

# # HAPPENINGS



## Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, August 2015

### Reach Out, Bring In



#### President's Ponderings

SIGLV is off and running!!!  
 What exciting things have happened so far! What exciting things are on the horizon!!!

Our Board meetings will be in a new location - Barb's Soroptihouse. There will be coffee, tea, goodies, and lively conversation. All are welcome.

Shirley and I have just returned from SNR's very stimulating and informative leadership training program in Reno. We can't wait to share the ideas we've gleaned from the various sessions.

Kim and Sue are busy planning our Strategic Planning Meeting for August 2, 9am - 12 noon at East Valley Family Services. I hope everyone can attend.

Please **Reach Out and Bring in** all your ideas, enthusiasm, and skills as we move forward together. Also, be sure the communications committee knows what is going on in your life and your committees. This Newsletter is how we **Reach Out** to our membership, our friends, our potential members, the community, and our partners around the world.

*President Diana*

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### Strategic Planning Meeting



**Saturday, August 29, 9 am – 12 noon**  
**East Valley Family Services (EVFS)**

**Don't Miss Out! Let your voice be heard and help set the direction for the upcoming year.**

**Donations of canned food will be collected for the EVFS Food Pantry.**

### SI of Greater Las Vegas Speaker Forum 2015-16 season

**Lisa R. O'Keefe**



Ms. O'Keefe will talk about the work of The Public Education Foundation, which to date has awarded \$9.5 million in scholarships, in addition to addressing the toughest issues facing our schools. As an independent and nonprofit organization, the Foundation objectively weighs and then champions those educational strategies that foster innovation, promote excellence and produce results.

**Thursday, August 20, 2015, 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

# Club Resource Page



## Club Board 2015-2016

President: Diana Walla  
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Vice-President: Alicia Davisson  
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Secretary: Catherine Bellver  
Director: Susie Magit  
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Delegate 2 yr: Sue Cavaco  
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Parliamentarian: Barbara Agonia

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



Southern Nevada Soroptimists at Soroptimist Development Retreat in Reno, July 2015

## Notes from 2015 Soroptimist Development Retreat July 25-26, 2015

As usual this was a great networking, socializing, and learning experience. Felicia Quinlan, Rita Claerbout, Shirley Hancen and I teamed up to attend and take/share notes on as many workshops as possible. Between the four of us, we attended 11 workshops. Some of those notes have already been distributed. Other notes will be used as the occasion arises throughout the year. - Pres Diana

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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)

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each month and sent via your preferred  
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Shirley sharing her Ice Cream with Misty the BTC Bear

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)  
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[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)  
Your member # on roster  
In each area)

~~The Miracle is this—~~  
~~the more we share,~~  
~~the more we have.~~

Leonard Nimoy



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[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

# Club and Committee Happenings

**Program Speaker: August 20, Lisa R. O'Keefe, Public Education Foundation**

**Birthdays:** Cynthia-Aug 2; Diane-Aug 6; Diana-Aug 8; Joanne-Aug 23; Susie-Aug 28

**Break These Chains:** Save the Date, Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 is our day to stand up and be counted at our annual *Break These Chains Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event* at Fremont Street Experience.

**Service:** Service Committee Chair Leah is excited about all the new ideas from members. She is planning a committee meeting for mid month to discuss them and be ready to present at the Strategic Planning meeting.

**Fundraising:** Next committee meeting on Saturday, September 12, 10 am at Kim's house. *Sweet Fantasy*, our premiere fundraiser, will be held on Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 at Silverstone Golf Club.

**Advocacy:** Committee members have been meeting by email regularly and have joined Live Your Dream's ACT NOW, an online community empowering offline action helping women and girls to live their dream.

**E-Newsletter: Sept 5** is our next newsletter deadline. Please share your committee updates.

**Public Relations:** Sierra Nevada Region shared our facebook post on the [Women's Research Institute of Nevada 'New Leadership Nevada'](#) on our recent speaker and our support of the program, posting, "Promoting leadership for women is right up our mission statement!" Check out the *Soroptimist International of the Americas* and *Soroptimist International Greater Las Vegas* Facebook pages and "like" them. This is important for grant funding. You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page!

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

**WOW Moments!** [Barb](#) and hubby off to Duck Creek, Utah for a week of fishing, [Claire](#) back from Montana after spending most of summer on clean up after frig line flooded their rural retreat. [Kim](#) is having a girls weekend in Laguna beach! [Melissa](#), proud owner of a new four-runner. Road Trip time!



July speaker was Aerial Halstead, from WRIN's New Leadership program, who gave us a synopsis of the program and spoke eloquently about what the program has meant to her



## Meeting Calendar

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

**Board Meeting:** Aug. 29 at 10 AM at Sorohouse. Of course, all members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

**Fall District Meeting:** Las Vegas, Oct 3 sponsored by 3 valley clubs.

**Winter District Function:** Jan 23, 2016

**SNR Conference:** April 2016, Reno

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

## Club NOTES:

**SoroptiHouse** (AKA Barb's guest house): The board recently meet and started organizing and cataloging items stored. Another "cleaning" will be announced soon. Anyone having Soroptimist items are welcome to bring them to Barb's house for storage.

**COMMITTEES** timeline and budgets due at Sept business meeting.

## International is our middle name!



### The Review

#### Memories of the 20th Soroptimist International Convention Istanbul, Turkey

The 20th International Convention in Istanbul, Turkey, more than lived up to its expectations. With almost 1500 Soroptimists travelling by plane, train and automobile - many staying at The Hilton Bosphorus, the extremely well chosen Convention location. Bringing together friends, new and old and delivering traditional fun, friendship, plenty of laughter, this year's Convention offered a spectacular programme of inspired high profile and passionate speakers and panelists – devised by the Programme team of Anne Simon and Inci Erdem Artan.

The theme, Soroptimists Educate to Lead;- Fresh Ideas Empowering Women introduced a wealth of new ideas and solutions, with hard hitting stories and inspired perspectives from key speakers. Soroptimists heard from many notable names including previous Peace Prize award winner Silvana Arbia, Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Anne K. Ream, Founder of The Voices and Faces Project and Michael Kaufman, Co-founder White Ribbon, who delivered a hugely inspiring speech underlining the crucial importance of engaging men & boys in the discussion of violence against women.

The Opening Ceremony began with a welcome by Convention Chair Emine Erdem and President of the Turkish Union, Ilke Erol.

A procession of flags was led up to a stage framed by a Soroptimistanbul banner and floral displays; perfectly dressed for such a momentous occasion. A Convention highlight came by way of the Roll Call, when visiting Soroptimists from each country and territory made themselves known, much to the enjoyment of the packed audience. Opening Speeches were given by International President Ann Garvie and the Turkish

Official Authorities, followed with a Welcome by Federation President of Europe, Ulla Madsen, and an enchanting and thought-provoking music and storytelling performance by Judith Malika Liberman.

An inspired choice for Master of Ceremony was Zeynep Erdem, bringing youth, energy, maturity and confidence to her role. The festivities continued at the Friendship Evening – Soroptimists gathered by the Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel Pool and were treated to wonderful food, music and a catwalk show with a surprising but delightful guest model, International President Ann Garvie.

As the sun went down over the opening of the 20th Soroptimist International Convention it was clear that the next few days were to be inspiring, surprising and ambitious; the kind of days that would go on to make memories that last a lifetime.

The Soroptimist International of Europe Peace Prize is awarded every two years to honour individuals for their remarkable achievements to promote peace. Edit Schlaffer, Founder and Executive Director of Women without Borders/SAVE, was awarded this coveted prize. Edit accepted the award “on behalf of all the women who are willing to join us to make the world a better place” and joins previous winners Silvana Arbia and Carla Del Ponte.

#### Read about each day's exciting events

<http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/assets/media/The%20Convention%20Review%20July%202015Final.pdf>



Yvonne Simpson, 2015-2017 Soroptimist International President. From New Zealand. Like her facebook page!

Special Thanks to Soroptimist International and their *Convention Review* webpages