

# HAPPENINGS



## Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, April 2016



### Reach Out, Bring In

#### President's Ponderings

On April 15 SIGLV will be 48 years old! What an amazing history it has! What an amazing legacy it continues to build for itself, for the Las Vegas valley, and for the world! From earthquake victims in Nepal to victims of natural disaster in the Sierra Nevada Region, from elementary school students recognizing their role models to middle school girls seeking career guidance, from homeless teens to UNLV's New Leaders, from victims of trafficking and domestic violence to parents learning to lovingly structure their children's lives, from women seeking to improve their lives and those of their family members to seniors seeking socialization and food, SIGLV members have repeatedly **Reached Out** on their own and **Brought In** partnerships with other organizations to improve the lives of women and girls.

At our April 21 Program meeting, we will celebrate SIGLV's birthday and all the lives our club members have touched. How appropriate it is that Worldwide Volunteer Recognition Day falls within a week of our founding date and just a day before our Program meeting. As we celebrate, let us remember to share a secret with those who don't volunteer – namely that volunteering is energizing and rewarding and introduces you to amazing and wonderful people. So spread the word and share the fun!

**President Diana**

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#### Dream It, Be It Conference

Monday, May 9, 8 am – 2:15 pm  
 Canarelli Middle School  
 7808 Torrey Pines Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89139

The program will be presented jointly by the three Las Vegas Soroptimist clubs. We will be working with approximately 40-50 girls between the ages of 11 and 13. Speakers include: Josefina Ly, from the UNLV STEM program; Grace Conenna, our Ruby Award winner and general manager of Castaways Resale; Tiffani Foote, the owner of My Little Helper and Natalie Olson, our Live Your Dream Education and Training Award winner. There will be a run-thru for the event on Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm at Sarah Walker's house. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to attend.



**Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas**  
 celebrates 48 years of service, fun, and countless memories

**Join us: April 21 lunch**  
 Wear blue, yellow or both!

**Save the Date!**  
**2015-2016 SIGLV Club Installation**  
**June 4, 5 pm**  
**Desert Pine Golf Club**  
**\$21 per person**

# Club Resource Page



## Club Board 2015-2016

President: Diana Walla  
Pres-Elect: Trude McMahan  
Vice-President: Alicia Davison  
Treasurer: Melissa McDonald  
Secretary: Catherine Bellver  
Director: Susie Magit  
Delegate 1 yr: Esther Gregurek  
Delegate 2 yr: Sue Cavaco  
Past President: Sue Trazig Cavaco  
Parliamentarian: Barbara Agonia

Committees LIST will be on [website](#),  
Member Only Tab

## SI Greater Las Vegas

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Greater Las Vegas](#)

Website:  
[soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org](http://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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## STELLA'S HUGE HONOR!

At 90, after 50+ years of service to court reporting in the State of Nevada, Stella Butterfield was given the first ever Distinguished Service Award (hereinafter known as the Stella Butterfield Award) from the Nevada Court Reporters Association.

## March 17 Speaker



LJ Harness, a marketing representative at Cadillac of Las Vegas and entertainer, shared his story with us last month. He has been able to take what he has learned as an entertainer and incorporate it in to raising money and awareness for great causes on behalf of Cadillac of Las Vegas.

He has helped raise over a million dollars for community organizations!

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)  
[www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)

Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)  
[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)



**"Let nothing dim the light that  
shines from within"**  
Maya Angelou



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

# Committee Happenings



## Birthdays:

Lois, April 19; Kim, May 21; Dr Mary, May 31

## Service

### Bears and Binkies

The Bear and Binkies 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Picnic is **Saturday, April 30**, 10 am – 2 pm at East Valley Family Services, 1831 E Sahara, in the back parking lot. We need volunteers for our craft table and to help with registration, and cakes and other baked goods for the cake walk. To celebrate Earth Day, which is April 30, our craft will incorporate recycled products. We are making dragon flies and butterflies out of recycled water bottles and recycled wire hangers. We will also be making finger print butterflies and caterpillars with the younger kids. Please let Kathy know if you can help.

April is **Child Abuse Prevention and Autism Awareness** Month. Wear blue in support of each very important topic that affects so many.

**Breakfast Buddies** - **April 15**, 8:30 - 11:30 Please make a seniors' day by simply talking and being present during this Senior Share Meal at East Valley Family Services. Remember, we need two to four volunteers for this event on the third Friday of each month.

**WRIN NEW Leadership Welcome Bags** -We are currently collecting items for 30 "goodie" bags to welcome those who will be attending NEW Leadership, **June 5-11**. We need sample sizes of: hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, Kleenex packs. Plus emery boards or nail files, pencils, pens, small notepads, trinkets or mementoes, candy and granola bars. Barb is collecting items through May 19.

**Teens Helping Teens** - Fleece blanket workshop will be held Sunday **April 24 10:30 am** at Lois' house. **HELP?** Concurrently we'll have a craft preparation table to process plastic bottles for use at our Bears and Binkies craft table.. Bring recycled water bottles.

THT is looking for new release teen/young adult paperbacks and children books for shelters. Survival and hygiene kits are needed again. We received some reusable water bottle donations for the summer kits. Keep that in mind. Check out our THT Update via [soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org](http://soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org)

**Pull Out Your Drawers** - It's time to Pull Out Your Drawers! We are now collecting new cotton underwear for women and girls of all ages and sizes. The service committee has set a goal of 800 pairs collect by **June 3!** Flyers will be available for members. Check your email!

### Human Trafficking Victims Apartment Decorating Project

We have the first confidential apartment all decorated and ready. We are getting ready to start on apartment number two. These apartments, managed by a human trafficking nonprofit, will be used to house adult victims of human trafficking on a temporary basis while more permanent housing is coordinated.

We are looking for fun or inspirational artwork for the bedroom and living room and are collecting puzzle books, blank journals, books (inspirational or on lighter side), DVDs (mostly comedies), and reusable shopping bags to stock in the apartments.

**Public Relations:** Check out the *Soroptimist International of the Americas* and *Soroptimist International Greater Las Vegas* Facebook pages and "like" them.

### Website:

Visit our website [soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org](http://soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org). Please sign in so you can access the "member" section. Melissa will provide your password.

## Calendar

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

**Board Meeting:** **April 23** 10 AM at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

**SNR Conference:** April 29-May 1, Atlantis Hotel, Reno

**Dream It, Be it conference, Canarelli Middle School, 7808 Torrey Pines Dr, May 9, 8 am –2:30 pm. Sponsored jointly by LV Clubs.**

**June Business Meeting:** Club elections, proposed 16-17 club budget, Committee Reports due. Remember, turn in two copies.

**Did you see the poem that Lane Parks included in her MembersSHIP Minute" quoting SI Truckee Meadows President Vickie Ruiz?**

Show Me:

- **Show me a woman who spends endless hours giving back to others. And I'll show you a Soroptimist.**
- **Show me a woman where a cry for help brings a split-second dispatch. And I'll show you a Soroptimist.**
- **Show me a woman who embraces a challenge with a smile. And I'll show you a Soroptimist.**
- **Show me a woman who is dedicated, sincere and committed to empowering others to do their best. And I'll show you a Soroptimist.**
- **Show me a vast group of women, from all walks of life, which inspire others to make a difference in the lives of women and children. And I'll show you Soroptimist International.**



We had an international visitor from South Africa last month, **Jalila Echelikh**, vice president of SI Ariana club of Tunisia. SI Las Vegas Valley member Sarah Walker hosted a

reception at her home. Trude, Barb and Catherine attended, along with members of SI Metro and SI Las Vegas Valley

## WOW moments!

**Leah** was accepted into both UNLV and NV State College for BA program

**Sue** celebrated practicing 20 years as a Lawyer.

**Maffy** had unexpected bout with gravity and is recovering from a nasty femur fracture. We're grateful it wasn't much worse. Heal quick Maffy, we need you back soon!

## FLEECE & CRAFT WORKSHOP

**Create Fleece** blankets for THT survivor kits. Each blanket requires 2 yds fleece. (On sale now) Bring good fabric scissors. Fun, summery patterns would be fine too. Concurrently we will be having the:

**Craft prep** recycling plastic bottles for our Bears and Binkies.craft project. Bring bottles. We'll do some creative cutting too!

**Sunday, April 24, 10:30 am @ Lois Home**

Bring simple finger food if you'd like to share. **RSVP**



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### Announcing Sweet Fantasy 2017

Sunday, February 12, 2017

The Royal Banquet Hall at Pure  
1405 E. Sunset, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas  
presents



6th Annual

### Sweet Fantasy

Chocolate and More Party

An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!

# SIGLV Award Luncheon



## Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Grace Conenna is a fine example of a woman who has met, dealt with, and overcome adversity. She is completely dedicated to serving a population that has long been overlooked in our society, particularly women who have served time in a penal institution and want, more than anything, to turn their lives around and become good citizens. Grace, herself, has done just that and intends to continue to “pay it forward” for the rest of her life.

### Live Your Dream



## Education and Training Award

Natalie Olson's goal and passion is to become a drug and alcohol counselor. As a former addict fully recovered, she understands how addiction can not only corrupt mental and physical health, but damage important relationships. She is currently enrolled at the College of Southern Nevada and working towards an Associates of Arts in Psychology. From there she will pursue a Bachelors of Psychology at UNLV. A single mother, Natalie works full time but know anything is possible if you put your mind to it.



SIA Convention Registration now open:

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

Registration fee before May 20 \$475, Individual meals 2 Dinners @ \$110; 2 lunches @ \$75. Rooms approx \$240 nite; Theme park packages around \$200.day

