



# SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CARSON CITY HIGHLIGHTS



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## Our Girls of the Month!



Our Girls of the month focuses on honoring senior, female students from Carson High School who have achieved academic excellence, exemplify good citizenship qualities through participation in community service and help at home. At the end of the year, one Girl of the Month is chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue her chosen career path at an institution of higher learning. Each of the students above has accomplished these goals and their individual achievements are described on page two.

At right is the head Guidance Counselor for Carson High School who spoke to us about the responsibilities of the six counselors who meet at least once with their 300 students helping them to succeed academically and make choices in their chosen paths of endeavor.



### **SI/Carson City Highlights**

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**Aneet Mand**, our September Girl of the Month was unable to attend. She is a National Honor Society member and a Student Council member. She is a member of Link Crew as well as a HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) member and volunteers at Carson Tahoe Hospital. She also tutors at Carson High School. Aneet is Indian and plans to attend UNR and specialize in Pediatrics.



Our October Girl of the Month is **Kara Berggren**. Kara is a National Honor Society member, has received Academic Excellence Awards and is a member of HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America). Kara would like to join the Peace Corps and eventually become a wildlife veterinarian. Her mother was a Girl of the Month in 1981!

**Emma Breeding** is our November Girl of the Month. She has received Academic Excellence Awards, is the senior representative of the National Honor Society, and is on the academic all-state team as well as a member of the Link crew. She is on the varsity ski, tennis and swim teams and teaches life-guarding. Emma also plays the piano and the sax. She volunteers at her church and is one of 6 kids. Emma's sister, Katy, attended with her and is currently at UNR studying engineering and was previously a Girl of the Month Scholarship winner.



Our December Girl of the Month, **Jiavanna Wong-Fortunato**, is a Key Club member, a member of Future Business Leaders and has been both president and vice-president of HOSA where she received silver at the state competition. She is also president of Skills, USA and attended the national competition. Jiavanna is captain of the Track & Field team, volunteers at the Salvation Army, participates in the Kiwanis cancer run, and the Advocates to End Domestic Violence. She will attend UNR and medical school hoping to work overseas helping with kids dental care internationally.



Our January Girl of the Month is **Mia Brozovich**. Mia is the president of the Teen Leadership Council, president of the Judicial Court at Carson High School and vice-president of Rotary-sponsored Interact which is eradicating polio. She also volunteers with FISH, the Salvation Army and the Carson Valley Food Bank. She plans to pursue a Career in business and as a tri-lingual individual, hopes to become a translator.



## **MEMBERSHIP IN SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CARSON CITY**

Are you interested in joining the largest classified organization in the world? We would love to have you visit one of our program lunches to experience the joy of giving and receiving the benefits of camaraderie and accomplishment in our local community and the joy of providing aid to women and girls globally.

We usually meet for Program Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month and invite you to contact our club for a reservation by calling 297-4890, or you may visit us on our website at [www.sicarsoncity.org](http://www.sicarsoncity.org). You may also email us at [sicarsoncity@gmail.com](mailto:sicarsoncity@gmail.com) for more information.

**You will experience an atmosphere of members with the ability to do together what we cannot accomplish alone.**

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President Jean “re-inducted” the newest member of SI/Carson City, Sherry Griffin- Grundy. Sherry served as president of our club in 2010-2011 and is welcomed back by Didi Chaney who is pleased to serve as her sponsor. Sherry is a seasoned Soroptimist as she was a prior member of both SI/Truckee Meadows and SI/South Lake Tahoe.

We are happy to have you back  
In our club, Sherry!



## Gossip:

President Jean commended the Girls of the Month for their achievements.

Charlene Spinner returned from Christmas with the grandgirls in San Francisco.

Dianne Hilliard commended the parents of the Girls of the Month for their commitment to their students' education.

Lila Brown commented on the amount of dedication these girls have in accomplishing their activities and community service.

Mary Luster is “verticle” for 2017 and celebrating another New Year.

Joan Andreas said her grandson is at Carson High School and wanted to praise the Wolf Pack for beating new Mexico in overtime this past week.

Jan McCauley commented on the valuable program called Interratory which is a Rotary program designed to eradicate polio.

Didi Chaney announced her retirement at the end of the month from Valley Staffing Solutions.

Parent Lynn Berggren thanked Soroptimist for the Girl of the Month program as she was honored in 1981!

The Girl of the Month program is over 30 years old.

Katy Breeding, Emma Breeding's sister, was a previous Girl of the Month and is currently studying Biology, Chemistry and Psychology at UNR.

### ***Soroptimist International Mission Statement:***

Improving the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

### **Soroptimist Aims:**

- To maintain high ethical standards in business and professional life:
- To strive for human rights for all people and, in particular, to advance the status of women.
- To quicken the spirit of service and human understanding.
- To contribute to international understanding and universal friendship.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Birthdays:

Sandy Nurse Feb 4  
Karen Peterson Feb 25

## Soroptimist Anniversaries

Sandy Nurse Feb 2016

## Anniversaries:

Charlene Spinner Feb 19

### **Meeting Calendar:**

February 8<sup>th</sup> Tracy Turner & Gini Davis  
Community Foundation  
of Western Nevada  
February 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting  
All members Welcome!  
February 22<sup>th</sup> Business meeting –  
Members Only – No Guests

### Our Laurel Society Members:

Joan Andreas	Maudie Long
Ava Atkins	Mary Luster
Lila Brown	Karen Peterson
Dixie Busch	Pat Riggs
Didi Chaney	Arlene Schreiber
Marilyn Lewis	Dianne Hilliard

### Mark Your Calendars:

February 11 Winter District V Meeting-  
Reno  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sierra Nevada Region  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

### **February**

African-American History Month  
National Sweet Potato Month  
National Boost-Your-Self-Esteem Month  
National Canned Food Month  
National Hot Breakfast Month  
National Snack Food Month  
Berry Fresh in the Sunshine State Month  
National Dental Month  
Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket  
Month  
Chocolate Lover's Month  
Bake for Family Fun Month  
Great American Pies Month  
North Carolina Sweet Potato Month  
National Grapefruit Month  
National Cherry Month  
National Bird Feeding Month  
American Heart Month  
American History Month  
Creative Romance Month  
Human Relations Month

### **SI/Carson City**

#### **Statistics (2/1/17):**

# of Regular Members	28
<u># of Active Life Members</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Membership	35

### **Who's Who in 2016-17:**

SI	Yvonne Simpson
SIA Pres	RoseMarie Reid
SNR Gov	Vicki Watson
SNR Gov Elect	Lane Parks
District VI Director	Sarah Walker

### Websites:

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You must create an  
individual password

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