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## CALENDAR

<b>Dec 5</b> noon	Business meeting, BJ's
<b>Dec 12</b> noon	<b>Christmas Party, BJ's</b>
<b>Dec 19</b> noon	BOD meeting, BJ's
<b>Dec 25</b> noon	<b>Happy Holidays</b>
<b>Jan 2</b> noon	Business meeting, BJ's
<b>Jan 9</b> noon	Speaker meeting, BJ's
<b>Jan 16</b> noon	BOD meeting, BJ's
<b>Jan 23</b> noon	Social

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## BELIEVE

If there was ever a time a year to take a look at ourselves, and our surroundings, it is now.

I believe that for whatever the reason, this time of year can make a change of goodness, even if it is for a second.

It's Christmas, some people love it, and some people can do without it. Regardless of where you are in that spectrum: Believe in your life, Believe that the lives of others you have touched are better, Believe in your community. Believe in the difference that Soroptimist is making in the lives of women and girls throughout the world.

Believe in yourself. Life is Good.

*Dixie*



187

The number of views on our website in November



**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** decided to award Maria Esperanza Rivas \$500 and Jennifer Magaly Monterrosa \$250. Their leadership is vital in El Salvador and our money will reach so many others through their work. Thank you SI Hamilton for extending our contributions internationally.

### ***Maria Esperanza Rivas***

Mary is 29 years old, from Santa Marta, El Salvador. She has been part of the SERES youth network since 2015, ambassador in her region and advocate for human rights. She was selected from our youth network to continue to develop her leadership skills, grow personally and professionally. She selected the YES! JAM Training in Mexico.

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### ***Jennifer Magaly Monterrosa***

Jennifer is 24 years old, from Santa Tecla, El Salvador. She joined SERES in 2017, active leader in her university, current ambassador and SERES board member. Jennifer was also selected for a scholarship based on her leadership profile and her desire to continue to learn new models and share her work with other networks. She selected to participate in the



Regional Forum Vulnerable Central America, focused on taking a stand in climate change as civil society communities towards COP 2019. In her words: “As a young environmentalist woman, I consider it essential to participate in regional spaces where strategies are defined and shared in the fight for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, which in itself constitutes a great concern in view of the imminent impacts it is having at a global level and that puts Central America at high risk given its vulnerable situation. I will have the opportunity to exchange learnings with people from five countries of the region, which will provide me with tools and information that I can later replicate and share in the organizations of which I am a part, mainly the SERES Ambassadors Network. I will be able to acquire technical and scientific arguments about the need to make root changes that allow us to save ourselves alongside the planet from the climate change crisis.”

# 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

We are off to a great start with this year's 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Corvallis Primary School. The kids are excited to see us and we are all getting to know each other. We will be helping the kids with their reading, writing, math, comprehension and art projects.



November's art project was making Indian Corn out of pipe cleaners and pony beads. The kids had lots of fun. Some just put random colors on their corn, and some were very picky about color patterns. Fortunately all the kids were great about sharing their scoop of beads with everyone so they all made a great corn. Mary Lou told them about the history of corn, how it came from the Americas and was a staple in the native diets. Of course, the beads escaped the cups. But one of the girls crawled all over the classroom picking up all the stray beads.

Mary Lou and Sandra

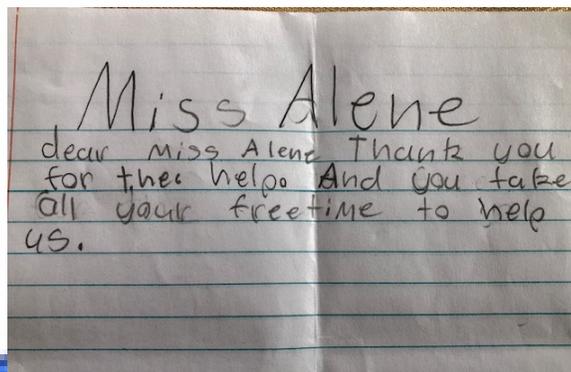
On one of my visits, I brought frosted sugar cookies for the kids. They really weren't much, just small Christmas stockings (OK, a bit early) that I had experimented with "flood icing." The kids really loved them. I think just the fact that I baked and decorated them made it all that much better.

I even have had two of the kids make a point of coming up to hug me when I arrive.

Sandra

I played servant to Louis, the leopard lizard today! The infrared light in his terrarium had burned out and he needed some dinner. Ms Jameson texted me and sent me to Wild about Pets for new light bulb and 12 tasty crickets. Done and done....Louis warm and sated.

Vikki





Dec 8 Gloria  
Janskovitch

Dec 11 Cory Keith

Dec 14 Norma Twyman

Dec 20 Sue Smith

Dec 25 Lois Vallance

Dec 26 Jeanette  
DeMinck

Dec 31 Laura Reichart

Jan 6 Nancy Bussiere

Jan 7 Barbara June

Jan 17 Deanna Wolfe

Jan 20 Amy Foote

Jan 20 Sunny Stone



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**I AM A  
WOMAN.**

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SUPERPOWER?**

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