

**HAPPENINGS**



**Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, March 2016**

**Reach Out, Bring In**



**President's Ponderings**

March 8 is International Women’s Day. In spite of much dialogue and some legislation, The Huffington Post (Sept. 30, 2015) published a headline reading, “At this rate it’ll take 100 years to get gender equality at work.” The National Partnership for Women and Families Report published the same month indicated that women holding full-time jobs in Nevada are paid an average of \$35,993, while men earn on average \$42,294 – a wage gap of over \$6,000.

What’s more, women in Nevada are better off than the national average. Nevada women are paid \$.85 for every dollar a man earns. Nationally that figure drops to \$.79/dollar earned by a man. Worse still, African American women earn just \$.60 and Latina women earn only \$.55/dollar earned by white, non-Latino men.

In Nevada, almost 128,000 households are headed by women and over one-fourth of them earn incomes that leave their families below the poverty level. Unfortunately, the percentages do not vary nationally with the level of education or career field chosen.

As an organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls locally, nationally and internationally, Soroptimists need aggressively to **Reach Out** and advocate for equal pay for women and men everywhere. Please wear your purple ribbon or other accessory on March 8 and throughout the year to **Bring In** discussions, links and action with other organizations and with government officials. Pay disparity does not go away in April.

**President Diana**

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**AWARDS LUNCHEON March 12**

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*You are invited to the*

*Soroptimist International Clubs of Southern Nevada Awards Luncheon*

*In honor of the winners of the*  
*Ruby Award*  
*and*  
*Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women*

*Saturday, March 12, 2016*  
*11:30 am - 2:00 pm*

*Cili Restaurant at Bali Hai Golf Club*  
*5160 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV*

*\$34.00 per person*

*R.S.V.P. Melissa McDonald:*  
*702-433-6025 or machippo@cox.net*  
*by March 1, 2016*

*Southern Nevada Soroptimist Clubs:*  
*Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas*  
*Soroptimist International of Las Vegas Valley*  
*Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Las Vegas*  
*Soroptimist International of Palomosa Valley*

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**SIGLV Program Meeting: Thurs March 17**



**LJ Harness, a marketing representative at Cadillac of Las Vegas and entertainer, has helped raise over a million dollars for community organizations. He has been able to take what he has learned as an entertainer and incorporate it in to raising money and awareness to great causes on behalf of Cadillac of Las Vegas. At our program meeting on March 17, he will share his story with us.**

# Club Resource Page

# Reading Week



## Club Board 2015-2016

- President: Diana Walla
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Committees LIST will be on [website](#),  
Member Only Tab



*SIGLV selected two schools to focus our reading attention to during Nevada Reading week, **Mater Academy of Nevada** and **Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School**. Thank you to all our members who took the time this week to share their love of reading!*

SIGLV members went back to school last week. It was National Reading Week for CCSD, and we read to the full gamut of elementary school classes. All the readers report delightful experiences with the students. Especially gratifying was the reception we got from the students at Mater Academy, who greeted us with hugs and words of gratitude for the books we donated,

The librarian tells us that those books have been on constant check-out since the day we took them there, and all the fifth grade teachers spoke about the enthusiasm the students have shown for both reading and sharing their new books. One of our readers donated a book she read to the classes and then gave to the first and third place winners of the Live Your Dream contest to present to their library. This way, the students themselves made an investment in the growth of their library.

## 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.**

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



## SIPV 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We helped Soroptimist International of Pahrump Valley celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! SIGLV donated \$50 to SIPV in honor of the special occasion.

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

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



**"The good you do is not lost  
though you forget it"**

Jiri Masala



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

# Celebrating WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## Committee Happenings

**Birthdays:**

Esther Mar 7; Claire Mar 11; Leah Mar 16;

**Service**

**Breakfast Buddies** - March 18, 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 Thursday of every month.

**WRIN NEW Leadership Welcome Bags** -We are currently collecting items for 30 "goodie" bags to welcome the 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** - Final fleece blanket workshop will be held this month at Lois' house. Date to be announced. New release teen/young adult paperbacks and children books are being collected for shelters.

Donations of prom formal wear are being collected for the Prom Scholarship program - also needed are accessories to complete the outfits. Plus, THT is still working on winter survival and hygiene kits. Check out our THT Update via [sorooptimistgreaterlasvegas.org](http://sorooptimistgreaterlasvegas.org)

**Pull Out Your Drawers** - The details are being finalized on our second annual underwear collection drive. Look for information in your in box soon!

**Bears and Binkies** - April 30, 10 am - 2 pm . This year, the picnic will be held in the parking lot behind East Valley Family Services. There is plenty of shade and plenty of room for everyone. We will once again be hosting the make and take craft table, and of course, helping at the registration table and contributing to the cake walk!

**Human Trafficking Victims Apartment Decorating Project** set for week of March 14. See story on page 4

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

**Website:**

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



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Thanks to our sponsor, JinJu Chocolates, all our donors, and our generous guests, our event raised almost \$10,000 for our service projects, including *Teens Helping Teens*, *East Valley Family Services Senior Share Program*, and local Anti-Human Trafficking programs as well as leadership education.

Our center pieces, designed by member Susie, raised \$690 for Bamboo Bridges.

We had some wonderful entertainment from Wayniac Entertainment and member Leah. Plus, Patranya Bhoolsuwan, Emmy Award-winning report and anchor at 8 News Now, was an outstanding addition as Mistress of Ceremonies.





**LYD Art Contest**

As part of the 8th Annual Soroptimist Live Your Dream Art Contest, SIGLV asked the fifth graders at Mater Academy of Nevada to create a work of art that depicts a woman who serves as a mentor or role model in their life.

We hosted an awards ceremony at the school. All participants were given certificates of participation and the contest winners were each given a gift card and a book of their very own to take home. We also donated books for elementary readers to the school library and treated over 100 students to juice and snacks.



Our February program was very interesting and enlightening. Teri De La Torre spoke to us on the different levels of at risk youth. She has worked for over 25 years with at risk youth through the Girl Scouts of America, Juvenile Justice system and other organizations. Currently, Teri is the executive director of Jude 22, a Las Vegas non-profit which provides food and counseling to seniors in the valley, many of whom are raising their grandchildren.

**SERVICE PROJECT**



Human Trafficking Victims Apartment Decorating Project – We are assisting with decorating and stocking two confidential studio apartments managed by a human trafficking nonprofit program. These apartments will be used to house adult victims of human trafficking on a temporary basis while more permanent housing is coordinated. The committee is shopping and we hope to set a date, the week of **March 14**, to decorate and stock at least one of the apartments. Everyone is welcome to the decorating party.

**SIGLV Updates**



**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 lunch \$19

**Board Meeting: Mar 26 10 AM** at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

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

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas  
presents



5th Annual  
**Sweet Fantasy**  
Chocolate and More Party  
An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016



Our 5th Annual Sweet Fantasy fundraiser was a BIG success and a lot of fun! The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all our members who helped achieve our goals. We could not have done it without you!

