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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Club Business Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

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		

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

Thought for the Day from Kim G: "I think of life itself now as a wonderful play that I've written for myself, and so my purpose is to have the utmost fun playing my part." ~ Shirley MacLaine

SOLT from Maxine: Violet Richardson joined and helped organize the first SI club in 1921. A premiere project of the new club was to save the majestic redwoods. The Soroptimist Redwood Memorial Grove is located at mile marker 129, north of Prairie Creek State Park in Orick, California. <https://soroptimistchico.org/home/about-us/founder-region-history/>

Happy Bucks: "The top of my bucket list is"

A. The January **Minutes** were approved without comment or change.

B. The **Treasurer's Report** was approved without comment or change.

C. Committee Reports

- 1. Live Your Dream** awardees have been polled by Chair Kim G., and she expects 18 guests in total for the 3 awardees who will attend the March 24 Award Event. Kim's application for a SN Region grant was denied due to other clubs' greater need, so the awards will stand as noted in January. Babette shared that the Board is considering alternatives to having a full dinner due to cost considerations.
- 2. Dream It Be It** Babette reported the event will include both Red Bluff and Corning this year, and will be held on a Thursday, April 16th. Sign-ups are looking so promising that the committee may place a cap on registrations in order to retain quality of program.
- 3. Fundraising** Babette asks members to go to our club Facebook page to help promote all of our fundraisers in the weeks prior to each event we do: SIBR homepage > More dropdown arrow > Events > select the specific event > Discussion button > like, comment and share various posts. Also, all events are featured on the homepage of the SIBR website, and each event has a link to sign up or donate.

4. **Fashion Show** Chair Layne asks members to contribute \$25 to the raffle prizes that will be selected by the committee. The \$25 donations should either go to Sheron or sent via Venmo. Donations of wine valued at \$20 and up are also wanted. Members who work at the event are required to buy a ticket.
Please buy tickets online so that meals and seating can be arranged at the same time; <https://givebutter.com/SpringintoStyle2026so>
Yvette reported that she has several vendors interested in showing their wares, and Linda has been reaching out to area business to sponsor as well as donate raffle items.
Lisa was able to secure \$12,000 in radio advertising from Deer Creek Broadcasting.
5. **5K** Particularly due to the expected Rotary participation this year, the 5K will be held again, Sunday, April 19th. Co-Chair Sheron pointed out that for a 3-4 hour event that requires fairly minimal set up, a \$2,000 profit is financially worthwhile, and people enjoy the event. Sponsorships are available and the donor's name will be featured on the back of the event t-shirt. Information is on our website.
6. **Women's Resource** updates:
- The Butte / Glenn counties' SART report is now available online, and is a comprehensive look at sexual assault in our area. Go to Enloe's website to view or download the 30+ page document.
<https://www.enloe.org/site-search/?term=SART+report>
 - Michelle will be presenting the HET power point at Redeemer Lutheran Church tomorrow evening, Feb. 11th, 6:45 p.m.
 - The items to replenish Enloe's sexual assault victim clothing closet have been ordered and will be delivered to the hospital in the coming weeks.
 - Leah Slem from the CSUC Basic Needs Project will be the guest speaker at our program meeting on February 24th. The committee asks club members to please bring diapers to the Feb 24th meeting. **Only size 7 and up, and pull-ups are needed; gender neutral is preferred.**
 - Since Basic Needs tightly aligns with the SI mission the committee is looking at how we can support it. We are open to ideas, such as
 - Diaper donations (100 per child per month are supplied to student parents with financial need)
 - Child care expenses during finals
 - Fall / pumpkin decorating event with BN Project young families
 - Help at the campus wellness centers
 - Supplies for the emergency shelter
 - Leftovers from the Santa Project, a giving tree, food drive, or other holiday projects possibly being shared or directed to the BN Project
7. **Anti-Trafficking** Chair Marie reported that she is joining the Women's Resource committee meetings. Michelle added that the Anti-HT and WR committees will share information and cross-support each other.

D. New Business

1. **Admin Committee** has updated the Bylaws and Rules and published a printed Membership Booklet for all current and new members. Contact Babette for a copy, and it's also posted on the club website.

2. Club Dinners

- i. Babette shared the Board discussion that, to maintain a good relationship with Bidwell Golf Course and continue to enjoy the good meals provided for our meetings, we will refrain from placing undue additional demands on the catering staff. For example, it's fine to request a salad entrée when there's a dietary conflict with the scheduled menu, however going forward Financial Coordinator Melanie will refuse special requests when a salad is already on the menu.
- ii. The club voted to have the Admin Committee change Article II, Section 4.5.6 of the Standing Rules (pg. 17 of Membership Booklet), to mean (paraphrased); "... members will not be considered attending unless they notify the Financial Coordinator prior to Monday at noon, the day before the meeting. If they do not notify the Financial Coordinator, they will not be responsible for the \$25.00 cost of the meeting. If they end up attending, they shall pay the \$25 fee and be last served for dinner."

- 3. District 1 Leadership Seminar** Babette, Maxine and Michelle attended the meeting in Redding last week, and agreed it was well executed and the discussions and speakers were very good.

- E. Correspondence** The club received a note from Lisa Fitzgerald thanking the club for the flowers and offers of help during a recent health issue.

F. Calendar

Feb 18 SIA's *Together in Giving : How Clubs Strengthen the Soroptimist Mission* webinar workshop. Registration link

https://events.zoom.us/j/7nAmboNQ6C6zdhW2SBt_w/purchase

Feb 21 Lip Sync Event Connect with Babette if interested in a group table

Tickets: <https://www.classy.org/event/2026-community-lip-sync-challenge/e757732>

Feb 24 Guest speaker, Leah Slem, Director of CSUC's Basic Needs Project

Please bring diaper donations, size 7 and up, and pull-ups

March 3 Board meeting

March 10 Business meeting

March 21 Fashion show

March 24 Live Your Dream Awards event

Adjourned approximately 7:05 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary

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