

# Happenings



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SI Greater Las Vegas e-newsletter



## PRESIDENT SUE

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

As we move our clocks forward and enjoy the prolonged daylight remember you may use this extra time to "get out and smell the roses." This is the season that SIGLV members prepare for several of our service projects/events. On March 7 the Southern Nevada Soroptimist clubs continued the tradition of our joint awards luncheon at Cili Restaurant at the Bali High Golf Club. We had a strong turnout and all attendees had a fabulous time honoring several award recipients. SIGLV was proud to celebrate with our Live Your Dream Award winner Shantel McCoy and our Ruby Award recipient Amy S. Ayoub.

Upcoming SIGLV projects include Senior Stars on **May 8**, an occasion to celebrate several deserving senior women within our community with a day of food, fun, education, and BINGO.

This year we have officially partnered up with East Valley Family Services and its Bears and Binkie's anti-child abuse program. Several SIGLV members will spend the morning/early afternoon of **April 11** educating parents while having fun at the park creating crafts, eating lunch, participating in a cake walk, and supplying educational materials. Check out [soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org](http://soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org) for more SIGLV volunteer opportunities and keep on "Making It Happen!"



"Human rights are critical to the Vision and Mission of every Soroptimist globally. No country is free from human rights violations. Respect and tolerance for every human being must be achieved in all of our communities and countries."

*International President, Ann Garvie*

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## PROGRAM: Women's Money March 19 2015



Gina Robison, ED



# SIGLV RESOURCE PAGE



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
April 15, 1968 is famous for what outstanding, formal event?  
Answer: Find out on April 17, 2015 when SIGLV will celebrate it's 47th Anniversary.

### Club Board 2014-2015

President: Sue Trazig Cavaco  
Pres-Elect: Diana Walla  
Vice-President: Jer Roberson-Strange  
Treasurer: Trude McMahan  
Secretary: Maffy Forrester  
Director: Amber Schrock  
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Parliamentarian: Catherine Bellver

**Committees are on website, Member section**

### SI Greater Las Vegas

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Greater Las Vegas**

**Website:  
soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org**

**Answer phone:  
702-876-0454**

### 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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**Sierra Nevada Region**  
[www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)  
(Members area)



**Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)**  
[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)  
Members: Login and Password:



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

**Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas invites you to**

### "PULL OUT YOUR DRAWERS"

**to support the women of the Rape Crisis Center.**

**Here is how YOU can help!**

- 1. Purchase any size women's cotton underwear.**
- 2. Bring underwear to any SIGLV meeting between now and April 1, 2015.**

*Thank you for your support by donating a new pair of underwear that can truly make a difference to the women of the Rape Crisis Center*

**BE** original  
SPONTANEOUS  
loving  
crazy  
proper  
LOUD  
daring  
classy  
unique  
kookoo



## Social:

**March 25, 6-8 p.m.**

**Infused olive oils and balsamic vinegars tasting hosted by  
Big Horn Olive Oil Company.  
2110 N. Rampart Blvd, LV 89128.**

**Among the amazing flavor pairings, all natural, try the Blood Orange Olive Oil with Dark Chocolate balsamic!  
Space limited 25 Max.**

**Friends and family welcome.**

# What's Happening:

## BOARD NOTES:

*Our board meetings are open to all members.*

- Nominating Committee consists of Barbara (President Sue's appointment), Kim (Board appointment) and Susie M (member appointment).
- Because of the \$20 increase in SIA dues becoming effective in the 2015-2016 club year, the Laws and Resolutions Committee, on recommendation of the Board, proposed a \$20 dues increase for members. The members approved the motion.
- Susan Stropel, District VI Director, was in attendance at our business meeting.

## BUSINESS MEETING :

*(First Thursday of each month)*

**Program Speaker: March 19: WOMEN'S MONEY** Program Speaker: March 19: Women's Money - Gina Robison-Billups, the founder and executive director of the National Women's Money Council, will share with us her unique, proprietary financial education, support and accomplishment system for women, girls and families.

**Service:** Our **Pull Out Your Drawers** project is well on its way to collecting 500 pairs of new white cotton underwear for the Rape Crisis Center of Las Vegas. We currently have well over 300 pairs, plus cash donations. All are asked to continue to collect underwear, especially in smaller sizes (5, 6, 7 & 8). Remember, we have less than a month left to reach our goal. We will present all our "drawers" to the Rape Crisis Center at our April 2 business meeting.

**Bears and Binkies** will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on April 11 at the same park as last year – on the corner of St. Louis and Eastern. We are once again asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes and cookies for the cake walk. These can be dropped off at EVFS on April 10 or at the event that morning. This year we will be hosting a craft table for the children to make a craft they can take home. We will also be handing out the wooden toys donated by Toys for Smiles. We will need volunteers to work at the table throughout the event.

**Senior Stars** will be held on May 8 at University United Methodist Church, 4412 S. Maryland Parkway, across from UNLV. We are planning on hosting 80 senior women for continental breakfast, lunch and Bingo games. Bingo prizes are coming in but any donations are greatly appreciated. Goody bags will be provided to each attendee. Items needed include unused sample-size personal items (shampoo, cream rinse, lotion, etc.), costume jewelry, hygiene items, tissue packs, and magnifiers. All members are asked to help find Bingo cards we can borrow. At least 100 are needed.

**Fundraising:** The final numbers are in and we raised over \$12,425 at our annual Sweet Fantasy fundraiser! Thanks to all our sponsors and donors, we were able to keep our expenses low and ended up with a profit of almost \$9,400! YAY US!. Thank you to all who helped make our event a success! All our hard work really paid off. Now, it's time to start planning for next year's event!

**Awards:** Joint Soroptimist Awards Luncheon, March 7 @ Cili. \$28. Celebrating Live Your Dream scholarships and Ruby: Making a Difference for Women awardee, Ms Amy Ayoub.

**E-Newsletter: April 5 is our next newsletter deadline.** We encourage each committee to share their activities and updates.

**Public Relations:** Check out the latest news on our Facebook page, Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas. Remember you don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page!

**Website: Visit our new website "soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org"** Remember to sign in so you can access the "member" section. Melissa will provide your password.

**Laws & Resolutions:** The Laws and Resolution Committee has recommended several changes and updates to the club bylaws. These changes were approved by members at the March business meeting. Details of the changes can be found in the March 2015 minutes.

**Advocacy:** Your Advocacy Committee recommends your perusal of the schedule of programming on PBS this month. Women's History Month and Vegas PBS is celebrating with programming for women, about women, and by women all month long!

COMMITTEE ACTION:

## MEETING CALENDAR

1st & 3rd Thursdays @  
11:45 am



Jan 1-Apr 1: **“Pull Out your Drawers”** benefits Rape Crisis Center.  
Mar 19: Program– Women’s Money  
Mar 29: Board Meeting at Sue’s at 10 am.  
Apr 2: Business Meeting the Rape Crisis presentation  
April 11: Bears & Binkies  
April 16: SIGLV Program birthday party  
May 8: Senior Stars at University United Methodist Church  
June 27: Officer Installation

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**SIA 44th Biennial Convention:** July 20-23, **2016**. Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel Orlando, FL

**Soroptimist International Convention:** July 9-12, **2015**, Istanbul, Turkey. Amazing opportunity to visit with our entire global membership! Their website is up! **2019** will be in Malaysia

**SNR Conference:** April 24-26 **2015**, Atlantis, Reno

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:** **March 7, Esther; March 11, Claire; March 16, Leah;**

**SHOUT OUT:** Maffy survived a wounded wing and Cataract surgery; Kim going to Atlanta with her hubby to see new baby Sadie..rumor has it, she is bringing cute shoes! Diana traveling on an exciting 30 day trip to Peru! The cold/flu/allergy bug is taking its toll on members. Seriously low numbers at our last meeting. Get well quickly!

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday \$\$: Barbara's birthday funds are being distributed to new, seriously committed members who see themselves growing toward club leadership. The first distribution will be for this year's Region Conference in April. A later distribution will be made for attendance at SDR. Sad to hear of the passing of Trude's 17 year old Schnauzer.

Welcome Sadie Ellen , born Feb 6, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. She has the same smile as her 'Nana' KIM!



Prez Sue with Grace Conenna, Representing Castaways Resale. Members donated gentle used items.



Soroptimist Live Your Dream Student Art Contest winners pose with President Sue and Renee Fairless (left), principal of Mater Academy of Nevada.

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The 7th Annual **Soroptimist Live Your Dream Student Art Contest** highlighted girls' career potential and asked students to draw or paint a picture of a working woman they know and admire (and include a short 50-word or less description). We invited the 5th and 6th graders at Mater Academy of Nevada to participate in this special art contest that celebrated women and their accomplishments. Almost 30 students submitted artwork.

Seven finalists, including the top three winners, were forward to Soroptimist International of the Americas to compete among thousands of creative works from children all over the world. SIGLV hosted an awards ceremony at the school. All of the participants were given certificates of participation and the top three contest winners were given gift cards and a book of their very own to take home. The student were treated the fruit, pastries, and punch and presented with a donation of books for elementary readers to their school library.

It was a fun morning. The students were so excited about us being at the their school and about the donation of books to their school library. One of the winners even said, "Oh I love that book!" Visit our Facebook page to see more photos of the awards ceremony and the artwork of the seven finalists.



Soroptimist International's advocacy work and on-the-ground projects directly contribute to helping women and girls access their human rights. Human rights are inherent to all human beings, regardless of nationality, sex, ethnicity, race or religion. We should all be able to live free from violence and discrimination.

Soroptimist International aims to give the local voices of women and girls a global impact.

SI has 16 UN Representatives who work across 6 UN Centres to ensure that the voices of women and girls around the world are included in international decision making. This work is driven by Soroptimist projects. All of SI's advocacy work is based on the principles of human rights.

Women and girls around the world still do not get to experience their full range of human rights. Soroptimist International is continuously working to empower, educate and enable women and girls to ensure the realization of gender equality.

At the United Nations, Soroptimist International's UN Representatives advocate for women and girls, and lobby governments to take action to make sure that women and girls access their human rights. Their work is driven Soroptimist International projects and SI's UN Representatives also provide information about emerging issues and international development agendas. Through this work Soroptimist International gives women and girls the global voice that they need.

The Global Voice 3/15



**Congratulations Shantel!**  
2nd Place recipient of SI Sierra Nevada Region Live Your Dream Education & Training Award

Shantel was chosen among 55 applications for one of five second place awards at the region-level. We are so proud! This means Shantel not only received \$1,000 as our award winner but an additional \$3,000 from SNR! She is now eligible to receive one of three international-level awards of \$10,000.

# Soroptimist Awards Luncheon



Sue, Felicia, DD Susan, SIA Pres. Poco, Jean and Rita



Ruby winner Toshia Shaw and SILVV Pres Rita



SIGLV Pres. Sue and Ruby Winner Amy Ayoub



SIGLV Pres. Sue, Live Your Dream winner: Shantel and her daughter



Vanessa and daughter, winner of Live Your Dream with SILVV Pres. Rita



Melissa Live Your Dream winner, SIMLV Pres Felicia



SIPV Pres Jean with Live Your Dream winner, Ginger and her proud Mom