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SI Greater Las Vegas e-newsletter



PRESIDENT SUE SERVICE HAPPENS!

This is the time of year when SIGLV's service projects take the lead. Members will be busy these next few months. We just completed our inaugural "Pull Out Your Drawers" project and were able to present the Rape Crisis Center with 656 pairs of new cotton underwear. This seemingly small gesture has an enormous impact; they actually use about 500 pairs a year.

SIGLV was also thrilled to learn that our Live Your Dream Award recipient Shantel McCoy was one of the three second place award winners at the Sierra Nevada Region level. Shantel will be joining five (5) of our members at the SNR Conference this month where she will be further honored. SIGLV is so proud of Shantel!

Mark your calendars, this **April 11**, SIGLV will be partnering with East Valley Family Services and participating in their annual Bears & Binkies child abuse prevention program. This fun event focuses on educating parents while having fun at the park creating crafts, eating lunch, and participating in a cake walk. All volunteers are welcome. Check out soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org for more SIGLV volunteer opportunities and keep on "Making It Happen!"



Pulling Out Our Drawers for a Good Cause!

We surpassed our goal of 500 and collected 656 pairs of underwear through our "Pull Out Your Drawers" campaign! Thank you to all our members, friends, family and co-workers who helped us collect so many pairs of underwear. The donation was presented to The Rape Crisis Center of Las Vegas in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April). Because underwear is an article of clothing most frequently torn or taken as evidence in cases of rape, [The Rape Crisis Center](#) is always in need of replacements in a variety of sizes. Our donation will keep them in underwear for over a year!



SIGLV RESOURCE PAGE



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MEETINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 11:45 am,
 Desert Pines Golf Club,
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President Sue and special Program
 Speaker Gina Robison, ED of
 Women's Money.



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What's Happening:

BOARD NOTES:

Our board meetings are open to all members.

- Nominating Committee consisting of Barbara, Kim, and Susie prepared a proposed slate of officers for 2015-2016. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting May 7.
- Club submitting nomination for SIA President Elect. Members urged to respond prior to 4/16.

BUSINESS MEETING :

(First Thursday of each month)

Program: April 16 SIGLV Celebrating 47 years of service in the Las Vegas Community. Chartered April 15, 1968. Come celebrate with us!

Break These Chains: January 2016 is the date of our next anti-trafficking event. Details emerging

Service: Service Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 4 pm at East Valley Services.

Bears & Binkies is here! What better way to lead into National Volunteer Week than to VOLUNTEER! The picnic, an official service project of SIGLV this year, will be held from **10 am to 1 pm on April 11** at Justice Myron Leavitt Family Park (formerly Jacyee Park) on the corner of Eastern and St. Louis. It will celebrate those parents and children who have worked hard during the year in East Valley Family Service programs to develop skills to strengthen rather than abuse each other. We are once again donating cakes, cupcakes and cookies for the cake walk. Plus, 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 4 Smiles. We will need volunteers to work at our craft table and throughout the event.

Senior Stars, our annual service project for seniors in public housing developments, is all set! Bingo equipment and cards have been secured and senior women are being registered. It will be held on Friday, May 8 at University United Methodist Church, 4412 S. Maryland Parkway, across from UNLV. We are planning on hosting 80 low-income senior women for a day of fun, food, and companionship, as well as health and nutrition education. Bingo prizes are coming in but any donations are greatly appreciated – we are trying to secure \$20 gift cards as prizes. We play between 15-20 games throughout the event. 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, magnifiers, and any other items you can secure.

E-Newsletter: May 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 and the membership approved several changes and updates to the club standing rules. Copy is available through the committee chair, Barb.

COMMITTEE ACTION:



Club Meetings, Special Events

MEETING CALENDAR

1st & 3rd Thursdays @
11:45 am



- Apr 2: Business Meeting- the Rape Crisis presentation
- April 11: Bears & Binkies
- April 16: SIGLV Program birthday party
- May 2: Board Meeting. 10 a.m., President's Sues home.
- May 7: Business Meeting
- May 8: Senior Stars at University United Methodist Church
- May 21: Program Meeting, tba
- June 4: Business Meeting
- 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: April 1—Janice; April 8—Amber; April 19—Lois;
May 21—Kim; May 25—Lt. Karen; May 31— Dr. Mary

MEMBER NEWS

SHOUT OUT: A special shout out to SIGLV member Misty Chadwick and The Chadwick Family Agency Allstate Insurance for collecting over 300 pairs of underwear for our Pull Out Your Drawers Campaign. Jer and Trude in Disneyland for three days. Spring winds are certainly taking a toll on our seasonal allergies. Heard Alicia may be able to semi-retire (again)! Lois sends a warm and fuzzy thank you for both the lovely and the funny cards and emails filled with good wishes.



SIGLV March Social courtesy of [Big Horn Olive Oil Company](#). Special thanks to Manager Julie and Kiera for sharing an informative and fun evening. We had at least a dozen guests who also brought “drawers” for our benefit! Great to see Carmen from Tootsies Footwear. And Lisa too. There was wine, cheese, crackers, dipping bread and veggies. Plus amazing oils and delicious balsamic flavorings.



Soroptimist International Convention



Ann Garvie
SI International President

International President's Welcome

East meets West from 9 to 12 of July 2015, in this most beautiful city of culture, heritage and history. The 20th convention of Soroptimist International in Istanbul will be a wonderful climax to the 2011 to 2015 quadrennium.

The convention will celebrate the achievements of Soroptimists globally within their Federations, local, national and international communities. Istanbul is a bustling city, full of life and a vibrancy like no other. As International President I invite all Soroptimists and their accompanying guests to be in Istanbul in July 2015, for convention, to renew friendships, to make new friendships and most of all to experience the diversity of this glorious city. The convention centre is modern architecture, beautifully appointed, which blends into the backdrop of the surroundings and including Taksim Square.



Soroptimist International Convention returns to Istanbul, Turkey.

As you know from years past, the SI Convention is much more than a conference. It is a place where women from all over the world come together to give, to share, to learn from each other, to be together in friendship. This year's SI Convention will be an even more remarkable event.

At this **20th Soroptimist International Convention** we will reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and imagine our future. We will come together to share and develop **Fresh ideas for empowering women!**

This 20th SI Convention programme will be rich in outstanding speakers coming from all over the world. Reflecting the diversity of our Soroptimist movement across all continents, but also the number of challenges women are

The convention committee is a dedicated team of Soroptimists of the Turkish Union, led by Chair Emine from Turkey. Already the team have worked tirelessly to ensure that their dreams become a reality for everyone to enjoy and to participate, Soroptimists Educate to Lead Fresh Ideas Empowering Women.

If as a Soroptimist, you have never attended a convention, I urge you to do so; here you will experience the real meaning of global friendship and why you are a member of an International organization. Convention will showcase our outstanding and diverse membership.

It will be a privilege for past International President Alice, incoming International President Yvonne, the Officers of Soroptimist International, the Federations and me to welcome you to Istanbul in July 2015.

Ann Garvie

SI International President 2013-2015



confronted with, the programme of the Convention is the fruit of a collaborative effort of our four Federations and of SI Turkey. It seeks to reflect the beauty of our membership, to discuss the status of women and girls around the world, and to show what our members are doing in the north, south, east and west to improve the lives of women and in girls in their communities.

The Convention will celebrate the many exemplary accomplishments of Soroptimists across all continents in improving the lives of millions of women and girls over the past 80 years.

Sessions and workshops: Under the overarching theme of Soroptimist International, "Educate to Lead," Soroptimists from all over the globe have designed and implemented projects to support women's and girls' access to education. Several sessions will be dedicated to this topic (see program next newsletter)

Soroptimist Projects Fair: Throughout the Convention breaks, participants will have the opportunity to "travel" to all corners of the world and visit inspiring projects developed by their fellow Soroptimists. A large space will be dedicated to showcasing the wonderful projects of Clubs around the globe.

Celebrating Best Practices: Each Federation will present its 'Best Practice'— a uniquely impactful project that has helped improve the lives of women and girls on a large and lasting scale. An inspiring moment for all!