

Thanks to our presenters:

Marina Alma is an etiquette instructor at Doña Ana Community College's One Stop Training Shop, part of DACC's Customized Training/Workforce Development Program.

Liz Medina became a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in 2009 in order to help individual investors work toward achieving their financial goals. She previously worked in banking and, from 2005 to 2009, as an Edward Jones Branch Office Administrator. She is also a member of Soroptimist International of Las Cruces and performs volunteer work toward improving the lives of local girls and women.

Dr. Bernadette Montoya is Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at New Mexico State University. Her research and career activities have focused on educational access for non-traditional female students, student advocacy and leadership development. She holds an Associates degree from NMSU's community college in Grants, a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from NMSU, and a Doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico.

Donna Rosati taught history for 20 years, retiring from Mayfield High School in Las Cruces in 2014. In August 2012, in partnership with her sister, she opened My Rich Sister's Closet. Rosati has been married for 31 years and has two children and two granddaughters.

Dr. Monica Torres has worked in higher education for more than 30 years — as a graduate student, a program coordinator, a professor and an academic administrator. She is currently the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Doña Community College. She holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in English from NMSU (1982, 1984), and a doctoral degree in American Studies from the University of New Mexico (2002). Torres serves on the boards of La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico and Ngage New Mexico which focuses on education initiatives in Doña Ana County.

Tonya Ney is a graduate student and Dietetic Intern in the Family and Consumer Sciences program at NMSU. After her graduation, she plans to write grant proposals that will fund nutrition programs to benefit the community educationally, physically and nutritionally. Ney is the 2015 recipient of the \$1000 Soroptimist International of Las Cruces Scholarship that is awarded annually to a junior, senior or graduate student majoring in Family & Consumer Sciences at NMSU.



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Soroptimist International: Creating a Better World for Women and Girls

A Message to our Conference Participants: Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is part of a volunteer network of 80,000 members in 130 countries. We work locally, nationally and internationally to educate and empower women and girls. Each year SI groups around the world implement nearly 4000 projects to help women and girls attain education, develop leadership skills and lead successful, productive lives. These projects have included equipping women's clinics in Papua New Guinea; providing solar lamps to schools in Uganda so that girls can study in the evenings; awarding *Live Your Dream Scholarships* to women in the Americas, helping them complete their educations and secure higher standards of living; providing resources for immigrant women fleeing domestic violence; and funding micro-enterprise artisan projects for low-income women.

Since it was chartered in July 1970, Soroptimist International of Las Cruces has provided some 900 member years of service and donated more than \$500,000 to support girls and women in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. To raise money for our projects, we sponsor the Turkey Trot every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we are able to put 100 % of our entrance fees toward support of our programs.

Why this Conference?

"We know that we cannot achieve empowerment for women until girls grow up with the resources and support they need to be empowered adults"

—Cheri Fleming, 2013-2014 President of SI of the Americas

As you, and the many capable young woman like you in Las Cruces, embark on adult life, we want to help you make the most of your abilities and opportunities to become successful in your chosen careers and to become contributing members of our community and the world! Education, of course, is key. However, there are many other things you can do that will give you an advantage as you navigate the path toward career success. These include learning how to manage your money, how to present yourself in professional settings, and how to develop and maintain a positive outlook, even as you face and overcome obstacles in your path. As professional women, we have traveled that path. By sharing our experiences, we hope that we can help you on your journey.

***Dream It, Be It* Conference Schedule**

8:30am - 9:00am	Registration Avenida Hall
9:00am - 9:15am	Welcome/Flag Presentation Joan Dormody Soledad
9:15am - 9:45am	Keynote Speaker Bernadette Montoya Soledad
9:45am - 10:00am	Break/Move Soledad
10:00am - 11:00am	Money Matters Liz Medina San Augustin/Tularosa
11:00am - Noon	Career 101 Monica Torres San Augustin/Tularosa
Noon - 1:30pm	Lunch <i>Dining Etiquette and Fashion Show</i> Marina Alma and Donna Rosati Guadalupe/Soledad
1:30pm - 1:50pm	General Etiquette Discussion Marina Alma Guadalupe/Soledad
1:50pm - 2:00pm	Break/Move
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Positive You Tonya Ney San Augustin/Tularosa
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Closing <i>Raffle and Survey</i> San Augustin/Tularosa