



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m., with President Babette presiding.
Special Guest, Teresa Armstrong, Director, District 1

Thought for the Day from Babette, for Gayle: "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." ~ Wayne Dyer

SOLT Paula: A brief history recap on the early years of Soroptimist, including that a similar club with similar goals in Britain was unknowingly formed during the same period. A Soroptimist club was established in Paris, 1924; European, Great Britain and Ireland formed separate federations just 10 years later, 1934; Australia was added in 1937, and during WW II Soroptimist worked to assist people trying to survive and flee from the Nazis, particularly helping members of the S.I. Vienna club.

Happy Bucks: "How do you unwind"

- I. The April 14 **Minutes** were approved without comment or change.
- II. The **Treasurer's Report** was approved without comment or change.

III. **Committee Reports**

A. Dream It, Be It Chair Babette reported that the event was successful with 68 attendees. The expenses increased significantly, primarily due to the higher participation from having a school-day program rather than a weekend event. Still, with the combined resources of SIBR, SI Chico and SI Red Bluff we were able to give thirteen \$250 scholarships. The SIA evaluation became especially cumbersome due to the high attendance, so Babette plans to provide feedback to SIA.

B. Women's Resources

1. Chair Michelle reported about her successful, well-received HT Prevention presentation focusing on exploitation – a precursor to trafficking. About 250 people heard the message: In April she presented to Noon Rotary, which gave a donation to The Polaris Project in her name. In May she presented to five 7th-grade classes at Chico Junior High School; the teachers were highly pleased and Michelle received about 90 thank-you notes from students. Most satisfying, the kids were able to articulate specific information about how to stay safe, and Michelle is aware of at least 3 students and 1 adult who are seeking personal counsel as a result of feeling empowered by the discussion.

2. Plans are forming with the CSUC Basic Needs Project next year to create emergency hygiene kits for women students who experience housing insecurity.
3. A supply of small snack items will be delivered to the Enloe Forensic Closet along with *compassion notes* from SIBR (passed around at the meeting for members to sign), which may be given to sex abuse victims who come to Enloe for an exam.

IV. New Business

A. Upcoming Webinars

1. **The SIA Code of Conduct Webinar** will be held via Zoom on Thursday, May 13 from 5-6 p.m. PDST. Topics; Member and Leader Code of Conduct, the enforcement process, and the signing event that will take place later this club year. Register free online, and/or the event will be available to view later.

<https://www.soroptimist.org/events/index.html>

2. **The first SNR “Violet Richardson Hour: Zoom into Membership” Webinar** will be held via zoom on Thursday, May 21, 5-6 p.m. PDST. Topics; new member Orientation tools, welcoming members, maintaining club balance, conflict, surveys for new, existing, and resigning members.

Developed and hosted by SIA Federation Membership Chair Holly Nash (805-218-4322).

Registration is free at <https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org>

B. Sierra Nevada Regional Conference (SNR), June 5-7

Online registration is open and all members are encouraged to attend, especially the inspirational events on Sunday (Celebration of Life, and LYD speaker). This year is the 50th celebration of the Conference.

A hand-stitched decorative pillow made by Paula will be included in the LYD auction. The club will also create an origami money bouquet for the raffle; please let Babette know if you’d like to join in an origami party to make the bouquet.

A dining table seating 8 will be reserved for our club’s use, and some members will sit with other groups over the course of the event.

President and Treasurer learning workshops will be held on Friday in place of a separate Leadership Conference in August. [An SIA Virtual Leadership Round Table will be held June 23, 4-6 p.m. PDT. <https://www.soroptimist.org/events/leadership-development/leadership-round-table.html>]

C. **Club Giving** SIA recommends giving 10% of club fundraising to support the organization missions. SIBR Board voted to give \$500.

D. **Budget** The proposed budget was passed with 12 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.

V. Correspondence none

VI. Calendar

May	26	Program meeting, Bidwell Golf Course putting social
June	2	Board meeting
	5-7	Sierra Nevada Region Conference, Reno, NV
	9	Business meeting

Adjourned approximately 7:10 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary