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Empowering disadvantaged women and girls to live up to their potential

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Club Meeting

1st & 3rd Thur.
Desert Pines Golf
11:45 am, lunch \$19

Nov 2 Business
Nov 16 joint mtg
Nov Board Meeting
Dec2 Business

Other Meetings!

SNR Region conference,
April 27-29 2018, Atlantis
Reno

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

SI International
Convention, July 2019,
Kuala Lumpur Malaysia



President's Message

I think the best quote that describes Soroptimists club members is one of my favorites, "You are all unique in all this world."

My case in point is Amelia Nancy Hippert. Vice-President Nancy has been fulfilling the duty of Thought for the Day for club meetings since this year began. In October she shared with the club how she chose the thoughts for that month. She researched who else had been born on her birthday. It turned out to be Oprah Winfrey and Kim Kardashian. luckily she chose Oprah and here are the quotes:

"If it doesn't make sense, it's usually not true."

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to have a good memory."

Common Sense is not Common."

"Only a fool tests the depth of the water by jumping in with both feet. "

Nancy is my pick for unique this month both with her thoughts but also for her willingness to jump into any task with both feet. Those of you who are absent from meetings, do not participate in committees or answer e-mails are missing out on the richness of sharing your unique selves with other club members.

Being a member for over twenty-five years has made my life richer for all the unique moments and I thank each and every one of you.

President Alicia

**PROGRAM NOV 16
Special combined
meeting**

The program meeting for this month is a joint meeting of Las Vegas Valley and Greater Las Vegas from 11:45 to 1:30.

Sierra Nevada Region Governor Vicki and Governor Elect Lane as well as District Director Sarah will be our guests.

Sarah will be conducting a work shop titled, Healthy. Wealthy.Wise Club.

We encourage your attendance at this special meeting. Note the meeting will run until 1:30 pm.

**NOV 16 Program
11:45—1:30
Desert Pines Golf Club**



**The HUGE Teens Helping Teens Blanket,
scarf**

and winter kit exchange

Sunday, November 26, 1:30-2:30 PM

Where: Lois, 8164 Sedona Sunset Dr, LV 89128

Meet THT founders Siena and Savannah, and their amazing parents. Meet some of the awesome young women and men who are THT Volunteers. We're meeting for photos and transfer of our fall service resources. This unbelievable stash is a result of the SNR matching grant for blankets and scarves, and your service dollars at work for winter emergency kit supplies.

So many have put in so many hours, we are making a huge difference!

Pleeeeeease let us know if you can attend. soroptimist.glv@cox.net Kim, Kathy and Lois

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11/25/2017**



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Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training

It's November, and in Soroptimist that means thinking about the **December 10 International President's Appeal**. The President of Soroptimist International, every year, chooses a project which will be funded by all the members of Soroptimist International throughout the world. The idea is that each Soroptimist member picks one day out of the year and decides to sacrifice the cost of some indulgence she regularly enjoys. Maybe it's a Starbucks or a pack of cigarettes or a new pair of workout clothes or a lipstick. Maybe it's eating a meal in a restaurant instead of cooking at home. Maybe it's a show or a movie or a DVD. You get the point. We all have stuff we can do without.

This indulgence money goes to fund a major project of Soroptimist International. Historically we have built those wells in Senegal that SOLTy told you about before; we have removed land mines from roads and fields in war-torn lands like Laos where women and children were being maimed on a daily basis by those land mines. We trained women to remove them, thus creating

jobs as well as life-saving open spaces. We have built schools for girls, created medical facilities, bought mosquito netting to ward off dreadful diseases. We brought solar cookers to refugee camps and other distressed areas. Ninety-five thousand Soroptimists all working together to accomplish a single goal is what the President's Appeal is all about.

This year International President Mariot Verhoef-Cohen has chosen "Women, Water, and Leadership" as the President's Appeal Project. The idea is to engage in five projects on five continents to train women to become active leaders in water management. Again there will be multiple outcomes. Among them are the sustainability of the earth's water and waterways, the training of women to engage in solving problems, and providing opportunities for the improved health of communities. As we in SIGLV consider our individual sacrifices to become part of this international effort, let's try to remember how much we actually have as individuals and how deeply we are engaged in improving the lives of women and girls throughout the entire world. Till next time, Love, SOLTy



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(SIA)**

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Board Action: OCT

Vice-President **Esther** brought back four awards from District meeting-Club Giving, Live Your Dream Participation, Efforts to increase SIA's collective impact, Dream It Be It Participation.

Esther also gave some readiness tips for the President's Appeal beginning in December.

Our sincerest thanks to SI Truckee Meadows for their condolence wishes for the Las Vegas Tragedy.

Sweet Fantasy Sweet Fantasy has started their preliminary work. Kim asked all of us to think about ticket sales and donors. Our new location will be **The Hard Rock Café on the Las Vegas Strip, February 11, 2018.**

Awards Committee The SIGLV Awards Committee welcomes nominations for the Ruby Award. The

Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work. The names along with contact information of nominees should be sent to committee chair Catherine (cgbellver@gmail.com) by **November 15.**

Senior Share: Breakfast Buddies
The service committee asked members to come and help serve Thanksgiving dinner for the Senior Share participants on Nov 17 anytime from 10 to 1 at East Valley Family Services.

The once a month senior breakfast is usually the 3rd Friday., 8:30-11:30 am at East Valley Family Services. Members are welcome to serve and socialize.

Dream It, Be It

DIBI has been scheduled for **Friday, May 4**. DIBI 2 for high school sophomores next fall, scheduled the

planning meeting for Saturday, **November 18 at 10 am** at Barb Agonia's Soroptihouse.

Please bring all your great ideas. If you send some of them ahead of time to Diana Walla She'll get them out to the clubs so people can think about them before the meeting.



WOW Moments!

Barbara had surgery in California. She'll be in hospital 5-7 days: Keck Hospital of USC, 1500 San Pablo St, Los Angeles, CA 90033, ROOM 6313. After release she will be there for a week. Cards then can be sent to her home. Love, encouragement and prayers help.

Condolences for **Sue Cavaco** whose grandmother passed away last week.

Kim Harney and hubby headed to Atlanta to baby sit grand children. She is looking forward to the visit.

Dawn Walker had a three day Mary Kay Open House and prior to that accompanied the Veteran's with Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Lois is proud to report Lexi, her dog, passed her CGC and therapy dog exams. First visit to a rehab was amazing!



SIGLV March 2011 members pose with the new SIA Live your Dream message!

Enjoy the P I X you up Foto? Send your favorite "happy picture" for future editions.



SIGLV SERVICE COMMITTEE EMBRACES THE EMBRACING PROJECT

The Service Committee has been very busy getting involved with the Embracing Project. This organization assists teenage girls who have been victims of human trafficking to regain their lives in a variety of ways. Safe shelter, clothing, identification, education and support groups are a small number of ways the Embracing Project assists these young girls. Some of the girls are mothers or expected mothers on a journey to lead better lives.

The Embracing Project was an elected Service Committee project for this year. The committee really wanted to be hands on engaging with these young girls. We established a partnership with Embracing Project founder Esther Brown. She gave us ideas on workshop presentations that could really have an impact on the girls. A Service Committee Meeting was held and we were on our way!

On October 9, our first presentation took place at the Embracing Project. Claire Kurlinsky, Nancy Hippert and Leah Guevara met three of the most amazing girls to discuss the topic of Employment Readiness. The girls were greeted with popcorn, pretzels and Doritos to snack on because you can't learn if you don't munch as your processing wonderful ideas, right? The SIGLV members went around and gave a brief summary of who they were personally, professionally and as Soroptimist sisters. The girls went around and gave us the pleasure of learning about who they were. Two were 17 years old and one had just turned 18.

Then came the question, How many of you have had experience with employment? All three girls answered at the same time. Each girl was given an opportunity to discuss their employment history, and their educational goals for future career goals. One said she loved cooking. Another said she would like to work in the music industry as a music producer. One was unsure what she wanted to do. However, she went into great detail about the unsanitary environment while she worked at a fast food restaurant. She gave specific details and talked about the fact she would never put anyone's health at risk by serving food from a dirty environment. It was at that moment she was informed she would make a most excellent health inspector or quality control inspector. She became very excited learning about the possibilities where a career was concerned.

The presentations last for approximately 90 minutes. The next presentation will be on November 13. The topic will be Self

Care and will be presented by Leah Guevara and Dawn Walker. Future topics will be Budgeting and Finance, Coping Skills, Social Media, and Nutrition. We are very excited to offer these presentations that really allows us to be hands on as we "EMBRACE the EMBRACING PROJECT!"

Leah Guevara

Soroptimist International Americas update

Active Laurel Society Members

Beginning September 1, 2018, for a Laurel Society member to be considered "active," and therefore receive an invitation to the Laurel Society Event at convention, their cumulative giving must total \$500 over a biennium—this decision was voted on and enacted by the Fundraising Council.

- Once reaching Laurel Society status, you are always a member. However, to be considered an "active" member the minimum contribution must be met.
- This new minimum equates to just \$21 a month.
- We are sharing this news one year in advance of it being instituted.

We are encouraged that members are making SIA their cause of choice, and coming together in support of our Dream Programs. Thank you for all your collective work.

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WOW~ We have completed a total of more than 91 scarves and 100 blankets, including the 24 finished by THT. Thanks to our members and friends, Vickie Brown who completed 20 blankets by herself and Diana Walla who did eight. Catherine, Claire, Alicia all helped with additional blankets. The blankets are so nice and warm, its like a warm hug!

Kim's friends did 25 scarves, Lois' grandsons did 34 and Vickie did 31. Thank you, thank you!

The weather has changed, We are making a difference!
 Trying to pull together 100 Winter Survival Kits:

We did this: Chap stick (thank you Southwest Gas for 100!); 91 Scarves; 72 Gloves ; 72 Beanie Hats; Fifty \$5 McDonald Gift Cards; 24 thermal socks; 170 pieces candy; 24 bottle case of water; 36 jars of peanut butter, misc cosmetics, water bottles, etc.

Additional needs: Kleenex packets; Hand Sanitizer; Refillable Water Bottles or case water; Protein or Cereal Bar, candy canes; Fashionable sweaters, coats all sizes



Nevada Women's Lobby added an event.

October 14 at 12:28pm

Save the Date: Our 30th birthday is right around the corner and you're invited to the party! Please put us on your calendar for an evening celebration on Thursday, January 25. More details to come soon!

6-7 pm VIP Cocktail Reception

7-8:30 pm Dinner & Program

We will also be planning an event early next year in Southern Nevada for those that can't make it to Reno.



THT Street Outreach with Halloween fun!



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Eliminating Violence Against Women & Girls

To eradicate gender-based violence everywhere, women and girls should be empowered so their needs drive laws and policy. Equal access to justice is essential to victims and survivors - it is possible to bring an end to this human rights violation.

No woman or girl has to live with the effects of violence.

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Teen Angel Tree holiday adoption list coming end of November!



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