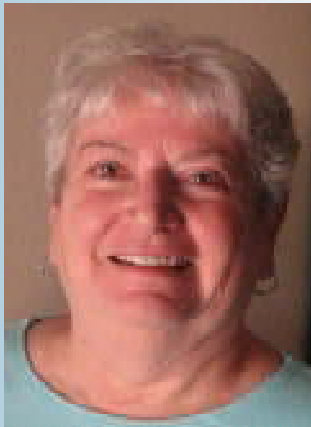


Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, JUNE 2017



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President's Column

Auld Lang Syne

So we are about to close our 49th year. For those of you who missed installation, Catherine Bellver and Nancy Hippert took us on a six minute journey through the

past eleven months. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President.

We have received a number of ideas for service for the upcoming year, and I hope you are all able to be at the meeting on June 15 to discuss them. Our 50th year can be our best yet, if we choose boldly.

There are many ways in which we can help women and girls and I challenge each of you to carefully consider our options and join the discussion.

Sue Cavaco is to be congratulated on her installation of the new board. It was certainly a fine party.

It was good to see Lois and Kathy, whose schedules keep them from attending meetings. Lois holds the SIGLV record for longevity, at 40+ years. Here's to many more for her and all of us.

President Trude

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JUNE 15
Club
discussion on
service
proposals

Ad hoc
committee
chair Kim has
circulated

several ideas that have been proposed for 2016-17 funding. We look forward to your discussion

Thursday, June 15
Desert Pines Golf Club
11:45-12:45

Friday June 16



WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY
Building Strong Support for Elders



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

June 1 Business Meeting:
June 15 Annual report/service Meeting
July 6 Business Meeting

Board Meeting TBA at Soroptihouse. Members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

SNR Region Conference April 27,28,29 2018 Atlantis, Reno

SIA Federation Convention: July 30-Aug 2. 2018 Yokohama Japan

SI International Convention, July 2019, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia



Club Board 2016-2017

- President: Trude McMahan
- Vice President: Esther Gregurek
- Secretary: Catherine Bellver
- Treasurer: Barbara Agonia
- Director: Nancy Hippert
- IPP: Diana Walla
- 2 year Delegate: Susie Magit
- 1 year Delegate: Sue Cavaco

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

**SIGLV Incoming
2017-2018 Board**

- President: Alicia Davisson
- President-Elect: Esther Gregurek
- Vice President: Nancy Hippert
- Secretary: Catherine Bellver
- Treasurer: Ann Taylor
- Director: Shirley Hancen
- Two-year delegate: Dawn Walker

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of each month and sent via your
preferred email.**

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**Senate unanimously approved
Oct 16 as Sarah Winnemucca
Day**

CARSON CITY — Sarah Winnemucca, a Paiute princess who served as a translator for the U.S. military in the 1800s and spent much of her life negotiating between different cultures, will have her own special day in Nevada.

The Senate on Wednesday unanimously approved Assembly Bill 435, which would designate Oct. 16 as Sarah Winnemucca Day. It previously passed the Assembly on a unanimous vote and now goes to Gov. Brian Sandoval.

The granddaughter of a Paiute tribal chief, Winnemucca was born in 1844 in western Nevada. She spoke five languages and addressed President


Rutherford Hayes and Secretary of the Interior Carl Schurz about the plight of the Paiute. She also gave hundreds of lectures, founded a school and published a memoir.

Winnemucca died Oct. 16, 1891.

Statues of Winnemucca stand in the lobby of the Nevada State Capitol and in the National Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

SIGLV, along with other NV clubs, advocated for Sara Winnemucca to be recognized at the US Capital.

**Sandra Chereb Review-Journal
Capital Bureau**

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Happy Birthday!
June 11 Barb
June 19 Misty
June 27 Martha



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Committees plus This and That....

Recommendations to club from the Committee Annual Reports.

Fundraising (Sweet Fantasy) Recommendations:

- a. The silent auction items should start at a higher price.
- b. The club should continue to partner with Teens Helping Teens and Castaways. Their assistance at the event was invaluable.
- c. A central table or area for raffle ticket purchases.
- d. Jin of JinJu Chocolates said she is committed for next year.
- e. Maintain partnerships with Popcorn Girl.
- f. A table hostess will need to monitor their guests because a few people filled bags and purses with desserts.
- g. Since next year is the 50th anniversary of SIGLV, this milestone might be brought into next year's event, perhaps in the centerpieces.
- h. Solicitations should be sent to IKEA and Oceanspray.
- i. Recommend that tickets be sold for \$30 until a certain date and after that for \$35. The price of a table would be raised to \$275.00.
- j. It was suggested that the amount of complimentary tickets given should be reviewed.

Newsletter Committee Recommendations:

- 1) SIGLV e-newsletter continue for the 2017-2018 club year updated to reflect new president Alicia's theme..
- 2) Recommend committees provide updates from their meetings prior to the deadline. Flyers can be hyperlinked.
- 3) Ask board to submit minutes of all club actions, board, and business meetings
- 1) Encourage member photos, especially action shots
- 2) Encourage member WOW updates and news
- 3) Membership committee to send new member applications to our committee for insertion into database and roster.

Teens Helping Teens Partnership Recommendations:

- * We recommend continuing THT partnership for the 2017-2018 club year
- * We are requesting \$2000 from the service funds be designated for THT. (This would provide the \$1000 matching fund to be used to enhance/match the SNR grant and provide additional items for survival kits) the remaining \$1000 to be used throughout the remainder of the club year to fill special needs, i.e. food cards, nonperishable foods, and needs as identified to serve the youth homeless and displaced community. THT also has a huge need for help in reprinting their flyers/signage as well. They are out of their collateral materials.
- * We are still trying to reach out to the community to find donations to wrap the THT trailer used to deliver services throughout the community, from shelters, to the YMCA, to street outreach. We are searching for resources from outside of our club budget. However, some small funding may be needed.

Membership Recommendations

It is recommended that the practice of gifting an Information Folder to each guest/speaker be continued. This all necessitated a considerable amount of printing. As a result, it is recommended that the 2016-17 budget of \$375 for the Membership Committee be repeated for the 2017-18 club year.

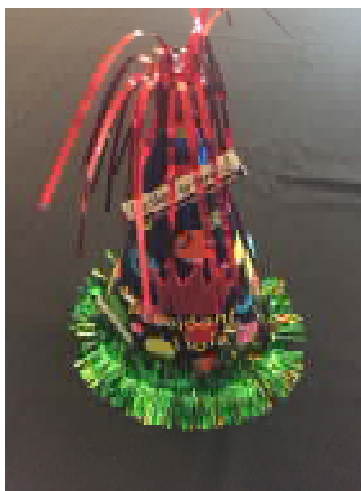
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Dream It, Be It Recommendations

Recommendations for 2017-18 include a repetition of this event with the same \$1000 budget as 2016-17. Recommendations for 2018-19 include an expansion of the Conference venue, as Mater Academy has offered to bring back this year's girls for a Career Fair in the fall to include speakers from several careers, The Public Education Foundation, and colleges/vocational/technical schools in the area. During 2018-19, we would then be hosting the Career Fair in the fall and the Dream It, Be It Conference in the spring. As a result, the budget would need to be revised at that time.
(to be continued)



WOW Moments! WOW Moments

Leah's daughter's volleyball team took top honors! Way to go Savannah! **Dawn** traveling for most of July. She and hubby are off to Montana, Denver, and St. Louis.

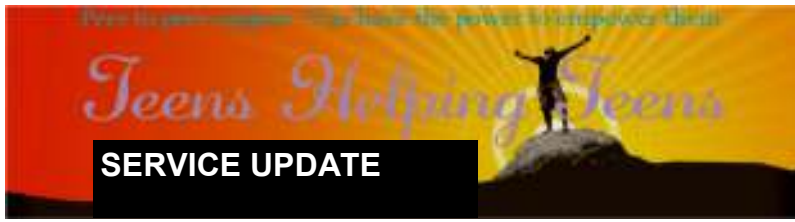
Shirley made over 1,000 calls to seniors this year as reminders to attend Senior Share. **Sue** might want to go in to the party planning business! Her skills were over the top for the board installation. She even made each board member their own special party hat! Shout

out to **Kathy**, she acquired eight boxes of books from her school for THT libraries in shelters

Dawn donated female and male special Mary Kaye kits to each of THT graduating students. She is amazing and so appreciated!

Wounded members recovering include: **Diana** had "good" knee; **Barb** going thru many doc tests. Wishing all a quick recovery





Soroptimist Vision & Mission

VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

MISSION

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

Gender Equality: Women and girls live free from discrimination.

Empowerment: Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.

Education: Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.

Diversity & Fellowship: Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

BIG GOAL (10-15 YEARS)

Increase Collective Impact

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES (3-5 YEARS)

Impact

All levels of SIA will collectively provide a sustainable impact on the lives of women and girls.

Engagement

Members and supporters will find value through engagement with the SIA mission.

Recognition

SIA is recognized for its efforts to improve the lives of women and girls.

Philanthropy

Members and supporters will fully fund our Dream Programs.

Future

We will enter our second century able to serve more women and girls through our Dream Programs.

School is out and summer brings THT to their summer anti-bullying campaign. They will present programs at the YMCA, drop in centers and shelters.

THT asks for school supplies from those who can contribute. There is a huge need for back to school supplies in the fall and they work all summer long to build up that stock, while working on and distributing their Summer Hygiene Kits:

SUMMER HYGIENE KITS: BASIC NEEDS for street outreach. You are welcome to help the teens if you wish.

Summer kits,

1. L or XL flip flops,
2. sunscreen,
3. chapstick,
4. Non perishable food
5. Clothes,
6. Food gift cards are needed year around.

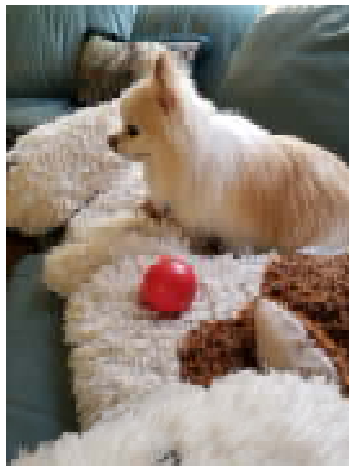
Do you know a business, friend, colleague who would be willing to help sponsor some of THT basic needs? Kathy has a donation letter available!



Red Nose Day makes it fun to come together and make a difference. Wearing a red nose on May 25 showed awareness for kids in need at home and around the world.

Winners of our Pet Red Nose pix was:

KIM'S BABY GIRLS
Lexi sent them first place cookies!



Let's celebrate!

2017 Soroptimist Recognition Banquet

Join your Soroptimist friends as we celebrate our achievements and honor our SIA leadership. This fun-filled event will include the award presentations, recognition of outgoing and incoming board members, and the installation of 2017-2018 SIA President Dawn Marie Lemonds! Tickets are available for \$90 USD each.

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Canada
Saturday, June 24, 2017, 6-9:30 pm
Three-course meal, entertainment, awards
More info: soroptimist.org

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In keeping with Incoming Pres Alicia's theme We CELEBRATE! the new board



Sue, creative installing officer



**Pres Alicia's acceptance speech
6/3/17 installation**

This morning I watched a report about neighborhood malls becoming obsolete. The word obsolete will never be pertinent to Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas. We are 50 years old and will continue helping women and children for 50 more years and beyond. We will celebrate those past 50 years beginning with Gold & SOLT at every meeting. We will celebrate each other by giving everyone the opportunity to have a voice but more importantly to listen to that voice. We will celebrate and respect women and children in need of help by listening to their concerns and then developing plans to meet their needs with their growth in mind. We will celebrate the past with fond memories of working with one mind and heart of hours spent at programs such as Caliente, Regina Hall, Safe Nest, Rape Crisis, the Women's prison to name a few and those members who are still here in spirit. Geneva, Florence, Janice, Bernie, Barbara Malloy and Maffy to name a few. We will celebrate those who are here today and those who could not be here today. So I ask you to join me this year in a celebration of what was, a celebration of what is today and a celebration of what we leave for the future, for the next 50 years.



Pres Trude awarded "Silver Saluting Sailor" recognition to Susie



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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS!

There are many scams out there than can ensnare even savvy consumers. Many are designed specifically to target seniors. Scammers are professional liars and can be very convincing. They may contact you through the mail, email, social media, on-line dating sites, on the phone, or even in public. This guide will help you learn to recognize common warning signs of scams and simple steps that you can take to protect yourself.

Is It A Scam?

1. Is the sales person using high pressure sales tactics? Scams often say things like, "Act Now!"; "Time is running out!"; "This is a onetime offer!"
2. Are you being asked to pay upfront fees? Lottery and sweepstakes scams often employ this tactic. If you really won something the fees can be taken out of your winnings.
3. Are you being told that you won a contest that you didn't enter? Lottery and sweepstakes scams almost always start this way. You can't win a contest that you didn't enter.
4. Have you been scammed in the past? Often scam victims have their personal contact information sold to other con artists. You may get unsolicited calls from people promising to get your money back or provide other remedies or offers. These 'offers' can be scams too. Beware!
5. Did you receive unsolicited mail, emails, or phone calls for services that you were not seeking? Research the companies that you want to employ. Many scams begin with someone knocking on your door offering services, or sending out promotional materials. This often happens in the case of home repair scams.
6. Are you being contacted by the police over the phone? Verify that they are who they say they are. Some scams begin with a person pretending to be a police officer who tells you that they are concerned that you have been a victim of a crime. They then proceed to solicit your personal information. In truth, the police will contact you in person if they have questions for you or believe that you have been a victim of a crime.

How To Protect Yourself

1. Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov.
2. When no longer needed, shred junk mail, old bills, bank statements and any other documents that have personal identifying information.
3. Don't give out personal information over the phone unless you originated the call and you know with whom you are talking. Particularly safeguard your social security number.
4. It is ok to be rude. If a sales person calls you or comes to your door who does not seem to be taking no for an answer, it is ok to terminate the conversation. Hang up the phone or close the door. You don't have to let yourself be pressured into anything.
5. Never sign something that you don't understand. Have a trusted and unbiased professional assist you when enter contracts or signing legal documents.
6. If you hire someone for personal assistance services, in home care services, etc. ensure that they have been properly screened with criminal background checks completed.
7. Learn about scams and stay informed
 - Sign up for AARP's Fraud Watch: https://action.aarp.org/site/5PageNavigator/FWN_Registration_Page.html
 - Check out AARP's interactive national fraud map: <http://action.aarp.org/site/PageNavigator/FraudMap.html>
 - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers information and tools for older Americans: www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans
 - The Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force offers resources and reports to help protect yourself against common types of frauds and scams: www.stopfraud.gov/protect.html
 - Stay alert to common frauds and scams by checking consumer protection sites such as www.Fraud.org
 - External Web Site Policy and FBI Common Fraud Schemes: www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes

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