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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Club Business Meeting Minutes November 11, 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		

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

Thought for the Day from Judi: Remembering Soroptimist 100 year anniversary event at Patrick Ranch, with commemorative bench donated with inscription, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”, *Eleanor Roosevelt*

SOLT from Kim Sayers: Our Dream Programs reflect the 4 core values of Soroptimist (and also 5 of the 17 United Nations goals for sustainability): Empowerment, gender equality, education, and diversity & fellowship.

Happy Bucks: *What are you thankful for?*

A. The October **Minutes** were accepted without comment or change.

B. The **Treasurer’s Report** was accepted without comment or change.

C. **Membership:** Kelsey Sachs and Pattie Pardini-Barrett were inducted into the club.

D. Committee Reports

1. **Live Your Dream** One application has been received thus far, and a few others may be forthcoming.
2. Chair Maxine reported that the **Santa Project** preparations are on target, including Valley Oak Children’s Services is answering our request for 300 books. Next week will be a special club meeting on Nov. 18th, to assemble gift bags. There will be usual dinner service for \$25 per person.
3. **The Women’s Holiday Project** Co-Chair Yvette reported that:
 - a. We still need 5 people to sign up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing inside the Raley’s grocery store on West East Avenue, from 10 to 4 on December 13th.
 - b. Gayle has been searching for a “Giving Tree” in Chico for the club to sponsor. Sally suggested the Esplanade House has a giving tree that could work well with our mission.
 - c. For the Canned Food Drive, food may be brought to the Nov 18 meeting or to Yvette’s office at 15 Williamsburg Lane, Suite C.
4. **Fundraising** Chair Layne reiterated the **Fashion Show** details; March 21 at Canyon Oak Golf and Country Club, with 5th *Street Clothing* and *For Elyse* as the retailers.

5. **Fairview High School** Chair Ann Marie reported that mock job interviews were held at the school on October 23rd, and Maxine, her husband, and Beth Lougee were thanked for participating.

The school is now making bags of food available to the families of students. Members who would like to donate may find information via the QR code and link:



<https://sites.google.com/chicousd.net/alt-ed-food-pantry/home>

6. Babette reported that the **Admin committee** is working on a **Member Handbook**. Two sections needed action:
1. Sally moved and Layne seconded to have the club pay for the registration and ½ of the prorated shared-room expenses for 4 officers to attend SNR Conference and Leadership Development. (Pres., Pres.-elect, Secretary, Treasurer)
The motion passed.
 2. Sally moved and Yvette seconded to strike the section pertaining to Life Membership because SIA no longer supports this status. The motion passed with discussion that the current singular Life Member of SIBR is exempt from any change to her status.
7. Babette introduced a sign-up sheet for people to participate in the Feb. 21st **Lip Sync Contest**, and Sally and Pattie will co-chair our club's entry for the contest.
8. The **Human Trafficking** committee discussion was lead by Babette regarding the HT Committee's recommendation to create a new Women's Resource Committee to broaden the scope of related projects, with HT as a subcommittee. An informal poll was taken to see the member's interest to do this, or to have HT and Women's Resources stand as two separate committees; most indicated preference for the first option. Lisa moved and Ann Marie seconded that the matter be tabled and researched regarding the necessary changes to Standing Rules and Bylaws for adding a committee.

- E. **Correspondence** Michelle reported that she was in touch with Kate Transchel regarding input for the Human Exploitation and Trafficking presentation being developed (HET). An ensuing 2-hour meeting with Kate was very helpful.

On behalf of the club, a condolence card was sent to Layne Diestel upon the loss of her husband.

Calendar

11/18 All-member Santa Project gift assembly meeting

12/2 Board Meeting

12/11 Santa Project at Little Chico Creek School

12/16 SIBR Christmas Party potluck at Lassen Cidery, 5:30

Upcoming Program meeting will be a discussion of the book, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*

Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary

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