

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, April 2017



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President's Column

Happy Birthday to Us

Forty-nine years ago, Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas was chartered. Our history is full of wonderful projects, fun times, and amazing friendships. As we prepare to celebrate, I encourage you to share your memories with

others, especially friends who might consider joining us in our endeavors to improve the lives of women and girls.

Our meeting on April 20 will feature games, prizes, and cake. Be sure to join us for the festivities.

As we approach the end of another club year, committees should be preparing the annual report to be presented at the June business meeting. The report should include suggestions for the next club year and any changes proposed to the committee budget. I have appointed a project planning committee to investigate groups and ideas for use of our time and funds. Members are Barb Agonia, Esther Gregurak, Leah Guevara, Kim Harney-Moore, and Coordinator Diana Walla. Everyone is encouraged to share ideas with them, especially regarding human trafficking projects. We want to put the money we raise and our time to good use.

Dream It, Be It is fast approaching. Additional volunteers are always welcome. It will be held at Mater Academy on April 18 from 8am to 3pm. Diana Walla has all the information, if you can join us, even for part of the day.

Also, Barb Agonia, Sue Cavaco, Susie Magit, Esther Gregurak, and I will be representing SIGLV at the Sierra Nevada Region Conference at the end of April. Stay tuned for more information as we approach the end of a very successful club year.

President Trude

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**SIGLV founded
April 15, 1968
Celebrating 49 Years of Service**

**Join the Party Thurs, April 20
Desert Pines Golf Club
11:45-12:45**

At our May 4 business meeting, we will elect officers for the 2017-2018 club year.

The nominating committee presented the proposed slate as follows: President, Alicia Davisson; President-Elect, Esther Gregurak; Vice-President, Nancy Hippert; Secretary, Catherine Bellver; Treasurer, Ann Taylor; Director, Shirley Hancen; and Two Year Delegate, Shirley Hancen. Thanks to all for agreeing to run.

**SNR Conference: April 28-30, 2017 Atlantis Hotel, Reno.
Legislative Day: April 27**



Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 11:45 am, Desert Pines Golf Club lunch \$19.

**Apr 6 Business Meeting:
Apr 20 Program Meeting
May 4 Business Meeting**

Board Meeting May 1, 5:30 pm at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

SIA Federation Convention: July 30-Aug 2, 2018 Yokohama Japan

SI International Convention, July 2019, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia



Club Resource Page

Club Board 2016-2017

- President: Trude McMahan
- Vice President: Esther Gregurek
- Secretary: Catherine Bellver
- Treasurer: Barbara Agonia
- Director: Nancy Hippert
- I PP: Diana Walla
- 2 year Delegate: Susie Magit
- 1 year Delegate: Sue Cavaco

Committees LIST will be on [Website](#)
Member Only Tab

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MEETINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays: 11:45 am,
Desert Pines Golf Club,
3415 Bonanza Road
Las Vegas, NV 89101
(across from Clark County Family Court)

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each month and sent via your preferred
email.

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Nevada passes ERA

The Nevada state Senate, on Wednesday March 22, 2017, gave final approval to ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment when it concurred with minor tweaks made in the Assembly. With passage of Senate Joint Resolution 2, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the amendment to the U.S. Constitution, though the measure remains two states short of what's needed. The Senate action came 45 years to the day since Congress first approved the ERA in 1972, and 35 years after the extended deadline of

1982. The tardiness didn't dampen the enthusiasm of ERA advocates, who broke out into applause when the Senate approved it on a voice vote. (Las Vegas Review Journal 3/17) (ed. Note: Thanks to a long line of Soroptimists who have been so active in promoting this passage)

DID YOU KNOW?

During the 1975-76 year, SIGLV had the honor of donating the first month's rent for the new offices of "Nevadans for ERA" Geneva Douglas was the ERA Liaison for Soroptimist clubs in Southern Nevada.



Dr. Joanne Goodwin, retires June 30

The College of Liberal Arts and the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rebecca Gill, Associate Professor of Political Science, as the new director of WRIN. Dr. Gill will

begin the directorship on July 1, 2017.

Dr. Joanne Goodwin, the founding director of WRIN, began her service in 1999. She will conclude her long and productive time in that role on June 30 of this year. We want to thank Dr. Goodwin for the work she has done over many years to develop WRIN and to serve our community. Although her leadership will be missed, we will forever appreciate the role she played in building WRIN into what it is today.

Reprinted from WRIN Website



Mar 24 Dawn
(Sorry missed her)
April 19 Lois



Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)
www.soroptimistsnr.org



Soroptimist Int. of the Americas
(SIA)
www.soroptimist.org



April 22
UN International Earth Day



Soroptimist International (SI)
www.soroptimistinternational.org

Committees plus This and That....

Dream It, Be It! The 2017 Dream It, Be It: Career Support event will occur on **April 18** at Mater Academy, a charter school in Las Vegas. Thirty-one eighth grade girls will participate in this all day conference, co-sponsored by SIGLV, SIMLV, and SILVV. Members are encouraged to cut out magazine pictures for the girls' dream boards. Pictures of careers, wishes, and role models are always needed. When in doubt, clip it out. It is better to have too much than too little. Mater Academy has promised to make these same girls available in their Sophomore year for a follow-up career day.

Sweet Fantasy: Sweet Fantasy Debriefing Meeting on Sat, May 13 at noon at Susie Magit's home.

. Trude is providing lunch and everyone is welcome to attend. **RSVP by May 9** to Susie is required so we have enough food. Please feel free to email any feedback on Sweet Fantasy to Kim in advance of the meeting so all input can be summarized and then discussed at the meeting. Big thanks to everyone for such a successful fundraiser!

Save the Date! Family Connect will be held on **May 6** from 10am-3pm at Valley High School-2839 S. Burnham Ave. Join us for a fun-filled day of community services, games, entertainment, and food! Family Connect is an opportunity for families and youth to be connected to services including housing/shelter, health care, counseling services, employment support, legal support, food, low-income childcare, and more!
Family Connect is a great way for individuals and organizations to get involved and help those in-need, or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Roster updates are due, If you wish to review the current roster, contact Lois and she'll send it via email to you. We know members have changed homes.

Publicity: Shout out to Dawn for the great story in the Boulder City Review. "From engines to eyeliner, Dawn Walker knows that it takes precision and skillful application to succeed.
A former engineer for NASA, she now runs her own Mary Kay business and recently earned her 18th car for outstanding sales performance. She marked her 30th year with the company in February."



WOW Moments! Kim is so excited to announce the arrival of Everett William Moore, her grandson. Born March 12, 7 lbs, 11 oz, 21.5". He's a cutie!
Condolences to **Kathy** on the loss of her Aunt Betty, an Alzheimer victim.
Welcome back to new member, **Ann Taylor** with EVFS. The club approved Sweet Fantasy donations of \$1,500 each

for **THT** and **Castaways**. YAY. **Misty** celebrated an awesome vacation in Europe!



Notes from SIA FY 15/16 annual report:

Sorooptimist membership

At the end of FY15/16, sorooptimist (SIA) comprised 20 countries and territories, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana islands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United states, and Venezuela.

in 2016: clubs: 1,284 members: 30,230
CHANGE IN MEMBERS FROM FY14/15: (786)

Member information can be found at:
<Sorooptimist.org/rise/ DirectorySearch>

CONGRATULATIONS: Dawn Marie Lemonds, newly elected SIA president elect to serve the remainder of PE Yoko term, cut short by medical issues. Dawn Marie will assume the presidency Oct 2017.

Bev Bucur appointed SI Director of Advocacy

SI President Yvonne Simpson is delighted to announce the appointment of Bev Bucur as SI director of advocacy for the 2017 – 2019 biennium. She is set to take up her post on Saturday, July 29 2017 in Rotterdam. Please visit the SI website to find out more. Note: Bev is from SIA.

Pack your International traveling shoes:

- * **SI Europe: 21st SIE Congress 14-16 July 2017 Florence Italy**
- * **SI Great Britain & Ireland: Conference, Oct 26-28 Cardiff**
- * **SI Southwest Pacific Conference of Clubs 22-23 April, Brisbane**

Sorooptimist is international, so members are always welcome at all federation' annual meetings.



Sorooptimist International
Southwest Pacific



Scammers are always looking for new ways to steal other people's money. One of the more recent scams is an automated caller asking, "Can you hear me now?", or "I'm sorry. There was a problem with my headset. Are you there?" It seems their goal is to get you to say "yes."
These calls are illegal. The best thing to do if you receive a call like this is to just hang up. More info at FTC Website.



SERVICE UPDATE



EASTER SPRING BASKETS: THT asked if we would help with baskets and we did! SIGLV has donated 36 baskets and 16 large peanut butter chocolate eggs! A member made a \$100 cash donation, and another purchased 20 chocolate bunnies and 36 fillable eggs.

Unfortunately THT is really low on basket items this year. We are Looking for some kisses, jelly beans and food gift card (\$5 from McDonald's work best), protein type bars, books or journals or anything else you can think would be a nice addition. Can you help? Check out the Dollar Store! Thanks Kim for donating 14 small note pads, 5 imprinted "Plans for world domination" embossed!



"OMG! We just got the notification that you donated, AGAIN, toward our spring baskets. Thank you SO much. You truly are our angels! All of you, and we love you so much. I can't wait to go shopping and fill the Easter baskets to the brims! Thank you also for donating those super cute centerpieces and all of the baskets and candies. Our programs keep expanding because of you all and the teens LOVE getting fun stuff too, and not just the necessary kits and things we distribute to help them just survive."

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AMAZING NEWS: The THT CLUBHOUSE is being moved. The awesome pictures of the crane lifting it over the home are breathtaking. Reminiscent of the movie "UP" without balloons. The clubhouse will be set at St Jude Ranch. Pix to come!

SIGLV Has Purchased Fleece on sale in preparation for the fall/winter Survival kits. We bought early so there would be less stress in getting the blankets cut and tied. Kim has some fleece for those volunteers on the east side, and Lois has supplies for the west side. We've already got five fully completed and 10 cut but waiting to be tied. Let us know if you can volunteer to help!

BASIC NEEDS:

Do you know a business, friend, colleague who would be willing to help sponsor some of THT basic needs? Kathy has a donation letter available!

Hygiene Kits

Summer kits (plus L or XL flip flops, sunscreen, chapstick,)

Food and Clothes



Rape Crisis Center invites us to join them April 26!



Please join us for Denim Day April 26th, 2017!

Mark your calendars for our fabulous denim themed fashion show and luncheon that will be held at the Great Hall at Fashion Show Las Vegas.

For ticket and sponsorship information and to learn how your business can get involved please visit:

<http://www.calendar.denim-day.com/>

Join us in saying "no more" to victim blaming and stand in support of survivors of sexual violence this Denim Day!

I would love a pancake breakfast! How about you?

East Valley Family Services is sponsoring a flapjack fundraiser with Applebee's!

May 21, 2017
8 to 10am
At 3340 S. Maryland Pkwy
Corner of Desert Inn/Maryland

Ticket's are \$10.00 a piece with East Valley receiving \$5.00 from each ticket sold. These funds will support low-income families, seniors and individuals with services we provide. Please support East Valley and join us for breakfast! Each breakfast includes Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice.

Please sign up to purchase tickets on attached sheet or call 702-369-7098

SIGLV club history in 49 minutes

As we celebrate our 49th club birthday on April 15, we hope you enjoy a little history from those members who lead the way.

Background: The Soroptimist Association was present in Southern Nevada since 1950.

The first club: Soroptimist Club of Las Vegas was chartered May 5, 1950 in what was then the Southwest Region. Soroptimist Club of Boulder City also had a club at approximately the same time.

Our club: SI Las Vegas-Paradise Valley was chartered on April 15, 1968 (49 years ago). At that time, the Southwest region had evolved and we were then in the Pacific region which later broke into three regions, including our current Sierra Nevada Region.

The very special chartering event: Chartering of Soroptimist Club of Las Vegas-Paradise Valley was held on April 15, 1968 at the Mint Hotel at 7 pm. The theme was "Magic of Springtime." Presiding was the president of the Soroptimist Club of Las Vegas (we called this the downtown club): Irene Barnard, the welcome was by the Honorable Ed Fike, Lieutenant Gov for the State of Nevada. Induction of the charter members was done by Midge Strickland from the Pacific Region and Installation of the Charter Officers by Lenore Jordan, Director, District 1 of the Pacific Region, also a Las Vegas resident and a member of the downtown club.

The charter members: "Tippi" Marshall (dean, NV Southern University); Geneva Douglas (Southwestern Radiological Lab); Margaret Willoughby (Denton & Monsey Attys); Bonita Porter (The Bookend); Louise Brikmeyer (Ronzones); Florence McClure (Desert Inn Hotel); Phyllis Reible (Kovell Advertising/PR); Wanice Hinkle (Frontier Hotel); Helen Sanford (Berthas); Margaret Simon (NV Southern School of Nursing); Carolyn Ream (NV Southern University-Personnel) Gayle Kitchel (Camp Fire Girls) Bernardine Schneider (Atomic Energy Commission); Roz Caldwell (Clark Cnty Swimming Pools); Maxine Deacon (Musical Conductor/Vocalist); Willow Morriscal (DI Country Club); Florence Weebe (Fremont Jr

High); Norma Gunderson (Hughes Tool Co).

At that point in time, clubs had boundaries – based on a member's workplace - our club's borders were from the north, Oakey Blvd to Fremont (Boulder Hwy); south, Fremont to intersection with Mojave Rd; east, Mojave extended; and south and west for a 25-mile radius from Oakey and LVBS. We covered the strip area. In 1985, our region "burned" club boundaries and all SNR clubs share regional territory.

Soroptimist membership was by invitation only:

Using the fundamental principle of classification, 'membership was open to only one women in each classification of business or profession.' (Lois' note, *this is why I participated in the club even though I couldn't be an official member for another two years.*)

In 1973, we changed our name: The word "association" is, in this context, translated as meaning "a group of people organized for a joint purpose." Consequently in 1973, and in order to demonstrate true internationalism, the word "association" was dropped and the organization became known simply as Soroptimist International. *Similar changes in the naming of federations were made – Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, becoming Soroptimist International of the Americas, the words SI prefacing the names of clubs, regions, unions, etc.*

June 23, 1974: The charter for the Club of Las Vegas was relinquished by regional action because of internal turmoil. Boulder City and Henderson also dissolved at about the same time because of lack of members.

During the 1976-1977 year: SI Las Vegas-Paradise Valley applied for a

change in name to SI of Greater Las Vegas.

In 1976 RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) was adopted by the club as a continuing identifying service project. During this same time frame, we became an organizational member of TAW (now TADC-Safe nest) and were busy sending letters to the legislature in support of ERA ratification.

SIGLV's first service project: The Las Vegas Symphony (1968-1970). Members

sold tickets, worked in the box office, ushered and hosted a champagne reception following the concert. No one tripped over her long gown, but one member had the misfortune to misjudge the weight of the punch bowl... SPLASH!

Other early club projects included: , Campfire Girls, Drug Abuse Council, Nevada State Training Center at Caliente, RSVP, Rainbow Theatre Co; Opportunity Village, Rape Crisis Center, TADC, Alzheimer's Association,

Reginal Hall and Marion Residence, Gleaner's Food Bank, Child Haven, LV Sun Youth Forum, the old Mormon Fort, Friends of Nevada Wilderness and Plant-A-Pine...and so it goes.

The Club's "Delegate Fund": Instituted in 1972, members held "Patio Parties," brunches, dinner parties and other events, selling tickets for door prizes and "pumping up" the coffers of the fund to assist delegates in the expenses of representing SIGLV at councils and conventions.

Our first club newsletter: Born in 1971, with editor Bonita Porter. It was one page, two sides, typed, Xeroxed, and all graphics were hand-drawn. Features were the president's column, committee updates, schedule of events and when space permitted a brief member profile.

And so much more....

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Lois, a 49 year observer
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