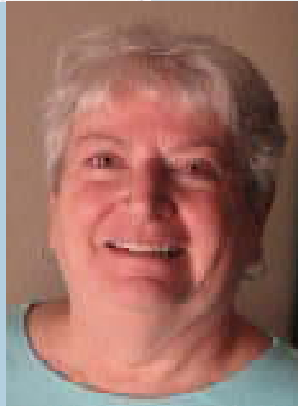


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President's Column

As we enter November and the holiday season, our fund raising committee is gearing up for Sweet Fantasy. Be sure to put February 12, 2017, on your calendar. This is the event which enables us to support Teens Helping Teens, Salvation Army, Safe Nest, Adopt-a-Family, Senior Share, Club Giving, Live Your Dream, Dream It

Be It, and the other service opportunities throughout the year.

As I write this, the election is almost over. I hope the results will enable all of us to regain our sanity and good humor. If you are having difficulty with this, I recommend you read "12-Step Plan to Cope if Your Candidate Loses Election" in the November 7, 2016, issue of *USA Today*. This applies to all contests, not just the presidential race. Advocacy is a cornerstone of SIGLV, and we will need to start looking toward the legislative session which will begin in less than three months. Our January program meeting will feature issues of concern to our members.

As we continue to work toward peace in our lives and our world, I hope this portion of a Buddhist Peace Prayer gives us food for the journey.

"May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free.

May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness – the children, the aged, the unprotected, and those torn apart by war – swiftly obtain liberation. Let us quietly beg all those for forgiveness whom we have harmed in thought, word, or deed.

Let us forgive all those who have harmed us in thought, word, or deed.

And let us pray that [we] realize [we] are all nourished from the same source of life."

President Trude

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**Distinguished Speaker Program
Thursday, November 17**

Nancy Hippert



"The Spices of Life"

Nancy is an instructor at UNLV teaching OLLI classes. Engage with other curious, vibrant retired and semi-retired adults at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNLV, where you can choose an unlimited amount of more than 50 classes per semester for the cost of one low membership fee. OLLI is member-run, meaning you have input not only over the courses you take, but also over the courses offered. Your instructors are knowledgeable peers. There are no exams and there is no need for college experience. The only thing you need to have for OLLI is a desire to learn. Make friends, Stimulate your mind and Discuss fascinating topics

Do Not miss this dynamic speaker, a member of SIGLV

**11:45 AM
Desert Pines Golf Club**



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

**Nov 3 Business Meeting:
Nov 17 Program Meeting**

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

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

SIA Convention: July 30-Aug 2, 2018 Yokohama Japan
S International Convention, July 2019, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

Announcing Sweet Fantasy, Sunday, Feb 12, 2017,

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (11/25-12/10)



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



Oct 20 Program Meeting ,Euphoria Wellness Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Larry Doyle, Sebastiana Murnane and Riana Durette. Shown with Prez Trude and Kim.



Siena from THT , Dawn and Sue @Safe House, and Christine of Safe Nest were delighted to receive SIGLV "Pull Out Your Drawers" Donation of panties.

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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
soroptimist.glv@cox.net

Birthdays:
 Dec 9 Melissa



Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)

www.soroptimistsnr.org
 needed for Members area)



Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)

www.soroptimist.org



"Don't agonize. Organize."

Florence Kennedy



Soroptimist International (SI)
www.soroptimistinternational.org

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Committees plus This and That....

BREAKFAST BUDDIES: Nov 18, EVFS 8:30 am – noon
Shirley would like help calling seniors during the month.

November 17 SIGLV Program Meeting at 11:45 am. Bring guests!

Break These Chains: Melissa informed members the trafficking awareness planned for **January 21** may not be at Fremont Experience this year.

Dream It Be It: SIA requirements for this years DIBI are available. Check with Diana.

SIGLV voted to adopt a family for East Valley Adopt a Family Holiday Program. Up to \$400.

The club also completed the Underwear distribution. 100 went to Teens Helping Teens outreach. Almost 400 went to Safe Nest. And 200 to Safe House!

In Nov, The club allotted \$1000 service funds to provide personal blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, and chapstick for THT winter emergency kits. Members will fringe and tie blankets on Nov 12 in a East (Kim) and West (Lois) locations. Please help us , This is almost 100 yards of fabric and we'd love to see you for an hour or so!

WOW Moments....

UPDATE: OH NO! Barb's purse and car were stolen while she was shopping at Walmart. **The GOOD NEWS,** after six weeks, the police found her car abandoned with most everything intact. Seems the thieves were 13 and 14 yrs old. So Sad. **Cynthia Alexander** named chair of Public Interest Law Community Advisory Board, Boyd School of Law!



Susie suffered the trauma of an auto accident in which her 'baby' Audi was totaled. Thank goodness she suffered no major injuries! Kudo's to **JinJu Chocolates** for her first place "Gold" in the Best of Las Vegas survey. I voted for her, guess you did too!

Congratulations to **Shirley,** survived the move into her new home.



Committee Report:

Next Committee Meeting: Wed. Nov 30 at Kim's house. 6 PM. Please RSVP by Nov 26 so she can prepare good eats!

Sweet Fantasy – Sunday, February 12, 2017, 1:30 pm to 4:30pm

- Venue: IPEC Las Vegas
6590 Bermuda Road
Las Vegas NV 89119
 - o \$1,000 cost of venue to be sponsored by Minddie, Connie and Bamboo Bridges – confirmed 11-3-16.
 - o Minddie will also sponsor and/or get sponsors for champagne greeting, coffee, iced tea and water.
 - o Minddie will provide us a copy of the contract but she and Bamboo Bridges will be the responsible party. The contract covers the venue, tables, chairs, linens and 2 bartenders.
 - o 11am set-up
- Vita Drew of Menopause The Musical has agreed to be our Mistress of Ceremonies.
- Misty Chadwick has a friend who may donate his talent to play the Baby Grand Piano.
- Catherine suggested that we have something to identify our sponsors at the event like a flower lei or medallion.
- We need to review the proposal from Brandi Wren of Bites by Brandi.
- Recommend increasing the price from \$25 to \$30 per ticket.
- We need to revise the invitation, fact sheets and tickets.
- **Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, November 30 at Kim's Home at 6pm, Please RSVP to Kim no later than Nov 26**

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SERVICE UPDATE



THT Street Outreach Nov '16

WINTER SURVIVAL KITS STILL NEEDED

THT distributes at least 100 winter survival kits each month for the homeless, displaced and sheltered teens in our community.

We're trying to keep individual member expense low so please help us find donations from businesses or organizations willing to donate. If you know of a business, organization or person who would like to sponsor one or more winter survival items or donate any of the items on our list below, we have sponsor and donation request letters available that you can customize. Contact Kathy or Lois.

Needs include:

- 58-60" Fleece (minimum 2 yard cut) **SIGLV donating 50 blankets made with hugs!**
 - Fabric Scissors (up to 6 pair) **SIGLV donated three pair \$5 fast food cards (McDonalds best value)**
 - Portable protein bars or beef jerky
 - Refillable screw closed top water bottles **SIGLV donating 48 bottles**
 - Mittens **SIGLV donating 48 3-in 1 knit gloves**
 - Beanies **SIGLV donating 44 lined knit hats**
 - Scarves **SIGLV donating 48 soft knit plus doz fleece scarves**
 - Hand warmers
- Who do you know who can match our efforts?

Upcoming Angel Tree Project

ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS will be announced in this month. We appreciate the generosity of our members and friends last year. We donated more than \$2500 worth of fantastic gifts to those who had nothing. Maybe a business can sponsor one or more kids this year? Again, contact Kathy or Lois for a sponsor request letter that you can customize. We'll circulate the list as soon as its is available. **The Club is donating 50 McD \$5 gift cards.**



OTHER HAPPENINGS

Educate to Lead: Nepal

Every year, on **Human Rights Day (December 10)** SI's **President** invites all Soroptimists to join her in supporting a Soroptimist project that improves the lives of women and girls through improving access to education and/or leadership opportunities. For 2015-2017 International President Yvonne Simpson calls on the collective power and generosity of all four Soroptimist Federations, for her Appeal Educate to Lead: Nepal. The Appeal seeks to support women and girls in Nepal as they take steps to rebuild their lives, following the devastating earthquakes of 2015. The focus within Nepal will be on education and leadership, agreed as the theme by SI's members until 2021.



From 25 November through 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilizing people everywhere to bring about change. This year, the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign invites you to "Orange the world," using the colour designated by the UNiTE campaign to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Organize events to orange streets, schools and landmarks!



Anonymous donor purchased 12 yards of fabric for THT project! WOW

Barb helping transport Fleece for "Fringe and Tie" Party



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Pumpkin Carving and News from our Friendship Link



Dear Soroptimist Leaders,
I want to update you on the health status of our dear President-elect Yoko.



We have received word that Yoko is conscious and in a general hospital ward. She is currently undergoing rehabilitation and works hard each day to recover from the head injury she sustained during a home invasion. She will have another brain surgery in December, which will require an additional two-month stay in the hospital afterward. Her condition will continue to be assessed as she undergoes further treatment. Please keep Yoko and her family in your thoughts.

Sincerely,
RoseMary Reid
2016-2017 SIA President



Women Inspiring Action

So PROUD of our Friendship Link club, SI Chennai. Sometimes things are meant to happen. SI Chennai (Soroptimist International India) had an essay writing and art competition at the Chennai Girls High School, Cooks Road. The girls had a request for members - Could they help them learn English? Well, one thing led to another, and a month later SI Chennai held its first English class at the school. Classes for 120 students will be held twice a week with support by Ms Manimozi, the school and SI Chennai members.

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**Hey SIGLV
Let's Fringe for THT!**

East and West Side locations. We will be fringe cutting and tying 50 fleece blankets for homeless teens with THT.

Sat Nov 12, 1-4pm
Plus Weeknights (west)
RSVP Kim (East) kharney Moore@gmail.com
RSVP Lois (West) Lois.sagel@gmail.com

SIGLV has purchased the fabric, but we need you to help complete these blankets of warm hugs. The cold weather is coming. Teens Helping Teens is already distributing winter emergency kits. We'll also provide hats, gloves, scarves and flip top water bottles. Your Service backs at work? Need more info? Call us!



TUE | NOV | 29
MARQUEE

A Night Out WITH **3** BENEFITING: RAPE VIOLENCE

TICKETS \$45
ONLINE AT RCCLV.ORG,
OR CALL 702.385.2153
(\$50 AT THE DOOR)

5:30 - 7:30PM
WITH SOUNDS BY
DJ LISA PITTMAN

THE COSMOPOLITAN[™]
LAS VEGAS

MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

A SIGNATURE CHRISTMAS

SIGLV Social

Friday, Dec 2, 2016. A bite to eat at Rachel's Kitchen @ 6 p.m., followed by the toe-tapping, inspirational holiday presentation at Summerlin Library Performance Center beginning at 7:30



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas presents



6th Annual Sweet Fantasy Chocolate and More Fundraiser
An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
IPEC Las Vegas
6590 Bermuda Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Ticket Price: \$30.00* per person or \$250 for table of 10

Order tickets on-line: click here or go to: www.SoroptimistGreaterLasVegas.org or call 702.269.8052

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds will benefit Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas service projects including Teens Helping Teens and Anti-Human Trafficking programs as well as leadership education.
*Your contribution may be tax deductible under federal law.

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