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Empowering disadvantaged women and girls to live up to their potential

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Birthdays

10 Stella
20 Barbara Hall

Club Meeting

1st & 3rd Thur.
Desert Pines Golf
11:45 am, lunch \$19

Sept 7 Business
Aug 21 Program Speaker
Sept 2 Board Meeting
Oct 5 Business

Other Meetings

District 6 Fall mtg,
Oct 14, SI Carson City

SNR Region conference,
April 27-29 2018, Atlantis
Reno

SIA Federation
Convention, July 30-Aug 2,
2018, Yokohama Japan

SI International
Convention, July 2019,
Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

Prez Sez:



Having taken the useful language of Latin for four years in my younger life there is always one phrase that stands out in my life. I think it does because in order to understand it I didn't have to parse, worry about suntan and other sundry things that weigh down the Latin language. Sorry, I digress. The phrase is Tempus Fugit, except I have my own translation Time Fidgets.

Why? Because it does. This year is going so fast I am fidgeting. I am not in such a state because the club members are not performing. No, just the opposite. The committees are all doing such great work that I can't keep up., What a great place for a President to be and what great fidgets, Dream It Be It is well on its way to being a pleasant success. It is a great gift it is to be able to be part of these young women's lives. The Advocacy committee wrote the Secretary of the Interior concerning Bear Paws and Gold Butte NCA. It appears that neither park will lose too badly as far as land use. A robust discussion was also held concerning the current DACA situation.

Awards is looking for a new venue as well as Sweet Fantasy, The Service committee begins providing classes at the Embracing Project on September 11 while a East West blanket party is planned for Teens Helping Teens in October.

The Service committee is also looking forward to meeting with this group to learn more and develop more services. So now to all of you that make me FIDGET, I am giving a new challenge. As you all know this is our 50 year of celebration. While it is the Board's responsibility to plan we need your help. Would you like a luncheon celebration or one in the evening? Who should be our guests and how do we contact them?

Let's have all of your ideas so we can have the best celebration ever.

President Alicia

**Celebrate Stella's
92 Birthday**



**Sat. Sept 16
3 PM
Soroptimist house**

**"Cupcakes and Cards"
Stop by and share a
hug**

**Distinguished Sept 21
Program Speaker
11:45—12:45,
Desert Pines Golf Club**



**Meet Campus
Crusader**

**Christina
Hernandez**

Cristina Hernandez, a native of Las Vegas, graduated from UNLV with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology in 2005 and a graduate certificate in women's studies in 2012. the director of the Jean Nidetch Women's Center (JNWC), the 36-year-old Hernandez has made the women's center a potent champion of student rights and a leading community organization, with a reach stretching beyond campus. The center's programs include Take Back the Night events every fall and annual spring productions of The Vagina Monologues.



**SIGLV July 2017-June 2018
Committee Assignments**

*Celebrate what we have done and
Plan for what we will do*

**Service-Esther Gregurek-President
Elect**

Awards-Catherine Bellver/Alicia Davison
Programs-Shirley Hancen/Barbara
Agonia

Service-Leah Guevera-chair

Nancy Hippert, Sue Cavaco
Claire Kurlinski. Trude McMahan
Barbara Hall, Kim Harney Moore

Technical Committees-Nancy Hippert
Solt n Gold- Barbara Agonia and helpers
Finance -Claire Kurlinski/Ann Taylor
Membership-Dawn Walker-Chair
Ann Taylor. Leah Guevera
Fundraising-Kim Harney Moore-Chair
Sue Cavaco, Susie Magit, Kathy Speck,
Misty Chadwick, Dawn Walker, Nancy
Hippert, Catherine Bellver
**Communications: Newsletter/Social
Media-** Lois Sagel, Kathy Speck
Sunshine- Barbara Hall/Susie Magit
Laws and Resolutions- Trude McMahan
Social Committee—Sue and Susie

SIGLV 2017-2018 Board
President: Alicia Davison
President-Elect: Esther Gregurek
Vice President: Nancy Hippert
Secretary: Catherine Bellver
Treasurer: Ann Taylor
Director: Shirley Hancen
Two-year delegate: Dawn Walker
One-year delegate: Susie Magit

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MEETINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays: 11:45 am,
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Enjoy the P I X you up Foto? Send your
favorite "happy picture" for future
editions.

PIX YOU UP FOTO!



Edith Fernandez PHD,
spoke at SIGLV August 17
Program Meeting. A
recognized professional,
she spoke on Trends for
Women in Education. She
described How Nevada
State College has evolved
to meet the needs of
working women taking each
one's needs into
consideration such as more
reasonable schedules and
adjusting curricula to
learning needs.



What a great picture of Barbara and Bob
They stopped by after Doc visit, delivering
goodies for THT. This keeps us smiling,
while she's healing!

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)

www.soroptimistsnr.org

needed for Members area)



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

www.soroptimist.org



Soroptimist International (SI)

www.soroptimistinternational.org



"Do, or Do Not ... there is no try"

Yoda

Committee Source and Updates



Board Action: August Ruby Award added to club standing rules. Ruby will allocate \$250 to charity stipulated by recipient.

Advocacy committee letter to Secretary of Interior advocating for retention of our national monuments and parks. \$400 budget for two membership scholarships. Sweet Fantasy meeting resulted in motion that 10% of the SF profits go to Castaways and 10% to an anti-human trafficking project. TBD. Club donated \$100 to SNR region "Dress A Girl Around the World."

Sweet Fantasy Kim reports her committee is seeking a facility for next years event.

Awards Committee The Awards Committee is soliciting applications for the Live Your Dream Award to be given in March. The award is for women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families and who need assistance in securing resources to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. The application deadline is November 15. See <http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/apply.html>

August Solty In our 50 years, we have benefited from the wisdom, courage, and leadership of some truly amazing women. One of them is Florence McClure, who was known around the State as Hurricane Flo.

She started the Rape Crisis Center, pushed for making Female Genital Mutilation a felony, and got the Women's Prison relocated to Las Vegas.

One thing Flo emphasized was that we are all leaders, but we have to recognize our own skill set and then have the courage to develop and use it. When another member tells you that you are good at something, pay attention. Be a leader.

Senior Share: Breakfast Buddies
The once a month senior breakfast is

Sept 15, 8:30-11:30 am at East Valley Family Services. Members are welcome to serve and socialize.

Service Committee is off and running with 3 projects. A Teens Helping Teens Blanket making party on Sunday October 14 from 1-4. See flyer for more details (pg 5). Monthly presentations will begin taking place at the Embracing Project. Topics include managing personal finances, employment readiness and self care. Classes will be held the 2nd Monday of each month from 4-5:30. Senior Share is cooking great meals with the monthly donation of \$50 from SIGLV. We really need volunteers to come enjoy conversing with seniors. Off and running as always!

Membership: Dawn, would like to have volunteers for the Membership committee scholarship awards program.

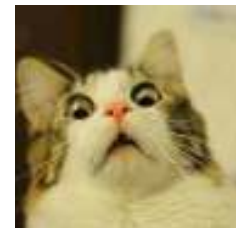
Dream It, Be It Diana met with Olivia Carbajal at Mater Academy. We have scheduled the **Spring DIBI Conference for 8th grade girls for Friday, April 27**. Again, SIMLV and SILVV will do the conference with us. Each club will have the same role as it had last year. We will be working with 41 girls, big jump from last year. We need to plan materials and equipment for 45 girls, just to be safe. Olivia Carbajal, the asst. principal, said she would distribute and collect the interest survey as soon as we get it to her. The library we used last year is not available. We will use the multi-purpose room from 7:30 am to approx. 9 am. This will enable the outside presenters to set up in one area that will not need to be rearranged for the other sessions. Also available for the whole day will be the music room and the room behind the multipurpose room. Once Leah has a draft survey, I will send a copy to each of you for comments before giving it to Mater Academy and their girls. Leah will get the presenters for the new 8 am - 9 am segment of the conference based on the

results of the survey. We do not have to vet these presenters, as the school considers them guest speakers.

Our next meeting for **DIBI 1 (the spring conference) will be Saturday, January 27 at 10 am** at Soroptimisthouse. Once we have Leah's survey, feel free to suggest a brief meeting to discuss any ideas or tweak's concerning the survey.

The next **DIBI Committee meeting will be Saturday Nov. 18** at the Soroptimisthouse. Again it will be at 10 am. The purpose of that meeting will be to begin work on the curriculum for the **Fall 2018 DIBI 2 conference for 10th graders**.

Hope this helps all of you to understand where we are right now. Thank you for your work and suggestions at the August meeting, Diana



WOW Moments!

Nancy Hippert

enjoyed the beautiful scenery in Ireland . Back to reality. Wishing **Wally and Sue** Cavaco a quick return to good health .**Melissa** drove to Idaho and enjoyed the eclipse in person! All we got was clouds! **Barb** is closing in on a diagnoses, What a horrible 90 days. **Shirley** sends greetings and is anxious to be back in action. **Kim** had a fun weekend with her grandchildren. Nice to get out of town.

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SI BOARD RESTRUCTURE · 16th August 2017

At the recent SI Final Board Meeting of the 2015- 2017 biennium, the directors unanimously agreed to restructure the SI board. Today, they have released the following statement to ensure all members are informed and have the opportunity to show their support for this positive step forward for our global organisation.

STATEMENT – 16 August 2017

The Soroptimist International (SI) Board approved to restructure its size and composition at its meeting on 28 July 2017 in Rotterdam.

The SI Board took this decision to be cost effective while retaining significant involvement of its member Federations, all designed to align with the SI Board's 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan approved in 2016. This restructuring is the result of concentrated efforts of a board-appointed Restructuring Working Group which studied the issue for nearly two years. The new structure ensures that Soroptimist International's governance model will involve its Directors with a focus on providing appropriate skills, and will lead the Company to focus on its Mission in a more nimble and effective manner. The existing SI governance structure of 12 voting Directors, 4 officers, and various committees will be reduced. The newly restructured SI Board will be composed of two representatives from each Federation, the SI President, SI Treasurer and SI Director of Advocacy. Going forward, SI Directors will chair the committees of Governance, Finance, Communications, Advocacy, Convention, and Presidents Appeal.

The new SI board structure will be implemented on 1 January 2018. Future SI Boards will commence on 1 January of even numbered years, e.g., 2020, 2022, 2024, etc.

The Soroptimist International Board believes this new structure is more appropriate to the Mission and clarity of purpose of SI as set out in the SI Strategic Plan, and better aligned with SI's key strategic priorities. The SI Board is confident this restructuring is a bold step forward which will lead Soroptimist International well into the future.

Yvonne Simpson, SI Immediate Past President/Chair of 2015-17 Final Board Meeting

President's Appeal

Every SI President proposes a 'President's Appeal': a project to which Soroptimists worldwide are called to raise funds during the President's two-year tenure. For the period 2017 – 2019 the President's appeal is the project Women, Water & Leadership. At least



INAUGURATION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2017-2019 BIENNIUM

During a celebrating meeting on 29 July 2017 at Rotterdam, **Mariet Verhoef-Cohen** was inaugurated with overwhelming support as **President of Soroptimist International (SI) for the 2017 – 2019 biennium**; the first Dutch President in the organisation's almost 100 years of existence. Mariet Verhoef-Cohen succeeds New Zealand's Yvonne Simpson as International President of the worldwide organisation whose membership includes some 75,000 women in over 130 countries.

Focus

The focus of Soroptimist International continues to be 'Educate to Lead' which Mariet fully supports, additionally, Mariet underscores the importance of good communication, both within and outside the organisation, in that context she favours the use of today's most common and practical communication tools. The anticipated membership of SI Future African Federation (SIFAF) will also receive her attention.

Mariet is a trained professional translator and owner/ director of Bacolet Translations. As a Soroptimist she was closely involved with a number of international projects. In her role as President SI Europe (2007 – 2009) she introduced the two-year running theme 'Soroptimists go for Water', which saw countless clubs developing both individual and joint projects aimed at providing access to clean water for women.

five projects will be supported in five continents with a view to enabling women to become active leaders in water management. More specifically, these projects will connect to Sustainable Development Goals 4 – Quality Education, 5 – Gender Equality and 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation, for all purposes.



TEXT MESSAGE FROM THT to SIGLV:

Thank you, Love the newsletters and so do the girls! Please THANK all of our THT Angels, as todays donation pick up really put the programs over the top! The house is a factory once again and we have oodles of volunteers going out in force tomorrow for distribution and ongoing thru the next couple of weeks, with end of summer and last round of summer survival kits before they start on the winter survival! OMG!! You guys are sooooo special to THT and all these girls and their groupies too. Couldn't love you any more ☐ Pls pass the word! and hugs.
Ed note: Thanks Cheryl, Siena and Savannah for the great shout out!

D ID you know, we sent out a urgent request for Math calculators for our disadvantaged teens so they could participate in class working to graduate: Thanks to Diana and Kim, we actually found four calculators. THANK you for helping!

W e are making the fleece blankets and scarves for THT winter survival kits. Using funds from our SNR endowment grant, our goal is to complete 75 beautiful, warm, attractive blankets. We have a upcoming blanket afternoon Oct 15 1-4 , east side at Krims, west side at Lois. Lois can provide cut blankets to those members who prefer to “knot” at home. we've already completed 18 blankets, have 12 cut blankets, and 15 more to cut and tie. Kim also have 15 blankets to complete. THT took 24 blankets to have their volunteers complete. Thanks to Alicia and Sharon, they are going to knot four!
The fleece scarves (75) are being cut and will be ready to fringe. 12” wide, this is a quick easy job, about 8 4” cuts on the end, and they do not have to be tied. Call Kim or Lois if you can help!

N ow that blankets are well under way, we can concentrate on the Winter Survival Kits. Check with friends and colleagues to see if they would donate. Donation letter available from Kathy.

**Cooler Weather will be here soon
Planning to Make a Difference!
100 Winter Survival Kits: WISH LIST**

- Kleenex packets
- Chap stick
- (In process) Scarves (knit, fleece etc)
- Gloves or mittens
- Beanie Hats
- \$5 McDonald Gift Cards or similar
- (In process) Fleece Blankets (2 yards)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Refillable Water Bottles or case water
- Protein or Cereal Bar, candy canes
- Fashionable sweaters, coats all sizes



**SI
Tynemouth,
Whitley Bay
and District,**

Northern England.

FRIENDSHIP GREETINGS:

Tomorrow night sees the end of our Club's dark period and a brand new year beginning for Tynemouth and Whitley Bay. Not that we have been slouches during the summer, lots of social activities and plenty of industry on the knitting front, saving pennies for Nepal - one of our ongoing ventures and lots more.
The most satisfying has been our regular contribution to assisting the Police with clothing packages for young trafficked women. And very recently there has been a hugely successful prosecution of a group of men in the Newcastle area found guilty of sexual abuse of young girls.

I expect that your club has been equally busy and we are excited to form a Friendship Link to take on a mutually practical future project.

We have very recently established a Link with a club in Australia and it will be great to establish a Greater Las Vegas Link.

Hope that you are enjoying the end of summer and glad that you don't live on the other side of the USA, feel so sorry for the folk caught in these awful storms. Feel for sure that the Soroptimist Emergency funds will be able to assist in some way,

Until I hear from you all my good wishes and hugs.

Margaret Alderson

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR
EDUCATION COSTS?**

**APPLY FOR A SOROPTIMIST
LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD**

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

APPLICATION DUE NOVEMBER 15TH

For application instructions, eligibility, and forms:

<http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/apply.html>

First please watch the helpful video on this page before filling out your application.



Soroptimist International is an organization devoted to the empowerment of women and girls through education and human rights on both the local level and worldwide. This award is being offered by Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, one of the four participating clubs of southern Nevada. Winners will be honored at our annual awards luncheon in the spring of 2018.

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WE 
VOLUNTEERS



**SIGLV: Blankets for
Teens Helping Teens!**
Sunday, Oct 15, 1-4 pm, RSVP
East Side: Kim, West Side: Lois

Give the gift of a large personal fleece blankets to teens in need. Come play with us as we create 75 blankets. We need "the frings" who cut blankets, and we need "knotters" who tie!

Cut and snout fleece available if you want to begin now! **From:** Kim Harney, Lois Sagel
Soroptimist_glv@cox.net

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