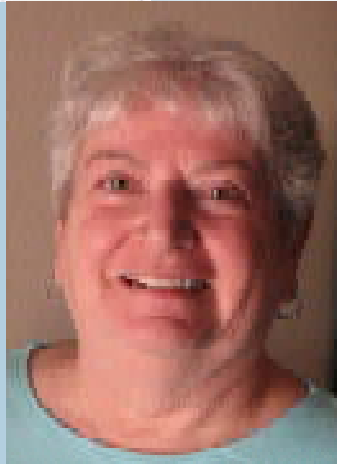


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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**  
**Autumn Musings**

We are about to enter autumn, with shorter days, longer nights, and (hopefully) cooler temperatures. As I write this, the election is 62 days away. We have heard or will hear from advocates for ballot questions and candidates. It is becoming increasingly

difficult to be informed about everyone and everything on the ballot. My crusade for many years is to make sure that every eligible person seeks as much information as possible and VOTES!

Complaining has become a national pastime, probably more popular than baseball. We are bombarded with half-truths and outright lies. It is easy to repeat the garbage rather than find facts. It is even easier to stay home and let others decide our fate. I have long advocated for listening to those with whom we disagree, as we live in a society where differing viewpoints should be celebrated, not ridiculed.

If we are to find peace in our little corners of the world, we need to celebrate our differences. We can be respectful of other viewpoints without giving up our own. We can live each day knowing it is a gift and share the gift with others. Peace takes hard work.

I offer you peace.  
I offer you love.  
I offer you friendship.  
I see your beauty.  
I hear your need.  
I feel your feelings.  
My wisdom flows from the Highest Source.  
I salute that source in you - NAMASTE.  
Let us work together for unity and love.  
Mahatma Gandhi

*President Trude*

*Highlights*

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RoseMary Reid of Newmarket, Ontario, Canada,

**Congratulations** to **Rosemary Reid**, SIA President 2016-2017, as she begins her term of office. We also congratulate **Yoko Ichigatani** newly elected 2016-2017 SIA President Elect.

*The ballots were counted at headquarters on May 6, 2016. There were seven candidates for SIA President-elect, and SIA utilized preferential voting for this ballot. There were three rounds of ballot counting to determine a candidate with a majority of votes cast. Yoko Ichigatani has been elected the 2016-2017 President-elect and will assume that office on September 1, 2016. She will assume the office of SIA President on September 1, 2017, and will serve in that position through August 31, 2018.*



Yoko Ichigatani of Oita, Japan

**Meet Yoko:**  
<https://youtu.be/KTRHSt0nUNw>



**Mark Your Calendar**  
*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*

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

**SEPT 1 Business Meeting:**  
**SEPT 15 Program Meeting**

**Board Meeting: Oct 1 @10 AM** at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

**DISTRICT 6 FALL MEETING: October 15 @ Desert Pines Golf Club**

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

**SIA Convention: July 2018,** Yokohama Japan

**S International Convention, July 2019,** Kuala Lumpur Malaysia



# Club Resource

## SIGLV AUGUST DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

### 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



President **Trude** with Leslie Morpath. She also presented at the August 18 meeting. Her presentation was on an initiative from the **Southern Nevada League of Conservation Voters**.

### PROGRAM SPEAKER Thursday, Sept 15

**Ileana Delfaus**  
*Executive Director*  
**East Valley Family Services**

**Do not miss this speaker!!!  
11:45 AM**

**SI Greater Las Vegas**  
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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)

President **Trude** shown with **Katie Robbins** with **Nevadan for Background Checks**. She spoke on the Background Check Initiative which will be Question #1 on the November ballot. It is a proposal that will close loopholes in Nevada law that allow people who do not buy guns from licensed gun shops to avoid the background checks mandated at gun shops. With reasonable exceptions for family, hunting and self-defense, it would require people who buy guns at gun shows, from private owners, etc. to go to a gun shop and have a background check run on them. Most people live within 10 minutes of a gun shop and the cost of the 2-3 minute check would probably be only \$10 - \$25. That would tighten restrictions on the felons, domestic abusers and dangerously mentally ill without preventing others from exercising the right to bear arms.



**Birthdays:**  
Sept 10 Stella  
Sept 11 Trude  
Sept 20 Barbara Hall

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



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



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



# Other Happenings

## SI GLOBAL VOICE PROJECTS IN SIA

**Soroptimist International of Flagstaff, USA**  
**Golden West Region**  
**Inspiring Youth Empowerment - Healthy Relationships**  
**FREE Forum**

This program was made possible by a Soroptimist international of the Americas grant and partnered with Victim Witness Services of Coconino County, and Coconino Community College.



Over months of study, SI Flagstaff determined that the youth in the community needed more access to education about dating violence and healthy relationships. In order to prevent violence for women and girls, both boys and girls must have access to this information.

The club sponsored an all-day forum to help educate young people and bring awareness to the reality of dating violence and healthy relationships. Both women and men were in attendance. Fourteen different presenters shared 16 different topics. Some topics included; sexual consent, LGBT+ issues, self-image, relationships, media literacy, etc.

Looking to bring awareness to the topics addressed, the club hoped that participants would leave with a new found knowledge and plenty of information about dating violence and healthy relationships. With 80 participants at the forum it was clear to the club that awareness and education is of significant importance. In order for our women and girls to be free of violence, healthy relationships with friends, significant others and most importantly self, are crucial.

Follow up forums are scheduled and with the event focusing on participants of 18+ years, target audiences will include teens. And additionally plans include a program to take place on the same day, for any parents wishing to attend.

Global Voice – from SI; Aug 2016

## Educate to Lead: Nepal

Every year, on **Human Rights Day (December 10)** SI's **President** invites all Soroptimists to join her in supporting a Soroptimist project that improves the lives of women and girls through improving access to education and/or leadership opportunities.

For 2015-2017 International President Yvonne Simpson calls on the collective power and generosity of all four Soroptimist Federations, for her Appeal Educate to Lead: Nepal. The Appeal seeks to support women and girls in Nepal as they take steps to rebuild their lives, following the devastating earthquakes of 2015. The focus within Nepal will be on education and leadership, agreed as the theme by SI's members until 2021.

## Join us for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**8am to 10 am Only**

Come on out for a great breakfast!  
 Breakfast includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage  
 and a beverage for only \$10!

Honor Flight Southern Nevada  
 will receive \$5 for every  
 breakfast sold!

Donations are accepted!

Visit us at:

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



**Applebee's Restaurant**  
 820 E Warm Springs Rd (I-215 and Warm Springs)

SIGLV Supports Honor Flight of Southern Nevada

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 Metropolitan Las Vegas  
 simlvpresident.jeanie@gmail.com

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## FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR FUN, FRIVOLITY AND DICE  
 ROLLIN' HILARITY WITH FUN PRIZES,  
 REFRESHMENTS & CASH BAR

*Roll on  
 Down!*

SATURDAY  
 SEPT. 24, 2016  
 4 p.m.

New Day Cafe  
 417 E. Sahara Blvd. Suite 100  
 Las Vegas, NV 89101

Tickets \$30  
 At the Door \$35

For tickets contact [simlvgrassroots@simlv.org](mailto:simlvgrassroots@simlv.org) or a  
 SIMetropolitan Las Vegas Club Member

Proceeds Benefit Soroptimist Programs

- Empowering the lives of women and girls
- Supporting Domestic Violence Victims
- The King Scholarship
- Supporting Veterans, Veterans' Families, & Military Families in the Military
- Developmental Programs: Providing educational support to the children of Great Salt Valley in the "Spiritual Valley, Korea"

SIGLV Supports SIMLV Fundraiser

# Committees plus This and That....

**September 15:** Please join the first Sweet Fantasy Committee Meeting on **Thurs Sept 15 @ 6pm** at Kim's house. A light dinner and dessert will be served. Please **rsvp** [kharneymoore@gmail.com](mailto:kharneymoore@gmail.com).

**September 15 at 11:45 am** at Desert Pines Golf Club, we is our **program meeting**.

**September 16:** BREAKFAST BUDDIES: Sept 16, EVFS 8:30 am – noon

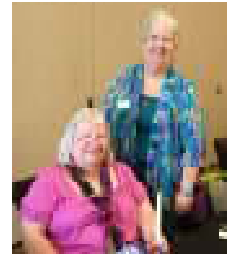
**October 8**, we will be participating in the **Safe House 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk for Shelter** from 7:30 am to noon at Cornerstone Park, 1600 Wigwam Pkwy., Henderson. We plan to operate a water station, but some of our members plan to run/walk. The cost of the 5K run, which uses a professional timer and awards medals is \$30. The cost of the 5K or 1K walk is \$25. It raises funds and awareness of domestic and intimate partner violence. If you plan to run or walk, please register individually and meet with us at the registration desk at 7:30 am. If you plan to work the water station, please contact Sue

**October 20** SIGLV will have a **Program Meeting** at 11:45 am. Speaker TBA.

**October 29**, SIGLV will celebrate the holidays with a **potluck pumpkin carving party** at Barbara's house from 6-8 pm. It is always a lot of fun. Barbara provides the hot chocolate and s'mores. Bring your own hollowed out or Styrofoam pumpkin and wear casual clothes. She needs to have a count, however, so she can have enough s'mores and chocolate. Children are welcome.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**  
**Dawn Walker and Barbara Hall**



## WOW Moments....

**Esther** passed her Social Worker licensure, **Trude** brought buntinis for all to celebrate!

**SIGLV Proud!** Pictured in the August issue of Nevada Lawyer magazine, Attorney **Sue Trazig Cavaco** was among members of the State Bar of Nevada who participated in Law Day and Law Week activities to teach more than 3,000 students across the state the importance of the Miranda ruling during its 50th anniversary celebration - from the history behind the ruling to discussion on how to deal with law enforcement. Sue's commitment to changing lives and giving hope to students extends more than just a week. During the school year, she can be found in the wee hours of the morning, one day every week at [Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School](#) giving her time to truancy court as part of the truancy diversion program team.

**YAY US!** Our goal of making the two confidential apartments more comfortable, secure havens for human trafficking victims is a success! We heard from the nonprofit who runs the program. They have had great response from the survivors who have stayed in the apartments, saying that it was "very comfortable" and "felt very safe." Since the initial decorating project in March, and the completion of the second in July, the program has assisted 16 victims of human trafficking. The average length of stay has been just under a month but has varied from a few days to two months.

### Thank you Soroptimist

The Soroptimist Club of Las Vegas

Confidential Apartment  
Decorating Project



Two Apts for  
Trafficked Victims in  
Transit.



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

September 2016

◇ **Thalia Dondero**, she broke so many glass ceilings and was one of our original honorary members.

◇ **Bonnie Bryan**, a gracious lady who did so much for Nevada and who always supported our club.

◇ **Dr. Janet Carter's** husband **Jerry**. Janet was former SIGLV member





**SERVICE UPDATE**

**. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to:**

SIGLV for adopting Teens Helping Teens (THT) as a service project for 2016-2017! The Committee has prepared a grant request from SNR Endowment Fund.

Kathy for school supplies, Melissa for water bottles and dental care items, and the many donations for upcoming baskets, fillers, ribbon and wrap

**THE SEASONS ARE A CHANGING...  
WE'RE STARTING ON WINTER SURVIVAL KITS**

*THT needs at least 100 winter survival kits each month for the homeless, displaced and sheltered teens in our community.*

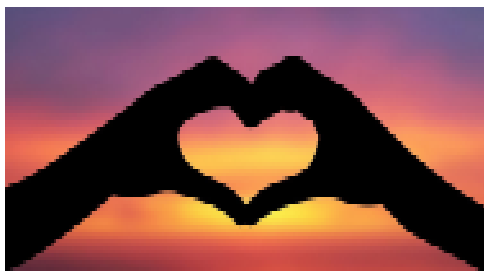
We're trying to keep individual member expense low so please help us find donations from businesses or organizations willing to donate. If you know of a business, organization or person who would like to sponsor one or more winter survival kits (\$15 each without blanket / \$25 with blanket) or a blanket (\$10) or donate any of the items on our list below, we have sponsor and donation request letters available that you can customize. Contact Kathy or Lois.

**Needs include:**

- 58-60" Fleece (minimum 2 yard cut)
- Fabric Scissors (up to 6 pair)
- \$5 fast food cards (McDonalds best value)
- Portable protein bars or beef jerky
- Refillable screw closed top water bottles
- Mittens
- Gloves
- Beanies
- Scarves
- Hand warmers

**Upcoming Angel Tree Project**

**ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS** will be announced in November. We appreciate so much the generosity of our members and friends last year. We donated more than \$2500 worth of fantastic gifts to those going without. Maybe a business can sponsor one or more kids this year? Again, contact Kathy or Lois for a sponsor request letter that you can customize.



**CLARIFYING**

**"LIVE YOUR DREAM" #noconfusion**

**NEW LOGO**



**Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women**

**SIA's major project, this program (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards program) assists women by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and job prospects. We select local winners each year who then go into regional and federation judging. Candidates needed: Contact Sue**

**NEW LOGO**



**Live Your Dream DOT Org** is an online opportunity for public outreach to support of our Women and Girls objectives. Anyone can join, even Soroptimist club members. There are no dues.

**FAQ: What will be asked of members and clubs?**

The success of LiveYourDream.org depends on SIA members participating in the community and inviting everyone they know to sign up as well. Therefore, it is absolutely imperative that all SIA members sign up and invite their friends, family, co-workers, etc. to participate in the LiveYourDream.org initiative. Remember, there are no restrictions on LiveYourDream.org: young, old, men, women—anyone who is interested in helping women to live their dreams is invited to participate!

**FAQ: Will LiveYourDream.org "steal" members away from clubs?**

Absolutely not! Non-members who choose to sign up for the LiveYourDream.org community will not be considered Soroptimist members, nor will they have any of the benefits conferred upon dues-paying members. Most people join and stay in Soroptimist because they desire the face-to-face interaction that club life offers. LiveYourDream.org offers alternatives for people who do not have the time, money, or desire to be part of a club. No Soroptimist who is happy with her membership would be tempted to trade it in to participate solely in the online community offered through LiveYourDream.org.

**FAQ: Will Live Your Dream replace Soroptimist?**

No, LiveYourDream.org is *powered* by Soroptimist and acts as a branch to reach out to a new cadre of supporters to expand our reach. Soroptimist is based on a club model. LiveYourDream.org is based on an individual model. They don't compete with each other. Rather, they work *together* to connect people to our mission of improving the lives for women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.