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## Reach Out, Bring In Presidents Ponderings

As I turn the reins of SIGLV over to Trude and her board, I want to thank all of you for a fabulous year as President of this amazing organization and for all the guidance and help you have given me. SIGLV's hugely successful year is due to the hard work each of you has poured into the club and its functions. The hugely successful Sweet Fantasy has funded so many of our service and leadership projects. The Program and Advocacy Committees have kept us abreast of the needs of women and girls in our area and around the world. The Service Committee organized nine enormous projects benefiting seniors, elementary and high school students, trafficking victims, victims of domestic violence, and college students. In addition, we have joined with other southern Nevada clubs to host the District 6 meeting, a Live Your Dream and Ruby Awards Banquet, a Dream It, Be It Conference, and a Break These Chains event at the Fremont Street Experience. We've inducted three new members and sent funds to victims of natural disasters in the SNR region and Nepal. At the SNR

Spring Conference only one club won more awards than our Newsletter, Website, and Electronic Communications Committees garnered. Finally, we celebrated the lives of two of our amazing longtime members who passed away this year, Janice Reid and Maffy Forrester. I want to encourage every member, especially the new ones, to consider holding an office and rising to the Presidency. It is a lot of work, but it is also quite a ride. Congratulations to Trude McMahan, to her slate of officers, and to the 2016-17 Committees. Drawing on past experience, I know that 2016 -17 will be even better than 2015-16. This club always seems to find new ways to excel.

Sincerely,

**President Diana**



### Human Trafficking Victims Apartment Decorating Team Ready to Decorate Second Apartment

Shopping it complete and we are ready to decorate the second confidential apartment. We are just

waiting on word from our liaison at the human trafficking nonprofit organization to set a date. We completed the first apartment in March and a grant from the SNR Endowment Fund has enabled us to proceed with decorating the second. The two 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 still looking for fun or inspirational artwork for the bedroom and living room of each apartment 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.

All are welcome to help us decorate. Once a date is set, we will let everyone know.

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

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

**Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR)** Atlantis Hotel Reno.

**SNR Conference: April 28-30, 2017** Atlantis Hotel, Reno.

**June Business Meeting: PART 2** June 16 Final Committee Reports due. Remember, turn in two copies. Send via email to Lois for newsletter.

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# Club Resource Page



## Club Board 2015-2016

President: Diana Walla  
Pres-Elect: Trude McMahan  
Vice-President: Alicia Davisson  
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

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IPP: Diana Walla  
2 year Delegate: Susie Magit  
1 year Delegate: Sue Cavaco

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**Birthdays:**  
June 11 Barbara,  
June 27 Martha,  
July 11 Trude,  
July 31 Catherine

## SI Greater Las Vegas

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Greater Las Vegas](#)

Website:  
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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.**

Committee Contact Lois Sagel  
[soroptimist.glv@cox.net](mailto:soroptimist.glv@cox.net)



Our May program was both informative and inspiring. Esther Brown, Founder and Director of Embracing Project and the Center 4 Peace, spoke to us about her work with young victims of human trafficking.

### Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)

[www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)  
(Login User= user

password  
needed for Members area)



### Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)

[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)  
(Login and password

**We must not only give what we  
have, we must also give what we  
know.**

*Robert Mann*



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

# Committee 2016-17 Recommendations 16-17

## **Bears and Binkies Subcommittee Recommendations:**

- 1) Continue Bears and Binkies as official project of club
- 2) Request budget of \$200 for Make and Take Craft Table

Submitted: Kathy, Susie, Kim

## **Publicity Committee Recommendations:**

- 1) .Submit more press releases to the media
  - 2) Try and find other options for publicity
  - 3) Submit photos and info to SIA Magazine and SNR website
- Kathy

## **E-Newsletter Committee Recommendations:**

- 1.) SIGLV e-newsletter continue for the 2016-2017 club year.
- 2) Member Survey for their input into design, content, recommendations
- 3) Recommend committees provide updates from their meetings prior to the deadline. Flyers can be hyperlinked.
- 4) Encourage member photos, especially action shots
- 5) Encourage member WOW updates and news

Lois, Kathy, Melissa

## **Social Media Manager Recommendations:**

- 1) Request \$200 for Facebook Advertising budget to boost our post engagements and increase the number of people who like our page
- 2) Encourage member generated photos submitted in a timely manner
- 3) Encourage members to go to our page, hit the *like* button and make comments on our posts

Kathy

## **Teens Helping Teens (THT) Committee Recommendations:**

- 1) SIGLV continue to partner with Teens Helping Teens for the 2016-2017 club year
- 2) SIGLV members participate in a defined number of THT projects. (Last year, the schedule called for monthly activity)
- 3) SIGLV designate a line-item budget of \$2000 to be divided between emergency services and mobile trailer physical enhancement to better serve clients.
- 4) SIGLV invite THT to participate in and benefit from "Sweet Fantasy." If THT gets their scholarship program started this could be seed funding.

- 5) ·SIGLV invite THT to participate in and contribute to "Dream It, Be It" program 2017.

Lois

## **Membership Committee (no recommendations)**

The ample membership materials updated, prepared, and organized last year provides the basis for the committee's work. Each new member is now presented at the time of induction with a notebook filled with essential reference material on Soroptimist in general and SIGLV in particular. Minndie Lloyd joined SIGLV early in the club year, and then later in the fall two women who had been Soroptimists in California--(Amelia) Nancy Hippert and Lisa Smith--also became members

Catherine (chair), Misty and Kim

## **Website Committee Recommendations:**

- 1) Re-educate the members about the site and how to sign up to access the "members only" area
- 2) Query members about what they would like on the website.
- 3) Request that each committee starts providing information to be included on the website.
- 4) Find a picture that represents our club to put on the Home Page.

If any member would like to assist in updating the site, their help is more than welcome.  
Melissa, Kathy and Lois

## **Fundraising Committee (No recommendations)**

Our 5th Sweet Fantasy was a huge success! We raised \$9,206.20 with a gross of \$12,895 and expenses of \$3,688.80. Held Sun, Feb 28 at Wildhorse Golf Club with approximately 170 people in attendance.

Revenue received as follows: Ticket Sales—\$3,985; Raffle tickets \$3,560; Silent Auction \$4,310; Sasle of Center Pieces \$690; Cash donations \$350.

Beneficiaries of fundraising were: Teens Helping Teens—\$1,000, Club Giving \$1,000, EVFS Senior Share \$922; Bamboo Bridges—\$690 (center piece sales)

## **WRIN NEW Leadership Welcome Bags Recommendations**

- 1) SIGLV once again provide Welcome Bags in 2017 to the 30 participates of WRIN NEW Leadership by collecting donations of bags and items to put in them.
- 2) SIGLV designate a line item budget of \$100 for items to add or to fill in with donated items.

## SIGLV 2016-2017 Board Installation

June 4, 2016



Soroptimist International  
OF  
Greater Las Vegas

Let Peace



Begin With Us

### Installation of 2016-2017 Board of Directors

June 4, 2016

Desert Pines Golf Club



### Call to Soroptimist Development Retreat 2016

Please join the Sierra Nevada Region board for SDR on **July 9 and 10, 2016** at the **Atlantis Hotel, Reno.**

SDR 2016 is similar to last year's well received format which received an overall rating from the attendees of 95% satisfaction. There be will be several new topics, officer training and some interesting guest speakers. There is something for every Soroptimist.

Three meals and the choice from 19 sessions for the same price as last year, only **\$95 per person** to register for SDR. More information each week as the sessions are developing. Check your weekly eblast.

Registration and Hotel rooms must be completed by **June 15th.**

If registration occurs past June 15th, a \$35 late fee will be imposed.

Register for SDR 2016 HERE: [SDR2016](#) You will make your hotel reservations at the end of SDR registration, or you can make them HERE: [Atlantis Hotel & Casino Registration](#)



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



# HELP!



## SIGLV Members Respond!

Teens Helping Teens (THT) reached out to SIGLV for help in two arenas.

1. **Baskets for the Grads** has become a much larger project with the teens celebrating the achievements of teens at St Judes Camp Too, reuniting separated siblings (from foster care) and having a fake ceremony to share with their siblings. Two more at graduations through Help of Southern Nevada and Shannon West Drop in center. They are also teens who will graduate following GEDS this summer.
2. THT desperately needed food gift cards and anything about graduation. Harder to find in the store right now, so we grabbed what we could! SIGLV voted to donate \$150 towards grad baskets. President Diana traveled to several stores to find the last of the Grad frames, mugs, etc.
3. **Summer Survival Kits:** THT was low on supplies for their summer kits. They go through at least 100 per month. Needs by priority are: refillable screw closed top type of water bottles (Dollar stores!), cases of water, sun screen (Dollar store has these, or the mini's at Walmart work too) Flip flops (largest sizes). We found these at Walmart, and \$\$ Stores for 98. High protein food: protein bar or beef jerky. They put these into one gallon bags with twist ties and add inspiring quotes, scripture, and then tie shut with ribbons. SIGLV voted to donate \$150 towards the top three needs. Along with a outside donation, we traveled to four stores to buy in bulk!
4. Please keep your eyes open when you are shopping, there are great sales during the summer. We had the hardest time getting mini sunscreens for less than 2.25 each.



Your donations purchased: 12 graduation frames, 7 grad albums, 6 grad lanyards, 12 grad tinsel signs, 12 grad beads & whistles, 10 grad mugs, 2 grad fun eye glasses, 6 grad bears, 1 grad beach ball, 12 grad face art, 24 pkt grad bubbles, 12 pkt grad glow sticks, 18 grad cards. 2 grad banners, Plus 7 water bottles, 6 battery operated fans, 8 tote bags. Plus 51 pairs flip flops, 18 sun screens, 25 screw top cups. 300 open top storage bags, 48 protein bars, 40 fruit snacks.

## THANK YOU SIGLV!