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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO - CHICO

Club Program Meeting Notes Sept 23, 2025

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

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

Meeting began at 6 p.m.

- Guest visitor, Patti Pardini Barrett
- Babette thanked Gayle and Yvette for applying for a Sorooptimist Endowment Grant; and Ann Marie for volunteering to chair the Fairview High School committee.
- December 13th is the date the club will participate in Salvation Army bell ringing.

The first portion of the meeting President Babette updated the club about the **Lobster Feast fundraiser, this Saturday September 27th:**

- 117 tickets have been sold for the Lobster Feast, and no additional tickets may be sold; there has been late interest which may mean people will be more excited and promptly purchase tickets next year.
- Set up begins at **1 p.m.**, after which members may go home to refresh before returning for the event. End of Normal Avenue (2500 Estes Rd.)
- Members should be present and ready when check-in begins, **by 5:15**. (Check in, sell drink tickets, greet guests, etc)
- **All members** (unless ill or out of town, etc.), with or without dinner tickets, are expected to help with set up, clean up, check in, drink ticket sales, or any other task that needs filling during the event. Sign-up online or contact Babette directly if you haven't already done so.
- Beverage tickets will cost \$7
- Sally and Tony Mendez will provide music entertainment
- Susan and Ernie Bandstra donated desert, ice cream sandwiches (Ernie will keep the desert chilled until served)
- Sierra Nevada brewing donated 5 cases of beer; Ramble West donated 4 cases of beer
- Michelle donated \$220 to sponsor beer (which now converts as a direct donation to SIBR)

For the evening's program, President-elect Layne led the group in self-introductions to allow members to know more about one another. Time ran out before the longest-standing members could share about their Sorooptimist memories and club history.

The group adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary