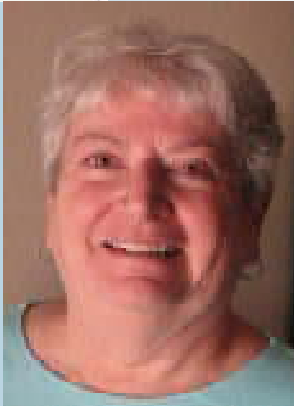




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**President's Column**

Share the Love

By the time you read this, Sweet Fantasy will be upon us. I hope you and your guests enjoy JinJu's finest and Popcorn Girl, knowing that the funds raised will help many in our community and

federation. We all owe Kim Harney-Moore more than I can say, as she has stepped up her efforts after Susie Magit's injuries. The event will be incredible and the silent auction promises to go down to the wire.

Our program on February 16 features Emily Paulson, Executive Director of Nevada Homeless Alliance. She will be speaking about Family Connect, a resource fair for homeless and low-income families with children. I encourage you to bring guests to learn about this important outreach.

On Thursday April 27, Barbara Agonia and I will be leading a day at the legislature in Carson City. Scheduled events will depend on the legislative calendar, but will include meetings with one or more members from Southern Nevada. I hope those who are attending Region Conference are able to add this to their schedules.

We will be selecting the nominating committee at our next business meeting. Please think about serving and ask Catherine or Lois if you have questions. Our program for Women's History Month on March 16 will feature Nancy Hippert with a presentation about the Harvey Girls. This is one you do not want to miss.

May all our lives be filled with love and peace.

**President Trude**

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**We LOVE Vita Drew!**

An original star of Menopause The Musical Las Vegas and 3 time Emmy Award winner, Vita has agreed to be our Mistress of Ceremonies for our annual Sweet Fantasy

fundraiser on Sunday, February 12, 1:30 - 4:30 pm at IPEC Las Vegas. We can't wait! Thanks you so much Vita!

**Distinguished Speaker Program  
Thurs, February 16**

**Emily Paulsen  
Exec. Director  
Nevada Homeless  
Alliance**



She will speak about the organization in general, but their May event dedicated to women and families in particular. The club has decided to partner with them on this May event.



Hello SIGLV Angels

We are all so grateful for your unending support:) THT is so blessed to have you. Let me start by letting you know how sorry the girls are that thank you letters and cards were next to

impossible this year as they struggled to get events done and all gifts out. They usually have supplies with them and help the teens convey their gratitude. a big part of the program. The teens are and were so excited and so grateful, but THT dropped the ball on helping them get cards and thanks done. We wanted to let you all know that you made a HUGE difference and changed some lives too. Thank you. Never doubt the importance or the appreciation for what you do. Love and hugs always. THT and the Prenger family

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# Club Resource Page

## Club Board 2016-2017

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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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*Mark Your Calendar*

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

Feb 2 Business Meeting:  
 Feb 16 Program Meeting  
 Mar 2 Business Meeting

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

SNR Conference: April 28-30, 2017  
 Atlantis Hotel, Reno.

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

SI International Convention, July 2019,  
 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

**Sweet Fantasy, Sunday, Feb 12, 2017**



BTC made note cards of top three winners in each category of the Awareness art contest to use as a fundraiser. The art will be featured as part of a year long trafficking awareness campaign. First stop Pahrump Valley Library.



**Birthday:**  
 Feb 14: Sue

Feb 14:  
 THT Siena is 17!



Culture Shock Las Vegas group photo at BTC event, wearing blue to support LVMPD "Go True Blue" month of January!



Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)  
[www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)

**"America is committed to the world because so much of the world is inside America,"**  
 Ronald Reagan



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# Committees plus This and That....

**BREAKFAST BUDDIES:** Feb 17, EVFS 8:30 am – noon

**Dream It, Be It!** The 2017 Dream It, Be It: Career Support event will occur on April 17 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.

**Roster updates are due, new phone numbers for Diana and for Shirley have been sent. Please send your updates to Lois and we'll circulate a new roster. HELP, one person responded (Thanks Dawn!!!!)**

**PRESS:** BTC/ Culture Shock had blue shirts, their group pix was reposted with "Go Blue" post. LVMPD Foundation facebook page and Instagram feed picked it the last day of January. BTC event had a great RJ article mention SI and was recognized in SNR Enewsletter. Fox 5 news had a nice piece and later called to get human trafficking quote. Sarah Walker did the interview.

## WOW Moments....

Kudos to former member **Fern Adair**, retiring Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts after more than 43 years. She and Ray will enjoy a well deserved retirement! **Sue** and Wally now in their new NW home! **Kim** in Atlanta to enjoy Sadie's Birthday! Nice to see **Leah** at BTC human trafficking awareness day event to sing. Did you know **JinJu** is listed as one of the top 10 chocolatiers in the country? Lovely feature called "The Dark Arts" in Feb issue Desert Companion. [www.facebook.com/DesertCompanion](http://www.facebook.com/DesertCompanion) .



RIP Roxy, Condolences to Kim.



**ITS HERE!  
FEB 12, 2017**

Sweet Fantasy – Sunday, February 12, 2017, 1:30 pm to 4:30pm  
**Venue:** IPEC (Intl Peace Education Center) Las Vegas 6590 Bermuda Road, Las Vegas NV 89119

**Silent Auction and Raffle WOW items, Thank you!**

**Sweet Fantasy Centerpieces under construction!  
Thanks to members and friends !**



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**Break These Chains...**



SNR District 6 Director Sarah



Culture Shock Las Vegas, Fremont Street Experience Event



Miss Leah, "Break These Chains" feature song



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**THT Report**



Currently THT is working hard to try to figure out how to do a great thing with a donated playhouse. So far no luck on help getting it out of its home and trailered over to Boys Town, which is where THT thinks it will go.

Looking for Angel contacts! Do you know someone in construction, cranes (like AC) or other business who might take on this amazing move. Boys (and Girls) town has six

houses and is zoned to have this placed. You should see the inside. What a generous donation THT has received. Hopefully we have contacts to help make it happen.

**BASIC NEEDS:**

Hygiene Kits

Winter Survival Kits

Food and Clothes

Food gift cards are always needed

**EASTER SPRING BASKETS:** THT asks if we could help with Easter baskets? Candy and protein type bar snacks in inexpensive dollar store baskets? And we can add a food gift card and scarves or something (we still have scarves) and we have sunglasses to add for a SPRING INTO SPRING type of theme. I like the Easter basket idea, lets focus on that. Maybe little prayer books or daily reflection (inspiring quotes type of things) books or journals. Art supplies? Any other ideas? Looking for 30 baskets! Remember if you have a donation contact, we have a donation request letter you can use. Contact Kathy or Lois.

**GRAD Baskets:** THT is ahead on the grad baskets this year thanks to SIGVL donations (Thanks Kim for all those cards!) More items will be mentioned next month.

**Happy Birthday** to Siena as she turns 17 on Valentines day! She's in her Junior year and buried with classes. She is also taking a CSN (American Sign Language) night class. Here THT activities include orchestrated huge distribution events for all of this past week and is doing great managing new younger volunteers. Yay, she's going to Laguna and Disneyland for her Birthday! Plus she'll be there to support SIGLV at Sweet Fantasy! Amazing young woman!



**OTHER HAPPENINGS**

**SI ANNOUNCES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY 2017-19**



Soroptimist International President, Yvonne Simpson says: "On behalf of the Soroptimist International Board of Directors I am delighted to announce the appointment of Hafdis Karlsdottir as the SI Assistant Director of Advocacy for the next biennium 2017 – 2019. Soroptimist International

believes succession planning and mentoring are excellent tools for our theme, "Educate to Lead," which applies to project work and strategic leadership development. Hafdis will take up the role at the end of July 2017 and we wish her every success in the role".

Joining Soroptimist International as a member of Soroptimist Club of Kópavogur in Iceland in 1989, Hafdis has shown ongoing commitment to the Soroptimist vision and mission. Hafdis explains: "Although I only became a Soroptimist in 1989, I have known the movement and what it stands for since 1974, when my mother joined the organisation. She still is and has always been a very active Soroptimist and has taught me to make a difference in the world, to care for others, and to never take anything for granted." Ed note: Congratulations to Hafdis, She will represent us well! Warm regards to all Icelandic Soroptimists!



SI News: Anusha Santhirasthipam is to host two live Webinar Training sessions, intended for Soroptimist International delegates of CSW61, and all Soroptimists interested in advocacy, government engagement, networking and policy lobby work at the United Nations Centres. Click on the link below for further information. Please use the LINK below to join the Webinar and register for CSW61 Session 1 on Feb 11, 2017 7:00 PM AEDT

**LINK:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5064278369808491266>

Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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You are invited to the  
 Soroptimist International Clubs of Southern Nevada

# Awards Luncheon

In honor of the winners of the  
**Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women**  
 and

**Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**11:00 am – 1:30 pm**

(Doors open at 10:30 am)

**Cili Restaurant at Bali Hai Golf Club**

5160 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV

\$39.00 per person

**R.S.V.P.** Melissa McDonald:

702-433-6025 or machippo@cox.net

**by February 24, 2017**

Make Check Payable to SI Greater Las Vegas

**Southern Nevada Soroptimist Clubs:**

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas

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Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Las Vegas

Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley



**Join us for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**



**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

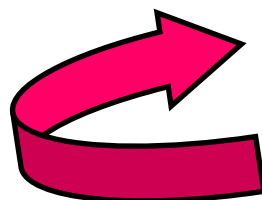
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