

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, MAY 2017



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**President's Column**

**May Musings**

We are rapidly approaching the end of another club year and the past months has been extremely busy. As I noted last month, committees should be preparing their annual reports to be presented at the June business meeting. The reports should include suggestions for the next club

year and any changes proposed to the committee budget.

There has been a change to the project planning committee, as Diana Walla is having serious mobility issues. Kim Harney-Moore has agreed to serve as coordinator. Some ideas have been received, but there is still time.

Officers for the upcoming club year have been elected, (see page 2). Installation will be on Saturday, June 3 at 11:30 at Desert Pines. Sue Cavaco is planning the food and I hope all of you are able to attend and bring guests.

As most of you know, Barb Agonia was unable to travel to Reno for the SNR conference. Sue Cavaco, Susie Magit, Esther Gregurak, and I represented SIGLV. It was great to see Susie, who is still recovering from her car accident. Sue gave a report on the conference at our business meeting and will be providing a written report for our records. Special kudos to the Sweet Fantasy team for an exceptional fundraiser which won first place in the Celebrating Success: Fundraiser category. We also received a \$1,000.00 grant from SNR for our Teens Helping Teens projects. Recently, Project Family Connect gave us an opportunity to directly help homeless families and youth by giving of our time. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend. It was especially nice to see Kathy Harney, our honorary member.

President Trude

**MAY 18 PROGRAM MEETING**

**CHERYL WRIGHT**

Cheryl Wright, manager of the Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services, is now starting and supervising a program called *Focus*. This program was designed to access and help youths throughout Nevada who are having problems. All children, whether involved in the system or not, CAN receive help from these free services. Any parent may bring their children for help.

**Don't miss this interesting speaker  
Thurs, May 18**

**Desert Pines Golf Club  
11:45-12:45**

**Installation: Sat, June 3  
11:30 am  
Desert Pines Golf Club**



With Conference behind us now, we are looking ahead to our next event. Mark your calendars for **Soroptimist Development**

**Retreat July 8-9, 2017** at the Atlantis Casino Spa Resort. We hope to have about 16 breakout sessions along with two general sessions. This is not just for your club officer training, there's something for ALL Soroptimists

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

**May 4 Business Meeting:  
May 18 Program Meeting  
June 1 Business Meeting**

**Board Meeting May 27** 10 am 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

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# Club Resource Page

## Club Board 2016-2017

President: Trude McMahan  
 Vice President: Esther Gregurek  
 Secretary: Catherine Bellver  
 Treasurer: Barbara Agonia  
 Director: Nancy Hippert  
 IPP: Diana Walla  
 2 year Delegate: Susie Magit  
 1 year Delegate: Sue Cavaco  
**Committees LIST will be on Website Member Only Tab**

## SIGLV Incoming 2017-2018 Board

President: Alicia Davison  
 President-Elect: Esther Gregurek  
 Vice President: Nancy Hippert  
 Secretary: Catherine Bellver  
 Treasurer: Ann Taylor  
 Director: Shirley Hancen  
 Two-year delegate: Dawn Walker

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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.**

Committee Contact Lois Sagel  
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**SIGLV Welcomes returning new member Ann Taylor, We're so pleased you've rejoined us!**



WOW! SIGLV received SNR Celebrating Success first place award for our Sweet Fantasy Fundraiser! Kudos to the amazing committee and members who worked so hard to make this annual event happen!



**Dream It Be It, So. Nevada**

THT did a presentation to the students. SIGLV Prez Trude presented a service fund check to THT, Siena!

*Happy Birthday!* May 21 Kim  
 May 31 Dr Mary



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

*OMG my mother was right about everything..*



Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)  
[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)



Soroptimist International (SI)  
[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

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# Committees plus This and That....

**Dream It, Be It!** The 2017 Dream It, Be It: Career Support event, presented by the three Las Vegas clubs, was a big success! The eighth grade girls at Mater Academy, a charter school in Las Vegas, had a productive and fun day and the staff was very supportive. We plan to see these students again during their sophomore year for a follow-up program.

**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!

**Rape Crisis Center:** Congrats, Denim Day 2017 raised more than \$36,000! WOW!

**SNR Conference: Reno:** SIGLV Delegates enjoyed their SNR conference! Club delighted to bring home 1st place award for Celebrating Success: Fundraising. Cheers to our Sweet Fantasy committee. We also received a \$1000 endowment grant for THT Fleece winter kits. Pres Trude, Esther, Sue and Susie represented us well. Can't wait to read their reports!

**Reminder:** Club dues are due before end of June!



**Thank you!** Received a nice thank you note from East Valley Family Services for donating funds to create snack bags for over 100 children at this year's Bears and Binkies Preventative Child Abuse Open House.

**WOW Moments!** Wounded members recovering include: **Susie** had wrist surgery; **Diana** injured her "good" knee; **Barb** had an hypertension event. Wishing all a quick recovery!

**Kathy** received touching "Appreciation" note from some of her students! Great way to complete her first year of teaching!

Dr **Mary** relocated her office just down the road. Wow, its beautiful.

Wonderful to see **Kathy Harney** at the Family Connect event. She's such a caring woman!



## Original Soroptimist Emblem- the lady pin

The original Soroptimist emblem was designed by Anita Thompson of Alameda County to reflect something reflecting our Soroptimist aims and ideals.

The design, along with 18 other designs, was submitted to conference in Washington DC. The designer explained the emblem represents "womanhood with her arms uplifted in gesture of freedom and acceptance of the responsibilities of the best and highest good. The leaves and the acorns represent the strength of our organization and the leaves of the laurel typify victory and achievement." The design was approved unanimously and adopted officially. The original mold was sculptured by Victor Alonza Lews of Juneau, a nationally known artist. His daughter found the mold and presented it to the Soroptimist Club of Juneau in May 1950. The emblem has been used by all four federations.

In recent years, federations began moving away from this historical emblem to federation specific images. Note: SIA has officially asked all clubs to phase out the use of the SI emblem by 2019 In favor of the SIA "S" brand.



**Soroptimist International Southwest Pacific**



**SIGLV, along with other So. Nv. Clubs are recipients of SNR endowment grants. SIGLV received a \$1000 grant to assist the teens at THT create blankets for the winter kits. Kudos to the clubs amazing grant writers who helped us help others!**

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**SERVICE UPDATE**



**AMAZING NEWS:** The THT CLUBHOUSE is moved to St. Jude's Ranch.

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. 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, Food gift cards are always needed



Fill Good Friday! THT Street Outreach on May 5 - Las Vegas' first 100 degree day! A LOT of food, clothing and hygiene products were distributed. Awesome job THT!

THT shared that some of the kids had no shoes. It broke their hearts to not have shoes for them when they could see their feet were burning on the hot asphalt! Next outreach, lots of flip flops needed!



- Donations of any size are welcomed & appreciated!
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available (626-394-1303)
- Complimentary Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies.
- Buy 2 loaves & get a FREE Honey Whole Wheat loaf.
- For any donations made to Teens Helping Teens, receive a Gift Bag!

**Teens Helping Teens**

**"Join the Movement"**

[www.teenshelpingteens.co](http://www.teenshelpingteens.co)

In Support of Homeless and Sheltered Teens

at Great Harvest Bread Co.

... A Community Event!

**HELPING YOUR LOCAL YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE!**

**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY  
11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

We are excited about our collaboration with 501(c) 3 Nonprofit Teens Helping Teens, and dedicated sponsors Protégé Media Group and Charming Smiles General & Cosmetic Dentistry of Las Vegas.

Come join us for music, food, and fun while making a difference for the teens in your community.



GREAT HARVEST BREAD CO.  
6475 N Decatur Blvd  
Ste 150  
Las Vegas, NV 89131  
Phone: 702-597-0550  
Saturday  
May 20, 2017  
Time: 11a.m – 3p.m.



Red Nose Day makes it fun to come together and make a difference. Wear a red nose on May 25 to raise money and awareness for kids in need at home and around the world. Red noses will be available at the meeting on the 18th or pick

one up at Walgreens. Send your photo to Kathy to be included in our Red Nose Day post on Facebook of May 25.

Lois sez: My schnauzer Lexi is going to pose too! Lexi is also purchasing a box of Three Dog Bakery canine/ feline treats for the best of the fur baby pix. We'll let THT pick out the winner!

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Recent post on Facebook by Jenny James, member of SI Bristol, England: "This is one of Nala's kittens, a tabby, who is

female. To me her name is Maffy. Named after a lady who passed away last year. She became a dear friend, who I am sure is missed by many."

Jenny visited Las Vegas in September of 2014.

A bunch of members met her for lunch. Maffy was not able to make it, but through the power of social media, the two became friends.

They were truly kindred souls, bonding over their love of cats! And, yes Jenny, Maffy is missed by many. RIP, dear friend.



SIGLV not only helped sponsor **Family Connect**, we volunteered too! We sorted, folded, and hung up clothes, plus helped participants shop. This awesome FREE Nevada Homeless Alliance outreach event was an opportunity for families and youth to be introduced to community services and have fun! Thanks Kim and mom Kathy, Dawn, Ann, Trude, Catherine, Alicia, Leah, Claire, Barb and Kathy for representing SIGLV!

### Update on the Human Trafficking Victims Confidential Apartments Decorating Program

*"In every single incident, the clients have been more than happy and grateful to have a comfy, quiet, and cozy place to start their recovery. Our program is grateful for the support because it gives us an opportunity to offer housing to human trafficking victim while still encouraging and holding them responsible to follow through with their recovery case plan. Without Soroptimist's support, we would not have the ability to offer this option for them."*

Program Director

In January of 2016, a local nonprofit organization helping human trafficking victims decided to designate two confidential studio apartments to house adult victims of human trafficking on a temporary basis while more permanent housing is coordinated. SIGLV

committed to helping with decorating and stocking the apartments with items so they could become comfortable, secure havens for human trafficking victims taking their first steps to becoming survivors.

The first apartment became available in March of 2016 and within a week we had it ready for its first client. The second apartment became available in July of 2016.

From March 2016 to March 2017, the organization has had a total of eight clients who have occupied the studio apartments: six women, one male and one transgender. The shortest length of stay was three days. The longest was a

90+ day period.

The apartments have been used in the following situations for human trafficking victims:

- Long weekend as transitional housing while waiting to leave town and return home.
- Transitional housing for women transferring from shelter to independent living
- Long term while client awaits immigration status or social security financial support
- Short term housing solution while client escapes dangerous situation



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# Up and coming

## Save the Date

New Leadership Nevada 2017  
Keynote Dinner

Thursday, June 8, 2017  
Reception at 5pm  
Dinner & Program at 6pm

FEATURING  
Restaurateur & Philanthropist  
**Jenna Morton**



National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership

WOMEN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NEVADA



Seniors and Law Enforcement Together  
(S.A.L.T.) Council  
Invites you to

Celebrate Older American's Month

## Senior Safety Fair



May 24, 2017  
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Senior Services Provider Resource Fair  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Safety Presentations and Q&A Session  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

- Fire Safety and Falls Prevention
- Public Utilities
- Personal Safety
- Healthcare Fraud

Door Prizes and Entertainment

### EVENT LOCATION

Sam's Town  
5111 Boulder Hwy,  
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Inside The  
Ponderosa Ballroom

FREE to Attend

Open to the  
PUBLIC

### Door Prizes:

- Gift Cards
- Propane Table Top Grill from Southwest Gas
- Many MORE!



Drop Off Unused or Expired Medications



Let's celebrate!

## 2017 Soroptimist Recognition Banquet

Join your Soroptimist friends as we celebrate our achievements and honor our SIA leadership. This fun-filled event will include the award presentations, recognition of outgoing and incoming board members, and the installation of 2017-2018 SIA President Dawn Marie Lemonici. Tickets are available for \$90 USD each.

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Canada  
Saturday, June 24, 2017, 6-9:30 pm  
Three-course meal, entertainment, awards  
More info: [soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org)

## Join us for a Flapjack Fundraiser!

East Valley Family Services is proud to host a  
**Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's!**

Pancake  
Breakfast



When: Sunday May 21st, 2017

Time: 8am-10am

Where: Applebee's 3340 S. Maryland Pkwy at the corner of Desert Inn and Maryland Parkway

Tickets are \$10 per person and breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and juice or coffee. This fundraiser will help feed our at risk families. East Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to helping families, children and seniors become and remain self-sufficient through education, training and support.



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Let's make  
a difference!

Join NIA, Care and Three Square Food Bank to give back to our community. Pack food for moms and families across the state to nourish them and your soul. Lunch to follow!

All NIA Members, office staff and family members over age 10 are welcome. The food bank asks for help sorting and packaging food for distribution, so come prepared to work in a warehouse.

May 14, 2017 • 9:45am to 12:00pm

Three Square Food Bank  
4190 N. Pecos Road • Las Vegas, NV

Please wear close-toed shoes and covered shoulders (this is mandatory).

RSVP at [nevadajustice.org](http://nevadajustice.org)

For questions, please contact Lana at 702.732.8409 or [helena@nevadajustice.org](mailto:helena@nevadajustice.org)

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