



Chocolate, Wine & Jazz Festival

Saturday, October 23, 2010

5:00—8:00 pm

Crossroads Riverview Park

14600 River Road

At Archibald in

Corona, CA

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Soroptimist International of Corona

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President's Message

Is it just me, or does it seem like we've been shortchanged on Fall this year? It seems like the things that are special about the season of Fall have disappeared into the headlong dash between Summer and Christmas.

The kids went back to school in the middle of August; what happened to the traditional post Labor Day Back to School? The stores are full of – not just Halloween decorations, but Christmas trees, twinkling lights and faux snow. Where are those crisp days and brisk nights, the soft golden light of an autumn afternoon?

Don't get me wrong – I love using the pool well into November. I'd rather watch soccer games in shorts under the shade of an umbrella than huddled in a damp coat in the wind and rain. But doesn't it seem like something is missing?

There is a solution to this "Seasonal Affective Disorder," though – Chocolate, Wine and Jazz. Each October, Soroptimist International of Corona cele-

brates all that is great about Fall with our Chocolate, Wine and Jazz Festival.

The festivities start off on a balmy Saturday afternoon. Everyone worries that this is the year it will be TOO hot, and our guests will not appear. But then, the sun starts to drop, and a breeze whispers through the gaily decorated tables. As laughing friends clink their wine glasses together, the strains of jazz and popular music can be heard all the way from the packed dance floor to the entrance of the Festival, where smiling Soroptimists hand out plates and glasses with a hug or two.

As the evening cools and the skies fill with stars, sweethearts loop their arms around one another and sway to the music. The savory gives way to the sweet, and the wine and beer to port and coffee. The buzz of conversation and laughter reaches a fever pitch right before the Grand Raffle is awarded to a lucky Coronian who blushes at the cheers for his or her good fortune.



Reluctant stragglers continue chatting long after the band packs up and the table linens are stripped away. The Blackberries and smart phones come out with a plea for next year's date, because no one wants to miss NEXT year's festivities. The congratulations and compliments close out the evening with a grand sense of accomplishment as each member heads home.

As I tell folks when I am selling my tickets – "Chocolate, Wine and Jazz is the most fun you can have in Corona with your clothes on." Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

~Irena Norton, President

Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to the ideals for which it stands. The Sincerity of Friendship. The Joy of Achievement. The Dignity of Service. The Integrity of Profession. The Love of Country. I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold & defend these ideals for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.



~ Debbie Miller
Assistant Treasurer
(on the left at SI
Corona's 61st
Birthday—2008)

**"THE FUTURE
BELONGS TO
THOSE WHO
BELIEVE IN
THE BEAUTY
OF THEIR
DREAMS!"**

~Eleanor Roosevelt

*In honor of Eleanor's
October 11 Birthday*

Courtesy of Judith Horan



~ Deanna Andrews
Treasurer

Chocolate, Wine & Jazz Committee Update: Summer Report

The glasses and plates have arrived for our annual "CWJ" fundraiser, now it's time for all the members of Soroptimist International of Corona to offer tickets and sponsorships to our friends, clients, vendors and neighbors. We have a lot of work ahead in the coming 7 weeks, but like every project that this club takes on, we always meet or exceed our goals!

The committee has been busy throughout the summer setting goals, contacting our community businesses and starting up the advertising campaign, but there is no better way to advertise than from those that have attended this event in the past! Ask them to bring a friend, if they can't attend this year ask them to purchase one of the tickets for the Napa Get Away.

If you have someone you would like to personally invite we have flyers, facebook and posters that will be a great way to advertise throughout our community. Please feel free to contact anyone of the committee members to offer ideas and assistance, if not we will be calling you! See you on October 23rd with your fall colors, comfortable shoes and Soroptimist badges and pins.

Live Your Dream Art Contest

The third annual Live Your Dream Art Contest invites boy and girl students, ages 4-18, to draw a fictional woman from literature who inspires them. Not only is reading an important part of children's cognitive development, but reading a

good book can carry their imaginations to another world, allowing them to visit places they've never been and see things they've never seen. If chosen as a finalist, the student's artwork will be viewed by thousands of people on the

Soroptimist Live Your Dream Campaign website at LiveYourDreamCampaign.org. In addition, finalists will be eligible to win a cash prize for themselves and their schools.

Treasurer's Report August 2010

Monthly lunch costs are currently \$50.00 per month. Although we will be providing you will an invoice each month, we do ask that you keep current with your expenses. Please allow extra time if you pay with cash, as we do need to prepare a receipt for accounting purposes.

Please make checks payable to SICorona. Please do not include Fundraising checks together with Lunch checks as they are deposited into different accounts.

Fall Meeting will be coming up very quickly after we start back, this is a great opportunity for members to freshen up on the updates throughout all the programs of Soroptimist. The cost of the day long event is usually nominal but you get to meet a great group of hard working Soroptimists in the process and have fun doing it. This years Fall Meeting is hosted by Soroptimist International of Rim of the World at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa on October 1-2nd.

I would ask that all committees prepare a budget for your committee early on in the process of the committee. This allows the board to review expenses and to verify that we are working within our goals for the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Treasurer Deanna Andrews at 951.737.2502 or by email at dandrews18@aol.com or Assistant Treasurer Debbie Dematteis-Miller 951.737.1124 ext 110 or by email at Debbie@bmla.net.

Meet Our President-Elect ~ Fran Armenta

Frances Armenta is a native New Yorker that grew up in the back yard of Central Park. Being one of the eldest in a family of fifteen, her family moved to Upstate New York at the age of 13. There she graduated high school from Monroe Woodbury High School. She married shortly after graduating and was off to Germany where she was stationed with her husband at Eppheim a suburb of Heidelberg.

Fran spent one year in Germany with her ten month old daughter. After their tour of duty in Europe, Fran and her husband moved back to New York. After a short time in New York they moved west to Fontana CA. Shortly thereafter Fran gave birth to her two other children Kevin and Travis.

Wanting to be a stay at home mom, yet yearning to work and earn an income Fran joined Mary Kay Cosmetics in 1981. Since 1981, Fran has excelled in her career at Mary Kay. She has achieved the Queens Court of Sales, Queens Court Recruiting and Pink Cadillac Driver several times during her career. Frances is currently a Senior Sales Director and is working towards her National Director designation.

Frances moved to Corona from Anaheim in 2000 with her husband Ed Armenta. They chose a home in the then newly developing area of Eagle Glen. Immediately Fran knew this city and community were meant for her and Ed. Fran and Ed are celebrating 19 years of an exciting and a fun filled marriage this October. They have seen their grandson Gage

Purdie graduate from Notre Dame High School and go off to college at Berkeley CA. and now look forward to watching their granddaughter Reece Purdie grow up and follow her brother's footsteps.

Looking for more involvement with the community Fran joined Soroptimist in 2005 and has enjoyed the new friendships and camaraderie of her sister Soroptimists. Fran has served on several projects within Soroptimist over the last five years. She believes in the principles of Soroptimist, especially with the benefits that programs such as Dreams and Decisions offers to the community. Frances is currently serving as President Elect and looks forward to the coming year.



~ Fran Armenta
President-Elect

*What cancer
is the most
frequently
diagnosed
cancer
among
women?*

Breast Cancer

The five-year
survival rate for
breast cancer when
detected early: 98%.

~American Cancer
Society

Tracy Mauser's Cheese Spinach Squares

¼ cup butter
3 large eggs
1 cup of flour
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of baking powder
1 pound monterey jack cheese,
grated

2 10 ounce packages of
chopped spinach (thaw and
squeeze dry)

Melt butter in 9x13 baking dish.
In bowl, beat eggs; add flour,
milk, salt and baking powder.
Mix to blend.

Add cheese and spinach and
mix well.

Spread into baking dish and
bake at 350° for 35 minutes.
Cool for 30 minutes before
cutting into squares.

Did you know...

Soroptimist launched the Violet Richardson Award program in 2000 as a way to recognize girls for their volunteer service to their communities. The program honors young women between the ages of 14 and 17 whose volunteer efforts include: helping other disadvantaged girls; fighting drugs, crime

and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. The program is named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club. Richardson Ward was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women through her

affiliations with Soroptimist, the Girl Scout Council and the American Association of University Women. Her passion for volunteer service, particularly as it affected women and girls, has been an inspiration to Soroptimists throughout the years.



~ Tracy Mauser
First Year Director
at SIA Convention
2008—Taipei,
Taiwan



~ Cyndi Monroe

**Blogging with our
1st Vice President,
Service**

Corona Police Department Home Security Checklist

- ✓ Know your neighbors
- ✓ Mark your valuables
- ✓ Walk with a purpose
- ✓ Lock your doors &
Windows
- ✓ Be aware of your
Surroundings
- ✓ Report Suspicious
Activity
- ✓ BE ALERT!

Cyndi Monroe: Making Waves

A Fall of Fulfillment

This fall is an amazing time in our country and an even more amazing time to be a woman. No matter what your political leanings, it cannot be denied that women all over the country are making their political presence known in a way we have never seen before. There's this palpable sense of empowerment sweeping from California to New York, Minnesota to Nevada that is incredibly exciting. Women of all ages, backgrounds, experience and financial means are stepping up to the challenge of having a voice in what America's future is going to look like: It's fantastic!

It has encouraged me to have the conversation about what I can do. Increasingly the conversation I have with myself centers on making a difference in my community. Looking at the women making headlines on the national stage makes it seem more and more plausible for me to do something significant. Still, knowing what to do or where to start is often what trips up a person like me. That's why I love my Soroptimist Club: it's a place where opportunities to make a significant difference flourish. The Soroptimist mission statement, "to improve the lives of women and girls" isn't just a slogan; it's a guide line we use as we roll up our proverbial sleeves and work to make those words become flesh and blood reality.

I suppose this is a good time to make a confession – I'm not really a joiner. While I understand the value of networking groups, it's not something I've ever really considered doing. Like most women, my life is overwhelmingly full. As the founder/president of a non-profit youth arts education organization I spend much of my time trying to figure out how to keep our fragile organization viable in this ridiculous economy. Still, I was drawn to Soroptimists precisely because it is not a networking club but truly a service organization dedicated to making a difference.

So here I am in a group of completely diverse women: Politically, socially, and educationally. We come from different backgrounds, we represent all kinds of different faiths, we are married, single, divorced, widowed. Some of us are mothers of young children, some have children grown, some are grandmothers. We run the spectrum of business women: Some work in city government, while some are bankers, small business owners, real estate agents, educators, or in all levels of management. Honestly, we couldn't be more different but the one thing that unites us is the call to service, the call to significance. In our own lovely community of Corona, we Soroptimist girls have committed ourselves to really making a difference in the lives of women and girls. Through our *Dreams and Decisions* program for jr high girls, our Women's Opportunity Scholarship Award for a woman working her way through school as she supports her family, our Stop Sexual Trafficking awareness program, our high school scholarship program and on and on, Soroptimist International of Corona is making a significant mark in the community and beyond.

So I've found a wonderful place to give my desire for significant contribution a platform and a voice. While I probably will never find myself in the national political arena like so many women are today, I may very well be inspiring some young woman in Corona to take those steps to pursue that dream through the programs and scholarships offered by my Soroptimist Club. And what could be more significant than that?



Celebrating Our Soroptimist Sisters Happy Birthday Ladies

Celebrated in September...

10 ~ Andrea Puga

11 ~ Fran Armenta

16 ~ Monica Green

22 ~ Deanna Andrews

October Celebrations...

1 ~ Palbinder Badesha

1 ~ Crystal Deckand

7 ~ Kirsten Tierney

18 ~ Tracy Mauser

28 ~ Shawn Dredla

28 ~ Patricia Miller

November Celebrations...

7 ~ Susie Pinedo

13 ~ Ellie VanDoornum

15 ~ Rachel Rola



Walk for Health
Thousands of dollars
raised for
mammogram
Testing
September 2010
Corona, CA

Calendar of Events

September 20	Board Meeting
September 22	Business Meeting
September 29	RCS Dept. Investigator Lori Piccini (SAFE Program)
October 1-2	Fall Meeting—Lake Arrowhead Resort
October 6	Report on Fall Meeting/CWJ Progress Report
October 13	Service Projects Update
October 18	Board Meeting
October 20	Business Meeting
October 23	CHOCOLATE, WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL!!!

*According to a
recent report, of
the 600,000-
800,000 people
trafficked across
international
borders
annually, 80%
are female.*

Tracy Mauser's Corn Bread Soufflé

1 12oz can sweet cream corn
1 12oz can whole kernel corn
1 small box Jiffy corn muffin mix
1 stick butter
1 egg
1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Mix and place in a 1.6 liter
corning soufflé dish. [I find that
it's better to put it in a bigger
dish that's a little emptier than
a smaller dish that is almost
overflowing.]

Cook time: ~ 1 hour at high
altitude or ~ 45 minutes at sea
level.

The time will vary with the
weather: cook until light jiggling
of center is possible with a tap
on the dish. Allow to cool 20
minute to solidify.

Cover or uncover for desired
browning effect.



**Soroptimists and
Soroptimisters**
At the September 2010
Corona Library having 60's
-style fun raising money for
literacy



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Best for Women

Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization for women in management and the professions, working through service projects to improve the lives of women and girls. In local communities and throughout the world.

Soroptimist International of Corona strives to be a global voice for women through awareness, advocacy and action. The organization is committed to serving local, national and international communities, and participating actively in decision-making at all levels of society. The word "Soroptimist" was coined from two Latin words, "sorrow" and "optima", which loosely translates as "best for women."

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