

Soroptimist International of Glendale
is pleased to present

THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF ROCKHAVEN SANITARIUM AMERICA'S FIRST WOMEN'S ASYLUM

a special presentation with community leader and SIG Member

JOANNA LINKCHORST
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF ROCKHAVEN

April 16th, 2025 at 6:00 PM
NEW LOCATION:
Glendale First United Methodist Church
Carlson Fellowship Hall
134 N Kenwood St, Glendale, CA 91206



Joanna Linkchorst is a lifelong Crescenta Valley resident, member of SIG, and a self-proclaimed "history dork". She has used her training as a volunteer docent at the Autry Museum to be an enthusiastic tour guide at the Rockhaven property, as well as speaker at various groups and historical societies.

Rockhaven Sanitarium was founded in 1923 by psychiatric nurse Agnes Richards as a compassionate alternative to the harsh conditions in state-run asylums, providing dignified care for women with mental illnesses. Richards' vision led to the creation of a serene, home-like environment where residents were treated with respect and kindness. Today, Rockhaven stands as a monument to positive changes in mental health treatment and women's history, with ongoing efforts to preserve its legacy. Joanna Linkchorst will share the history and significance of the former women-only sanitarium and the current ownership and care of the historic site in Glendale.



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