

HAPPENINGS

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, December 2015

Reach Out, Bring In



President's Ponderings

Sue's Facebook post about a woman watching people throw out food rather than allow a homeless person to eat their leftovers made me think about the first time my husband took me to Katz's Deli in NYC. Not only was the food, especially the pastrami on rye, fabulous, but I was amazed at the number of homeless that sat gleaning what paying patrons left on their plates. No one chased them out. No one came to bus the tables until they had finished. Consistently rated as one of the top 5 delis in NYC, this generosity has not tarnished Katz's reputation nor popularity. My son brought one of the homeless to eat with us. I was shocked to learn that he was a retired firefighter whose pension had not kept up with the cost of living, who lived in one room, and whose only family were the cats he fed every evening and which someone had poisoned just the day before. What a lesson in selflessness this man gave us. He, who had so little, still scrounged to feed neglected and abandoned animals.

As always, I am awed by the generosity of our members as they reach out to those less fortunate throughout the year. Please, amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, notice those who are begging in our valley and follow Kim's Facebook post on making kits for them. After all, "A poor man's prayer breaks through all barriers and storms its way into the presence of the Almighty." The Book of Zohar {Genesis}.

*Happy Holidays,
President Diana*

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**BREAKING NEWS:
SIGLV Urges Support of SI President's Appeal**

Human Rights Day (Dec 10) commemorated by Soroptimist International, has announced the first three projects to benefit from President Yvonne's President's Appeal (Educate To Lead: Nepal)!

One of the projects, Removing Barriers to Education in Nepal, comes from our SNR region, It is **Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows' Nepal project**. They have been supporting the developing country for the last 15 years, sending money and supplies to a village called Thulipakori. Their initial goal was to build a dormitory and fund scholarships for girls to attend school. Since then, 900 girls have graduated from the program. SIGLV sent funds to support the school following the recent earthquake.

With the Educate to Lead: Nepal grant, SI Truckee Meadows will remove the barriers to education for 20 girls when they move into the dormitory for 2 years to attend school. Room and board, tuition, books, supplies and uniforms will all be paid. A micro lending program will be available to them when they finish, allowing them to start a small business.

<http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/16-days-of-activism-2014/post/877-day-sixteen-the-presidents-appeal>

**Soroptimist International
Greater Las Vegas
Ornament Exchange!**

Luncheon - Party - and Grab
Bring a Guest

Thursday, December 17, 2015
11:45 a.m.
Desert Pines Golf Club
3415 E. Bonanza Road

Bring a Wrapped Ornament

RSVP by Dec. 13
702-876-0454

Luncheon \$20

Club Resource Page



Club Board 2015-2016

President: Diana Walla
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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)

E-Newsletter published on the 10th of
each month and sent via your preferred
email.

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International President's Appeal Dec 10 2015

SIGLV has a giving tree on behalf of the International President's Appeal. Snowmen are gathered around the tree, waiting to go home with you when you donate to the President's Appeal. This biennium, Soroptimists globally come together to help support the women of Nepal in their efforts to rebuild their earthquake ravaged country **SEE PAGE 1**



16 Days of "Oranging the World"
This is a reminder to be sure to wear orange.

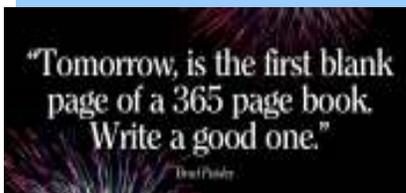


Vena M. Davis, LCSW

Ms. Davis is director of Honey Bee Behavioral Health/CEH. As part of her presentation last month, Ms. Davis discussed depression associated with Holiday seasons.

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)
www.soroptimistsnr.org

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



Soroptimist International (SI)
www.soroptimistinternational.org

Committee Happenings

Program HOLIDAY EXCHANGE Dec 17

Birthdays: Melissa, Dec 9; Kathy, Jan 8; Sue, Jan 14;

Break These Chains: Save the Date, Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 is our day to stand up and be counted at our annual *Break These Chains Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event* at Fremont Street Experience.

Fundraising: Fundraising is asking members who secured donations last year for Sweet Fantasy, to confirm if they will be contacting their donors again. Kudos to early commitments from: **Big Horn Olive Oil Co, Dr. Mary Herte, The Paw Spa, Table 34, the Kurlinski Sedona 3 day, 2 night stay, SusieQ original art piece and glicees, and the Atomic Testing Museum.**

We expect to sell out since our capacity is 200. \$25 per ticket and tables of 10 are \$225. Link for ticket sales is on our website. 5 of the 20 tables are already sold.

Service: LIVE YOUR DREAM Art Contest Project is underway at Mater Academy. **BREAKFAST BUDDIES** The once a month Senior Project is the third Friday every month (Dec 18 begins at 10 am,) at EVFS. Four volunteers are needed to serve and socialize.

Membership: Delighted to hear that Captain Lisa Smith is a prospective member! She was a member in San Francisco.

E-Newsletter: Jan 5 is our next newsletter deadline. Please share your committee updates.

Public Relations: Check out the *Soroptimist International of the Americas* and *Soroptimist International Greater Las Vegas* Facebook pages and "like" them. This is important for grant funding. You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page!

Website:

Visit our website soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org. Please sign in so you can access the "member" section. Melissa will provide your password.

Calendar

Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 11:45 am, Desert Pines Golf Club

Board Meeting: tba 10 AM at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

Winter District Function: Jan 23, 2016 in Hawthorne

SNR Conference: April 2016, Reno

SIA 44th Biennial Convention: July 20-23, 2016, Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Orlando FL



Break These Chains volunteers will be needed to help with the day's events. Please see Melissa or Kathy if you can help!

SIGLV Updates

DR. JANICE REID

Dr. Janice Reid, 83, the first full-time English professor at CSN's Henderson campus, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, of a heart attack. Janice became a member of SIGLV in 1978. She will be missed for her smile, her humor and endless love and friendship.



Maffy: Queen of Scarves!



Maffy is single handedly knitting scarves for every homeless teen in town! She made 20 for THT winter survival kits, and now another batch for Angel Tree!

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas presents



5th Annual

Sweet Fantasy

Chocolate and More Party

An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

WILDHORSE GOLF CLUB

2100 W. Warm Springs Road, Henderson, NV 89014

Ticket Price: \$25.00* (per person)

Link to order tickets at www.SoroptimistGreaterLasVegas.org or call 702.269.8092

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION



Our Sock It To Me Sock Drive was a big success! When the dust all settled we ended up with close to 800 pairs of new socks for the seniors at East Valley Family Services. There will be a lot of warm toes this winter! We exceeded our goal of 500 pairs of socks thanks to everyone's hard work. A special shout out of thanks to members Sue and Misty, who collected above and beyond.



Kim, along with Kathy Harney, are our cosmetic gurus. They have donated extensive items to the THT Angel Tree. Some lucky young lady will even wear Chanel! They donated new cosmetic bags to hold gift cards too.



Teens Helping Teens Angel Tree



TEENS HELPING TEENS

WOW, Did you know that Angels wear skirts! An outpouring of love, time and treasure for the needy teens on the THT Angel Tree. January will resume with blankets, gloves and cold weather items! Great time to check with friends and co-workers!



Catherine adopted #8 plus extra sleeping bag.



Diana adopted # 3 and #4, plus extra sleeping bag, tent and fleece.



Kim, Kathy H, and Lois Adopted #2



Trude and Barb adopted #6. Loving those fragrances and good food too!



Sue's friends, Nancy & Brian Rogers donated a really cool bike to #5



Lori of Medicare Patrol and Kim adopted #35, she'll be getting a coat too.



Misty adopted #13, she'll enjoy movies and lots of candy!



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Dr Mary adopted #26, filled the entire wish list. Even got 2 pair of Clark Shoes! Wow!



Dr Mary also adopted #27, the child of #26. This little girl will be set with 8 outfits and Jordan tennis shoes. Toys and Food too! All in a giant purple bag.



Tricia from Dr. Herte's adopted #78. Coat, underwear, Tennis and fragrance!



Tricia also adopted #67, Cool down coat, two sets of sweat suits and boxers too.



Trude adopted #15, he needed personal grooming kit, fragrance and Cane's too!

Our Newsletter deadline came before the THT angel tree deadline. More Photos next month!



Special love and blessings on all who contributed gifts to bring cheer to a young person in great need. May many blessings be with you and yours.

Kudos to Teens Helping Teens, their peer support program is amazing, we are so happy to be partners with you!