

HAPPENINGS



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, January 2016

Reach Out, Bring In



President's Ponderings

As the New Year begins, I hope each of you is as proud of our accomplishments as I am. We donated over 700 pairs of socks to EVFS's Santa's Little Helpers, contributed food at Senior

Share, and socialized as Breakfast Buddies. We donated blankets and scarves and holiday gifts to Teens Helping Teens. We sent money to earthquake victims in Nepal and gift cards to flood victims in our region. Kudos to all who worked with Leah and the Service Committee to do all of that. Thanks to Melissa's leadership, we co-hosted the Fall District 6 SNR meeting. In February, we will welcome our third new member this year. You all have done so much to Reach Out and Bring In!

2016 promises to be even more exciting. On January 9, we will join Break These Chains at the Fremont Street Experience. The President's Appeal continues through January, while Breakfast Buddies and Teens Helping Teens continue through June. The "Live You Dream" Art Contest celebration and National Reading Week will take place in January and February, as will our fabulous fundraiser, Sweet Fantasy. Our award banquet at Cili's, our participation at Bears & Binkies and "Pull Out Your Drawers: lie ahead, as does our first Dream It Be It Conference.

With all the elements of our lives competing for equal time, we need to remember to take some essential moments just for ourselves and to honor, cherish, and respect each other as we work together to serve our community and our world. And, of course, have fun!

President Diana

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Break These Chains: 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.



January Program Meeting Off-Site Field Trip to Salvation Army

We are going on a field trip for our January 21 program meeting to tour the Salvation Army campus at 35 W Owens, North Las Vegas, NV 89030, between Main Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. We are meeting at main building at 11:45 am - pull up to gate and ring buzzer. Let them know you are there with Captain Lisa's Soroptimist group.

The tour will take about an hour to hour and a half and it is brown bag for lunch. No worries if you have to leave before end of tour. There will be a wish list sent out via email for items needed for the two new apartments set aside for victims of trafficking. If you have any items you wish to donate, you can bring them with you that day.

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

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MEETINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays: 11:45 am,
Desert Pines Golf Club,
3415 Bonanza Road
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(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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Greetings from SI Chennai, India. Our club friendship link

Our Friendship Link, SI Chennai, has been hard at work helping the poor and homeless in their city. After devastating floods in late November and early December, the city of Chennai was a scene of utter devastation with a death toll almost 500. It was the poor and the homeless who suffered the most and it was Soroptimists who went to the slums every day to distribute bed sheets, clothes, food, etc. Now SI Chennai have started medical camps to prevent the spread of diseases.

Price Increase for Lunch at Meetings



The lunch price at Desert Pines Golf Club has increased from \$15 to \$18.50. We voted, at the January business meeting, to charge members \$19 so the treasurer does not have to deal with quarters. The additional 50 cents will go to the delegates fund. As always, the cost includes meal, drink, tax, tip, private room and there is not a minimum requirement on number of attendees. We can order anything off the menu that is \$11.50 or less or a hamburger.

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The little things?
The little moments?
They aren’t little.”**

Steven Potter



Soroptimist International (SI)

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Committee Happenings

Birthdays: Kathy, Jan 8; Sue, Jan 14; Misty Feb 19;

Fundraising: The Sweet Fantasy Committee is in high gear with our 5th annual fundraiser less than two months from now. Tables are almost sold out and only tickets remain to be sold. Don't wait to purchase tickets as the event will sell out very soon.

We would like to extend special thanks to Jin Caldwell of JinJu Chocolates for once again being a premium sponsor. SusieQ Fine Arts is donating an original work of art as well as some stunning Giclees. Tracy Puckett has donated a gorgeous fused glass art piece on a wrought iron stand named "Mojave Sunset." The Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas has donated an afternoon tea package at their five star Tea Lounge. Total Wine & More in Henderson has donated a wine class & tasting for 20 valued at \$500. Square Colour Salon & Spa have given us a basket filled with luxury products as well as a Cut, Color & Style by Amy Lara valued at \$315. Claire & Dr. Kurli Kurlinski have once again donated a 3 day, 2 night stay in Sedona, Arizona. The Paw Spa Pet Salon, Menopause The Musical, Elayne La Porta Fine Arts, Big Horn Olive Oil Company, Smiths in Southern Highlands, District Attorney Steven Wolfson, Desert Pines Golf Club, Donna Loomis of Canyon Falls Beauty Salon, Nail Technician/Make Up Artist Tiana Nguyen, the Atomic Testing Museum and Trude McMahan are also returning donors. Please support these generous businesses in appreciation for their support of our efforts.

As you can see, there are some fabulous prizes and silent auction items. Remember that Teens Helping Teens, East Valley Family Services Senior Share Program and Bamboo Bridges, all local non-profit organizations, will receive a portion of the proceeds. Additionally, funds will be donated to a local Anti-Human Trafficking project and other SIGLV service projects. Please join us to make this our most successful and FUN fundraiser ever!

Service

The Service Committee has been very busy this month. See the photos and updates on the **Sock It To Me Drive** and **Teens Helping Teens** in this issue. **The Live Your**

Dreams Art Contest came to a close on December 18. We received 65 entries from students attending Mater Academy. Now we have the task of selecting three winners. What a task that will be as all entries are wonderful. At our business meeting we did get the entries down to the top 16. Check your email (from Kathy) for the judging sheet with the top 16 entries. We need everyone to help us choose the top three by the 17th of January.

SIGLV was present at the December Senior Share Program at East Valley Family Services. This service project, **Breakfast Buddies**, continues to be a huge success as we engage in conversation and socialization with the seniors. Please take advantage of the opportunity to make a senior's day by simply talking and being present during a Senior Share Meal at East Valley Family Services. The next date is January 15.

Don't forget Nevada Reading Week is February 29 - March 4. We are asking members, if they are able, to schedule time to read to students at Mater Academy, Cambiero elementary or Beckly elementary schools.

Membership

Captain Lisa Smith is officially a member and will be inducted at our business meeting in February!

Awards

Soroptimist International clubs of Southern Nevada Award Luncheon to honor the winners of the Ruby Award and the Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women will be held at Cili Restaurant at Bali Hai Golf Club at 11:30 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 12.

Public Relations: Check out the *Soroptimist International of the Americas* and *Soroptimist International Greater Las Vegas* Facebook pages and "like" them.

Website:

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



Holiday Lunch Members and Guests 12-16



Celebrating Shirley, Raul, Kristina and the staff at Desert Pines Golf Club! We have been holding our business and program meetings at the golf club for almost 10 years now. They always take great care of us! Thanks

SIGLV Updates

SIGLV Sock Donations Warmed the Toes of Seniors at the Holidays!



Our Sock it To Me Sock Drive surpassed its goal of 500 pairs of new socks for the seniors in the senior service programs at East Valley Services. Kathy Dize, head Elf of Santa's Lil' Helper, shared with us an update on their holiday project (which include our donated socks). " We received over 700 pairs of socks from the Soroptimists which contributed to the over 1800 gifts we provided for the Seniors at East Valley Family Services. The gifts were distributed during the month of December as the seniors picked up their monthly food. We well exceeded our goal of 1000 and the dream of 1500 gifts. It is always very energizing for our friends and family to provide a small token of holiday cheer for someone to enjoy."



President's Appeal extended through January

We are still collecting for the President's Appeal. We have \$240 so far and will accept donations through the end of the month. This biennium, Soroptimist globally are coming together to help support the women of Nepal in their efforts to rebuild their earthquake ravaged county. Among the projects benefiting from the President's Appeal is SI Truckee Meadows' Nepal Project.

Reflections of a Teen Angel Tree!

from Teens Helping Teens *Savannah and Siena*



We have never been so overwhelmed with such an out pouring of help and support for a Teens Helping Teens program! EVER! We wish it could be Christmas all year long! Because the kids don't go away the rest of the year, the problems don't disappear. They need food, help staying in school, clothes, hygiene, warmth, hydration, love, a friend, encouragement, and so much more! But this year, has been AMAZING! and none of it would have been possible without YOU! Our angels. We love you all and your support has meant everything to us and to so many teens.

We delivered all over town, in homes, at schools, shelters, drop in centers and even to a few tents and cars! You have all been so great this year, and we could not be more inspired, rejuvenated to the cause, humbled, or full of joy! Each of you deserves the biggest hug, the most blessings and a place of honor in the Teens Helping Teens family!

Every gift was perfect. Every gift was loved. Every gift was more than these teens asked for or expected or have ever had someone care enough to give them. And YOU gave them this! YOU, ladies. Our Soroptimist Angels, gave the gift of true Christmas spirit to us all this year, and we thank you with all of our hearts!

Calendar



Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 11:45 am, Desert Pines Golf Club (note new lunch increase to \$19)

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



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