

# Seroptimist Scoop



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## Recent Highlights

At our general membership meeting on March 11th we awarded our newest Live Your Dream Scholarship recipient, Emily Gray, with a \$2,500 scholarship! Emily was kind enough to share her hardships and personal aspirations with us; we are so grateful that we are able to help such a kind and humble young lady achieve her dream of becoming an RN. To learn more about the Live Your Dream scholarship, visit [acsoroptimist.com/scholarships](https://acsoroptimist.com/scholarships)



Our Senior Committee hosted a St. Patrick's Day potluck at the Adult Activity Center here in AC. The seniors played word games and bingo while enjoying lots of delicious food. They even got a visit from a leprechaun!

# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Soroptimist International of American Canyon is collaborating with other Soroptimist clubs in the Napa Valley to partner with N.E.W.S. in Napa for a “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes” event. Our club will be donating \$500 to this event!

# 04.14.24

## Save the Date!

# WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES! NAPA VALLEY

*There is an old saying: "You can't understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." To get people listening, learning, and talking, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® education events organize around participants literally walking one mile in women's high-heeled shoes. It's not easy walking in these shoes, but it's an experience around which a lot of education, self-reflection, and change happens. It's impressive to see such a visually stunning public statement of listening, learning, allyship, and commitment. It's an engaging event that gets the community talking about sex and gender biases, gender identity, gender relations, and sexual violence.*

Several Napa County agencies have come together to organize a special “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event, on **Sunday, April 14, 2023 1pm-3pm**. The experience will be for participants to walk a mile in the shoes of a woman who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault. Within the 1-mile journey you will meet incredible people from the agencies that offer resources for survivors.

Did we mention that you will be wearing red pumps while you walk?

## MORE INFORMATION TO COME!





# Empowered Women Empower Women

You are...



Compassionate

Generous

Daring

Influential

Courageous

Empowering

Intelligent

Inspiring

Powerful

Creative

Bold

# “Why did you join Soroptimist?”

I have lived in American Canyon since 1992. We moved here from Vallejo where I was born and raised. Our neighbors and long time friends were the only people we knew until we got to know our other neighbors. My son was one year old when we moved to AC. He attended Donaldson Way and ACMS. Although I was acquainted with my sons friend’s parents, I was always busy with work and raising my son and didn’t have much time for a social life.

When my son was old enough, I signed him up for soccer. He played about seven years. We met some very nice people in the AYSO league but I still didn’t have much opportunity for adult activities. My daughter was born in 2003. After preschool both in Vallejo and AC, my daughter started school at Donaldson Way. Over the years, through school activities, girl scouts and soccer, I developed close relationships with other moms and families. I made great friends, but we were all too busy to make time for socializing.

Fast forward to about 2021. My kids are grown. My husband is in a band and we started developing some really great friendships and attending more social activities. One of those lovely people was Charlotte Chiolero. At some point, I discovered that she was a member of Soroptimist here in American Canyon. I had heard of Soroptimist and had been interested in learning more since I’d seen a picture with dozens of beautiful ladies dressed up like Rosie the Riveter.

I was invited to a meeting which was still zoom at the time. I was very impressed with the friendliness and energy of the ladies even in the midst of COVID. I continued to participate and happily joined the group. My daughter also

loved the group and joined. As soon as we were able, we started meeting in person and doing activities.

Before I even paid my second year dues, I was elected President. It has been a wonderful experience so far and I will continue to help the group grow and accomplish great things. I am so happy and proud to be a member of such an awesome group that does great things for the women, girls, and seniors in our lovely city.



**Michelle Morgan**  
**Current Club President**

# Soroptimist Birthdays



Pam Chappell



Char Chiolero-Benson



Rae Lucero





# *Current Fundraiser*

# **Mommy & Me**

## *Ceramics Painting*

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**Friday, May 10th**

**5PM - 7PM**

**World Marine Clubhouse,  
2555 Flosden Road**

- Food, Drinks, and Dessert
- Music
- Bake Auction
- Door Prizes
- Fun!



Adult Tickets - \$25

Single Child Tickets - \$20

Multi Child Tickets - \$15 ea.

**limited spots available**

**Register Online At:**

**[acsoroptimist.com/events-and-fundraisers](https://acsoroptimist.com/events-and-fundraisers)**

**(must register every individual separately)**

**Registration opens April 5th!**

**"THINK LIKE A QUEEN. A QUEEN IS NOT AFRAID TO FAIL. FAILURE IS ANOTHER STEPPING STONE TO GREATNESS."**

**- OPRAH WINFREY**



### Meet an S Club Member!

Hi! My name is Angelina Ta and I am a current senior at American Canyon High School. I am the current Vice President of Soroptimist Club on campus! I am also the President of Medical Club and the American Heart Association Club. These clubs have given me the privilege to create free workshops to help immerse the students on campus in the field of medicine. This month I have been planning and

working back and forth to host a CPR workshop that is set to take place on March 21! S-Club is very excited to host an event that can well educate our peers on the importance of knowing basic life skills such as CPR. After high-school I plan on attending a 4-year university. With it being March, I have heard back from a bunch of top UC schools and I am excited on what my future hold.

## Upcoming Plans:

- Our club is in the works of deciding the recipient for our high school scholarship. The recipient will be a girl that is outstanding academically and in the community.
- Our club is having Christina Gomez, the SAVS director at N.E.W.S. in Napa, come to our general meeting on April 8th to give a general education on sexual assault and services available in the community. It will be open to the public! Our club plans to have more open meetings like this with guest speakers to help educate the public!
- Our Girls Empowerment committee is still searching for a location to do a “car maintenance workshop” for all girls/young women of driving age. Stay tuned!

## *Stay in touch!*

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## Want to join our club?

Visit [acsoroptimist.com/join-us](https://acsoroptimist.com/join-us) to request more information about our club and how to join!

## Upcoming Events:

APRIL 8TH, 6:00-8:00PM – General meeting open to the public for a sexual assault awareness education at 2555 Flosden Road, World Marine Clubhouse.

APRIL 14TH, 1:00-3:00PM – WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

APRIL 24TH, 12:00-2:00 – GARDEN GATHERING, at the AC Library. Come make a container garden of flowers, herbs, houseplants or succulents. We'll have everything you need. This is a free event. (Senior Event)

