advertising.

Veronica was a business owner in Graphic Design and Promotional Product Industry – a great experience in many levels of advertising media, and a lot of fun.

The Salvation Army has been a part of her family heritage for five generation. Her great grandparents, grandparents, and parents on her father and mothers side have been in leadership in The Salvation Army as high ranking officers.

Veronica felt a tugging at her heart about working for The Salvation Army when she went to England to settle her late Aunt's estate. While going through her Aunt's belonging she came across her heritage in pictures, books and articles written about helping those need help through the dedicated work in The Salvation Army.

When Veronica returned from England, she found the job available for Program Secretary at Lytton Springs. When looking over the property and visiting the chapel she found a dedication plaque on the wall that stated; The Salvation Army is now an Adult Rehabilitation Center. It was dedicated by Veronica's Great Uncle, General Wilfred Kitching, in 1957 the year she was born. Veronica knew she was called to be there.

For more info, on the
Clothing Swap – go to:

<http://trionewinery.com/archive/tag/soroptimist-noma-county/>

New Members



Mark your calendars to celebrate!

March 30th at Bean Affair at 5:30 we will be holding a ceremony to officially induct many members to our club.

Many of us will finally become "official".


District Leader, Maddie will be doing the induction honors.

Welcome Connie

Connie Lange moved here from Chicago and has enjoyed connecting with people in the area and exploring her special interests – art, cooking, and gardening. She has worked in hospitality-related positions and spent most of her career as a corporate meeting planner. Connie lives with her husband, Mike, and two sons, Evan and Sean. She was inspired by Barb's presentation at the Beer in the Plaza event to join SIH, and would like to focus on helping people who are set back due to mental health issues, and helping the homeless transition into independent living situations.



Important Dates



Annual SIH Calendar

2015-2016

March						
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- 1 Deadline for Receipt of S Club grants for Women and Girls applicatoin at Headquarters.
- 5 Soroptimist Saturday of Service
- 8 Girlfriends on the Green Committee Meeting - 5:30 - Tayman Park
- 8 UN International Women's Day (102nd Anniversary)
- 9 Board Meeting 5:30/Social Meeting 6:30 - LyttonAdult Rehab Center - Veronica Velez -Bean Affair
- 15 Convention Fee Payment Due to Headquarters
- 23 General Meeting 6:00 -Bean Affair
- 30 Member Induction - 5:30 - Bean Affair

April						
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- 13 Board Meeting 5:30/Program Meeting 6:30 - Bean Affair - Guest Speaker Caitlin Childs of SAY - Election of Officers
- 20 Awards Dinner: Live your Dream, Ruby Award, Violet Richardson Award, Past Presidents and Anniversary Celebration - Tayman Golf Course (TBA)
- 26 Healdsburg Club Social: Kiwanis, Rotary and City Council - 6:00
- 27 General Meeting - 6:00 Bean Affair
- 27-1 Founder's Regional Conference - Honolulu

Notes/TBD Events
Tomato Canning

What Do We Support? Focus of the Month

Shannon Boaz



With Girlfriends on the Green around the corner, our focus of the month is on Shannon Boaz. Just who was Shannon? Why do we have a Memorial Fund in her name?

Shannon Boaz was a Soroptimist the way she did everything in life with passion and love. She was a friend, wife and mother who saw the best in people and believed that we as a community could move mountains. Shannon was one day shy of her 39th birthday with a loving family and two little boys when she passed. Her strength during a 17-month battle with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia inspired those who knew her and others who had never even met her.

Soroptimist International of Healdsburg started the Shannon Boaz Memorial Fund for Active Girls because we knew Shannon would fight for all young women to have an opportunity to explore anything they want to do in life.

Birthday and Membership Anniversaries



Celebrating March Birthdays
**Jennifer and
Kaylene**

Barbara
22 Year Anniversary



Peggy
2 Year Anniversary



Lordes
2 Year Anniversary

Bunco Night

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We raised over \$400 having fun!
At the March 24th meeting we debriefed on
ideas to raise more money next year, while still
having loads of fun.
If you have ideas, please speak up.



Sorry, people were so busy rolling dice, there was no time to photography.

