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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAN RIVER INSTALLS 2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of Soroptimist International of the American River gathered at Dingus McGee's Event Center to celebrate the installation of their 2017-2018 Board of Directors and to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year.

Installed this year were Lisa Bloom, President; Kristina Berry, President Elect; Jan Tarantino, Secretary; Joyce Rask, Treasurer; Christina Wilson, Assistant Treasurer; Laura Blum, Delegate; Ellen Gardner, Alternate Delegate; Norma Rash, Director of Fundraising; Kathy Dunbar, Director of Membership; Sara Westerman, Director of Program and Paula Ward Director of Public Awareness. Merrill Kagan-Weston was selected as Club Parliamentarian and Past President Jerrilyn Gow was recognized for her service during the year.

Special guest and installing officer was 5th District Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery. Lori Oliver, member of Soroptimist International of Palm Desert and a long-time friend of President Lisa was a surprise guest. Lori and Lisa have been Soroptimists together since they met in the Monterey Bay Area as members of the Sierra Pacific Region of Soroptimists.

Soroptimist is an International organization for business and professional women who are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize their aspirations, and have a voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. Our mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in our community and throughout the world.

Our club is currently seeking applicants for our Live Your Dream: Training & Education Awards for Women, a grant program for women who are heads of household who are currently enrolled or making an application for enrollment in college or trade school in an effort to improve the lives of themselves and their families. The application deadline is November 15th.

Soroptimist International of the American River is one of three Soroptimist clubs active in the Auburn area. For more information about Soroptimist International of the American River or more information regarding the Live Your Dream Award, visit our website at www.siamericanriver.org. If you are interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member, please contact our Director of Membership Ann Bryant at (530) 320-8407 or send an email to the club at siamericanriver@soroptimist.net. For more information on the PASSAGE program, contact the Placer School for Adults at www.placeronline.org or (530) 885-8585.

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