

HAPPENINGS



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, February 2016

Sweet Fantasy is almost here!

Sunday, February 28, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Tickets are sold out! We can only seat 200. If you bought a table and/or have tickets you are not using please let us know so can squeeze in a few more.

We are very grateful to have received many wonderful donations of food, raffle prizes and silent auction items. The most recent ones include VIP tickets to Blue Man Group at Luxor, Cirque du Soleil's KA at MGM and Beatles Love at The Mirage. Teavana at Downtown Summerlin donated 2 beautiful baskets and will give 10% off purchases at their location when a person shows their Sweet Fantasy ticket. Station Casinos are donating a Regal Cinema's VIP Private Movie Box including food and beverages for 15. Delightful Chef is donating a four course dinner for two prepared in your home and is donating three kinds of chocolate desserts for our dessert buffet. We have tickets to Menopause The Musical, CasaBlanca Resort stay with golf or spa package, coffee with Congresswoman Dina Titus, auto detailing packages from Terrible Herbst, a Swedish massage at the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Spa, Halotherapy sessions at the Salt Room LV, private writing coaching sessions with author Donna Quick, and lunch or dinner at The M Resort's Studio B Buffet, dinner at Lawry's The Prime Rib, a Facial and basket of products courtesy of Herte Center for

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas presents



5th Annual
Sweet Fantasy
Chocolate and More Party
 An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016
 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 WILDHORSE GOLF CLUB
 2100 W. Warm Springs Road, Henderson, NV 89014



Cosmetic Surgery, and a family trust package by Jonathan J. Lord, Esq. For a complete list of silent auction and raffle prizes go to our website.

To be as successful as we want it to be and so all members can also enjoy the festivities, we ask each member to sign up for one 30-60 minute assignment. Of course, members may volunteer for more than one. At our last meeting we had a sign-up sheet for members but we still need more. We need greeters at check-in, hostesses to explain to guests how the raffle and silent auction work, raffle ticket sellers and volunteers for clean-up. Please contact Kim at by February 14 to sign-up.

Please remember that all members should arrive no later than 1pm so we are ready for our guests to arrive at 1:30pm.

Thank you to all the members who have dedicated their time and talents to make this our most successful and fun-filled fundraiser ever. The Sweet Fantasy Team is grateful to you!



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Club Board 2015-2016

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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)

**E-Newsletter published on the 10th of
each month and sent via your preferred
email.**

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Reach Out, Bring In

President's Ponderings

In the midst of the primary season in Presidential politics, an unknown author wrote, "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." I don't know how many people vote every year, but I'm sure that Soroptimists in the USA vote at least every four years for the next President. Many of us caucus for our favorite Presidential candidate; some work actively for their candidate of choice. Every Soroptimist, however, in every country throughout the world is a volunteer trying to create a better world by improving the lives of women and girls in her community, her region, her federation, and her world. Amid the growing rancor of party politics Soroptimists shine a powerful light on what can be accomplished when people of good will work together for a common goal. Soroptimists live out Mother Teresa's call to "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." In a world of hurt, violence, bigotry, and inequality, may Soroptimists always REACH OUT to women and girls and BRING IN the help, understanding, and encouragement they need to become all that they can be. Every Soroptimist I have ever met is a great role model. Let's spread the word.

President *Diana*



SIGLV Welcomes New Member

Capt. Lisa Smith is the Salvation Army's Assistant Director of Social Services in Clark County. She was previously a Soroptimist in San Francisco. Lisa was inducted at our February meeting. Shown with membership chair Catherine.

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)

www.soroptimistsnr.org

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Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)

www.soroptimist.org

(Login and password

Your member # on roster
in each area)

**"Let Nothing Dim the Light
that Shines Within"**
Maya Angelou



Soroptimist International (SI)

www.soroptimistinternational.org

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Committee Happenings

Birthdays: Misty Feb 19;
Esther Mar 7; Claire Mar 11; Leah Mar 16;

Service

Next Service **Committee Meeting** will be Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 am at East Valley Family Services. Volunteers are need for **Breakfast Buddies** on Friday, February 19, 8:30-11:30 am. Please make a senior's day by simply talking and being present during the Senior Share Meal at East Valley Family Services. It is the third Friday of every month.

Live Your Dream Art Contest Award Ceremony will be held Thursday, February 25, 1:00 pm at Mater Academy. We will serve refreshments, hand out certificates of participation, make presentation of books we are donating to the Mater Academy library and honor the top the winners. All members are invited to attend.

Reading Week is February 29 - March 4. Lists for available times to read to the kids for Mater Academy, Cambiero Elementary and Beckley Elementary Schools will be available soon or let Leah know when you are available and to which grade you would like to read and she will get you scheduled.

Teens Helping Teens Even if it's warm this week, winter hasn't gone away and nights are cold. THT winter survival kits for displaced and homeless teens includes scarves, gloves, beanies, chap stick, hand warmers, hand sanitizer, kleenex packets, granola bars and more! The teens also distribute fleece blankets each month to underprivileged, homeless and displaced youth. Candy is flooding the stores right now, think about Easter type candy, always a treat! Maffy donated another box of hand knit scarves, Diana has 7 more blankets and Lois found mittens on sale! If you can help, send your donations to Lois.

Awards

Soroptimist International clubs of Southern Nevada Award Luncheon to honor the winners of the Ruby Award and the Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women will be held at Cili Restaurant at Bali Hai Golf Club at 11:30 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 12. Lunch is \$34, please RSVP to Melissa by Mar 3.

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. Please sign in so you can access the "member" section. Melissa will provide your password.



For our January program meeting Captain Lisa Smith, the Salvation Army's Assistant Director of Social Services in Clark County, and our newest member, took us on a tour of the Salvation Army's Campus to acquaint us with the variety of services offered in the Las Vegas valley. We also saw the SEEDS of Hope program's two confidential studio apartments. Beginning this month, they will be used to house adult victims of human trafficking on a temporary basis while more permanent housing is coordinated.

The Salvation Army of Southern Nevada's SEEDS of Hope program works in collaboration with local law enforcement, FBI, ICE and numerous community service providers to identify, rescue, and restore victims of all forms of human trafficking. The program is requesting assistance with decorating and stocking of the two confidential studio apartments.

SIGLV Updates

SIGLV Program Meeting: Thursday Feb 18

Our speaker will be **Teri De La Torre**, executive director of Jude 22, a senior nutrition program that also services children and teens. We heard from Teri at the Fall SNR District meeting. Bring a guest and enjoy another dynamic speaker.



First Place * Valeria, age 10**

"My cousin Karina inspires me because she is always there for me. She helps me with stuff I need to do, like homework. Karina also takes me places, and she like to call me her "mini me". She's always on time and studied hard. She got good education and got a scholarship. I also want to be like her. She is amazing."

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For the Soroptimist Live You Dream Art Contest, we asked the fifth graders at Mater Academy of Nevada to create a work of art on 11" x 14" paper. Students could draw or paint a picture that depicted a woman who serves as a mentor or role model in their life. They were also asked, in 50 words or less, to describe how this woman serves as a mentor to them and how she inspires and/or motivates them. Some wrote longer, but that's okay.



Second Place Melanie, age 10

"The woman that inspires me the most in my life is Gabbyduglas. Why she inspires me is because she is an amazing gymnast, she never gives up and she loyal to everyone in the world. when she Falls she gets back up and tries again. She is an magnificence gymnast She is gabbydulas and one day I will like gabbyduglas. She makes me confident when Im in gymnastics class I think I wanna be like gabbyduglas I wanna go to the olimpac I wanna sign people hands I wanna be just like her. She is an amazing woman and one Day I want to be just like her going on the bars, vault, Beam I wanna be gabby duglas thats how gabbydouglass inspires me."



Third Place Michael, age 10

"Ms. Fowler has inspired me to become a better person and always tells me I'm going to become the adult I am now. She is always there when I need her, even when I don't understand a math problem, she explains it to me step-by-step, and tells me what I need to do. That's why I choose her as a person who inspires and motivates me."



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

Our mandatory SIA club conference fee pays for one delegate registration only. Meals, rooms, etc and flights are extra.

Calendar

Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 11:45 am, Desert Pines Golf Club (note new lunch increase to \$19)

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

SNR Conference: April 2016, Reno