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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Club Business Meeting Minutes **October 14, 2025**

Members present in bold (alpha list, by first name):

Angie Little	Kim Goosmann	Melanie Kopping	Venita Tuter	
Anne Marie Chik	Kim Sayers	Michelle Chambers	Yvette Sanfilippo	
Babette Maiss	Layne Diestel	Patti Pardini Barrett		
Beth Lougee	Linda Lucena	Paula Wilson		
Della Miller	Lisa Fitzgerald	Sally Mendez		
Gayle Luna	Marie Hartman	Sheron Box		
Judi Merlo	Maxine Guynn	Susan Bandstra		

Preliminary actions:

- Pages were circulated for members to sign up to present the *Thought for the Day* and *SOLT* at upcoming meetings.
- A thank you card was circulated to sign, in thanks to Greg Amaral, owner of the venue where our recent Lobster Feast was held; the venue use had been donated. 2500 Estes Rd.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., with President Babette presiding.

Thought for the Day from Layne: “Don’t let the hard days win” Sarah J. Mass, author

Happy Bucks: *What is the best advice you’ve ever received?*

A. Treasurer’s Report

After a brief clarification regarding “swag” income, the report was accepted as Treasurer Paula had presented.

B. Committee Reports

- 1. a. Fundraising** Chairwoman Sheron reported that the **Lobster Feast** held on Sept 27th netted \$4,376.95. The venue and caterer have both been secured for Sept. 26th, 2026.
 - b.** It was reported that a venue was not secured for the annual **Bunco fundraiser** to be held this fall. Rather than schedule the event this spring the club voted to wait until next fall.
 - c.** On Chairwoman Layne’s behalf, Yvette reported that the 2nd annual **Fashion Show** will be March 21st at Canyon Oaks Country Club. Ticket price will be \$55, 5th Street Clothing and For Elyse will be the retailers, new models are being sought, and the committee will calculate a less-crowded number of patrons and table seating.
- 2. Live Your Dream** Chairwoman Kim Goosman reported about 2 dozen venues and organizations to which she has shared the LYD application opportunity. Also, an article about the award was printed in the local Enterprise Record today. Members present suggested a few additional places where Kim might be able to advertise the award, and thanked Kim for doing an outstanding job. The application deadline is November 15th and there have been none received so far.

3. In **Membership** Chairwoman Marie's absence, Babette introduced our new member, Pattie Pardini-Barrett, and said that she will be installed when Marie is present.
 4. Babette reported that SI Chico, co-sponsor of our **Dream It Be It** event, suggested that the event be presented on a school day rather than Saturday – and is researching whether that is feasible. The next planning meeting will be on Nov. 13th at Babette's office, 13 Williamsburg Lane, 5:45 p.m.
 5. In **Fairview High School** Chairwoman Ann Marie's absence, it was reported that mock job interviews will be held at the school on October 23rd. There are a few mentors planned, and anyone else who would like to conduct interviews should contact Ann Marie.
 6. **Santa Project** Chairwomen Paula and Maxine reported they had a beneficial meeting with staff at Little Chico Creek Elementary School. They will be streamlining the gift process and flow at the event, slated for December 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sally Mendez has arranged a \$1,500 US Bank sponsorship for the event. The next planning meeting will be held October 15th, and an all-member special meeting will be held at Bidwell Golf Course on November 18th to organize the children's gifts.
 7. **Human Trafficking** Chairwoman Michelle reported that plans with the noon Rotary Club had not materialized for this year, however the current President, Rob Reddemann invited our membership to reach out if small teams are needed for projects. Committee chairs in need of extra hands may contact either Lisa or Layne, or directly contact the current Rotary president, rob.reddemann@gmail.com.
UPDATE 10/15: Michelle received an email from Rob indicating that we may still be able to present our HT piece at a Rotary meeting this spring.
 In other news, Michelle invited interested members to help recreate the HT committee into a broader scope and purpose.
 8. **a. The Women's Holiday Project** Chairwomen Yvette and Gayle reported that SIBR is scheduled for Salvation Army Bell Ringing inside the Raley's grocery store on West East Avenue, from 10 to 4 on December 13th.
b. Babette asked that the committee secure a family for our club to support, from one of the several "Giving Trees" located throughout Chico.
c. Details about the canned food drive and other Holiday Project needs will be forthcoming as the holidays are closer.
- C.** Babette presented the opportunity for SIBR to participate in **Haley Music Therapy Lip Sync Contest** benefiting the *Music Therapy Impact Fund*, Saturday Feb. 21st, with a matinee and an evening performance, and a practice rehearsal on the Thursday prior. The entry fee is \$300 per team of 1-10, members or non-members may participate on SIBR's behalf, and the club can win money by being voted for by ticket holders. Sheron moved for the club to participate, Kelsey seconded, and the motion passed. Babette noted that this is more of a media and recognition opportunity than a revenue project.
- D. Correspondence** was received from a local woman who is interested in helping victims of domestic violence and trafficking. Michelle spoke with her about the woman's own experiences, and referred her to Catalyst.

E. Calendar

10/28 Program meeting: "Writing Your Personal Story" writing workshop with Sandra O'Donnell, author, agent and seasoned book coach.

11/4 Board Meeting

11/11 Business Meeting

11/13 Dream It Be It planning meeting

11/15 Live Your Dream Awards application deadline

Adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary