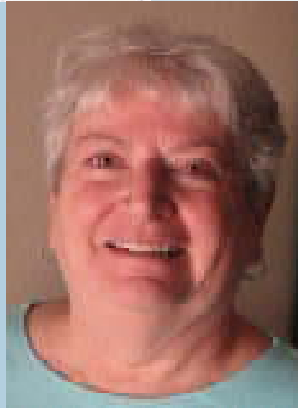


Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, October, 2016

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Lately, I have been spending too much time on Facebook and much of what shows up is fun, silly, or just TMI. However, every once in a while, something strikes a nerve or my funny bone or actually makes sense. Since we are still in the election season that refuses to die, I am going to share some stray thoughts and "facts" which were posted on a friend's page.

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing: food, attractive people, and danger.
3. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead in four years.
4. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
5. Sit in silence at least ten minutes a day.
6. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
7. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
8. A human brain has the capacity to store five times as much information as Wikipedia.
9. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
10. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Our mission is to improve the lives of women and girls, and I know we are accomplishing a bit every day as we work together on our advocacy, fundraising, and projects. However, we also have fun, and I hope you will all come to Barbara A. on October 29 at 6:00 pm for a potluck meal, pumpkin carving, and s'mores. Above all remember: No one is in charge of your happiness except you!

President Trude

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PROGRAM MEETING, OCTOBER 20



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas Distinguished Speaker Forum continues its 2016-17 season with

Larry Doyle, Co-owner
Euphoria Wellness Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Sebastiana Murnane,
Patient Advisor at Euphoria Wellness

Riana Durette, Esq., Exec. Dir.
Nevada Dispensary Association



These highly qualified speakers will discuss the NV DPBH Medical Cannabis Program Guide, the laws regarding the use of Medical Marijuana, the types of Medical Marijuana, the pros and cons of Question 2 on the November 8 Ballot, and the potential economic impact of its passage, as well as links to Medical Marijuana Education Websites.

Do not miss these dynamic speakers!!!

Desert Pines Golf Club
3415 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas
Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Admission is free.
Lunch: \$19

If you are not a member of SIGLV, please RSVP to Trude McMahan, President at 702-328-6478 or trudemcmahan@hotmail.com, so that we can have enough seats.



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

OCT 6 Business Meeting:
Oct 20 Program Meeting

Board Meeting: Oct 29 @ 4:30 pm at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions. (Early so you can do pumpkins!)

DISTRICT 6 FALL MEETING: October 15 @ Desert Pines Golf Club

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,

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Club Resource Page

Club Board 2016-2017

- President: Trude McMahan
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- Treasurer: Barbara Agonia
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Committees LIST will be on [Website](#)
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1st and 3rd Thursdays: 11:45 am,
Desert Pines Golf Club,
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(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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At the annual Walk to END Alzheimer's on October 8, Mistress of Ceremonies Sherry Swensk, TV 8 News Now weather anchor, asked Stella and her daughter Tracy to talk about their experiences with the disease. Stella was marvelous!



Birthdays:
Oct 4 Minddie
Oct 14 Shirley
Oct 21 Nancy



On October 8, members and friends volunteered at the SAFE House NV's 8th Annual Run for Shelter to help raise funds and awareness of domestic and intimate partner violence. We hosted a water station, helped with registration and helped make sure runners/walkers were staying on course.

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)

www.soroptimistsnr.org



Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)

www.soroptimist.org



“Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.”
— Groucho Marx,



Soroptimist International (SI)
www.soroptimistinternational.org

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Committees plus This and That....

BREAKFAST BUDDIES: Oct 21, EVFS 8:30 am – noon
Shirley would like help calling seniors during the month.

WRIN: Barbara reminds members items are still needed for the New Leadership goodie bags. She usually does about 35 bags.

October 20 SIGLV Program Meeting at 11:45 am.
Presentation on Medical Marijuana. Bring guests!

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

SIGLV sent a \$100 donation to Soroptimist International of Europe for the **Earthquake Italy Disaster fund.**

So sorry to hear **SI Smith Valley**, of our district, has surrendered its charter. They will be missed. Come join us!

WOW Moments....

OH NO! Barb's purse and car was stolen while she was shopping at Walmart to help finish the secret apartment project. She warns us all to wear a cross body purse. What an awful experience. **Shirley's** computer is down again. Bad timing as she's trying to get through escrow.. **Sue** and several others supported SAFE HOUSE "Run for Shelter" on Oct 8. **Stella** and others doing "Walk for Alzheimer's" same day.



Committee Report:

Location: CONFERENCE CENTER OF LAS VEGAS. (Bermuda and Sunset) beginning at 1:30 pm. Venue accommodates 300-400 people.

Deposit of \$1000 will cover room, sound system, podium, mic, tables, chairs, table cloths and napkins.

In Process: Caterer, Food donations, Sparkling beverage to greet guests when they check in. Contacting potential mistress of ceremony, entertainment. Entertainment 15 min on each hour.

Prizes: silent auction tickets will include table # to speed up process. Raffle prizes awarded in stages, one group per hour. Volunteers needed!

Everyone is urged to begin contacting past and potential donors now for their commitment.

Kim and Susie. Sue, Catherine, Trude, and Dawn.



October 29,

SIGLV will celebrate the holidays with a potluck pumpkin carving party at Barbara's house from 6-8 pm. It is always a lot of fun. Barbara provides the hot chocolate and s'mores. Bring your own hollowed out or Styrofoam pumpkin and wear casual clothes. She needs to have a count, however, so she can have enough s'mores and chocolate. Children are welcome.

In the 2015-2016 club year

- 1,355 women received awards (5%+ over last year)
- Nearly \$1.9 million was awarded (+7%)



October 2016



Muriel Ives, former SIGLV member has passed. She will be remembered for her passion and humor! RIP dear friend.

44th Biennial Convention

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OTHER HAPPENINGS

From Global to Local

(Handout from 44th SIA Biennial Convention, Orlando Fla)
July 22, 2016

WHERE TO LEARN MORE

Sustainable Development: Knowledge Platform
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>

UN Calendar of International Days: Complete list of days:
<https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-days/index.html> Just click on a specific date for more information.

SIA Monthly Activism: Check out the SIA website:
www.soroptimist.org and type calendar of events in the search box

16 Days of Activism (25 November – 10 December): Designated by Secretary General Ban Ki Moon from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to Human Rights Day: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

UN Commission for Social Development: NGO Civil Society Forum (2 days prior to the Commission): <https://ngosocdev.org/> The Commission (early February, date TBA): <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csocd-social-policy-and-development-division.html>

UN Commission on the Status of Women:
<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

A Global Voice: Go to www.soroptimistinternational.org and click on "Join Our Mailing List"

SI's Website: To enter the Member Section: username-member; password-Cambridge

Connect to the UN: Sign up for the **UN JOURNAL** – Programme of Meetings and Agenda <http://www.un.org> Click on "Welcome" then select your language. Watch programs live or from archives vis UN WebTV – <http://webtv.un.org>

Urgent need of male/female undergarments!



Teens Helping Teens, a nonprofit 501c3 created and served by teens to help underprivileged, homeless, sheltered and displaced youth in our community, is in urgent need of underwear and bras for teens. If you can help, contact us.



THANKS TO SIGLV, A DONATION OF 100 PAIR OF UNDIES ARE BEING SENT TO THT, SUPER HEROS RULE! The Undies along with Socks will be delivered to those in need the week of Oct 20

WINTER SURVIVAL KITS NEEDED

THT needs 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 kits (\$15 each without blanket / \$25 with blanket) or a blanket (\$10) 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)
- Fabric Scissors (up to 6 pair)
- \$5 fast food cards (McDonalds best value)
- Portable protein bars or beef jerky
- Refillable screw closed top water bottles
- Mittens
- Gloves
- Beanies
- Scarves
- Hand warmers

Upcoming Angel Tree Project

ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS will be announced in November. We appreciate so much the generosity of our members and friends last year. We donated more than \$2500 worth of fantastic gifts to those going without. 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.



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