

HAPPENINGS



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas, Sept 2015

Reach Out, Bring In



President's Ponderings

What a FANTASTIC month August was!!! Thanks to Sue and Kim for planning and providing so many of the goodies we all enjoyed at our immensely successful Strategic Planning Meeting and to Melissa, who got the Einstein bagels, and of course, Kathy who brought her personal dessert. Leah and Catherine organized the Service and Membership sessions perfectly. Special thanks to Sue who broke her promise to Wally and volunteered to chair our first Dream It Be It Conference in the spring. And, to top it all off, our phenomenal Newsletter editor, Lois, was able to attend and contribute to this meeting. It is so good to have her back!!!

The September Program Speaker, Lisa O'Keefe, not only wowed us with her information about the Public Education Foundation, but also applied for membership, and contributed valuable insights at the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Several of us were able to **REACH OUT** and support SIMLV's Bunco FunRaiser and SILVV's SPUD party. What fun both were!!! SILVV President Rita commented how nice it is to work with our club in such a collaborative manner.

Please check out the calendar section of this Newsletter, as there is A LOT going on in both September and October. You will not want to miss any of it, but as always, You First, No Guilt!!!

Thank you to all our members and friends for their AMAZING contributions to SIGLV. I am so humbled by all you do and so proud to be your President.

President Diana



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Thanks to member Misty, we received the Allstate Agency Hands in the Community \$1,000 grant again this year. The Allstate Foundation awarded us the grant in honor of her volunteerism in our community

Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas Speaker Forum
Thurs Sept17, 2015, 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Genese Jones-Torrence



Ms. Jones-Torrence is a community activist, consultant, training facilitator, educator and victim advocate who has worked with the Family and Child Treatment of Southern Nevada and the Rape Crisis Center of Southern Nevada. She is currently CEO of Iconn Consultants and works with Safe Nest, Nevada's largest and most comprehensive charity devoted solely to domestic violence issues.

Club Resource Page



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SIGLV 15-16 Board



Lisa O'Keefe, Aug Program Speaker, on behalf of the Public Education Foundation. Shown with Prez Diana.

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MEETINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 11:45 am,
 Desert Pines Golf Club,
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 (across from Clark County Family Court)

E-Newsletter published on the 10th of each month and sent via your preferred email.

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Teens Helping Teens posted this photo on their Facebook page with a shout out to SIGLV for helping them restock after Siena and Savannah's home was robbed and thieves got away with items collected for their nonprofit. Thanks to all our members for coming to their aid so quickly.

FYI: Savannah is now a Sophomore at Vanderbilt, and Sienna a Sophomore at Gorman. Amazing young women sure make us proud!

Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)
www.soroptimistsnr.org

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www.soroptimist.org
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"There are spaces between our fingers so that another person's fingers can fill them in."

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Soroptimist International (SI)
www.soroptimistinternational.org

Club and Committee Happenings

Program Speaker: Sept 17 Genese Jones-Torrence, Safe Nest – Please bring gently used clothing donation.

Birthdays: Stella is 90 on Sept 10th;

Break These Chains: Save the Date, Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 is our day to stand up and be counted at our annual *Break These Chains Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event* at Fremont Street Experience.

Fundraising: Next committee meeting on Thur, Sept 17, 6:30 pm at Kim's house. *Sweet Fantasy*, our premiere fundraiser, will be held on Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 at Wild Horse Golf Club (Note Change).

Advocacy: Committee members have been meeting by email regularly and have joined Live Your Dream's ACT NOW, an online community empowering offline action helping women and girls to live their dream.

Award Deadlines: October 1 – Ruby Award Nominees to Alicia.
November 1 – Live Your Dream Women Empowerment Applications to Alicia.

Membership: Updating the club brochure. Have two and a half new members! Yeah

E-Newsletter: Oct 5 is our next newsletter deadline. Please share your committee updates.

Public Relations: Check out the *Soroptimist International of the Americas* and *Soroptimist International Greater Las Vegas* Facebook pages and "like" them. This is important for grant funding. You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page!

Website: Visit our website "soroptimistgreaterlasvegas.org. Please sign in so you can access the "member" section. Melissa will provide your password.

WOW Moments! Maffy shared great news, her granddaughter Amanda, who was a soccer star at Bishop Gorman and then at UNLV, has signed as Ass't Head Coach with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders women's soccer team. AND Another granddaughter Renee, was just named the Public Relations Coordinator for Every Child Matters Education Fund. WOW! Healing light flowing **Trude's** way. Many thanks to **Minddie** for contributing so many beautiful new handbags that will turn into Sweet Fantasy table decorations. Also, It was inspiring to see her on Channel 8 news commenting on the necessity to work with youth so that they respect, not fear, the police. Congrats to **Cynthia**, who was recently honored with the Medal of Justice award by the State Bar of Nevada for her dedication and leadership to the Nevada Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the State Bar of Nevada. **Stella** is celebrating her 90th birthday this month! Woo Hoo! She also shares the distinction, with five other club members, of being a member of SIGLV for over 30 years! Congratulations **Stella!**

Calendar

Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 11:45 am, Desert Pines Golf Club

Sept 13 – Soroptihouse Cleanup – 2 PM at Barb's,

Sept 17 Program Meeting – Distinguished Speaker Genese Jones-Torrence, Safe Nest – Please bring gently used clothing donation.

Sept 17 – Sweet Fantasy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM at Kim's House

Sept 19 Board Meeting: 10 AM at Soroptihouse. Of course, all members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

Sept 11 – SILVV's 75 Cent Auction Fundraiser – Christ Church Episcopal, 2000 S. Maryland Parkway

Sept 23 – Break These Chains participation in Pahrump's Fall Festival Parade. All interested in **RIDING** in the parade need to be on site by 7:30 AM. Contact Melissa for details.

Oct 3 – SNR District 6 Meeting – Sierra Gold, 6515 S Jones Boulevard. Please bring \$26 for registration and meal to Melissa by 9/17 Program Meeting. Please bring non-perishable food donation for Jude 22 Senior Nutrition Center. Drivers needed to transport from host hotels to Sierra Gold and back. Sales/Display Table Reservations deadline is **Sept. 24 to Melissa** – Forms avail. On SNR e-Blast. \$10 payable to SNR for sales/display table.

Winter District Function: Jan 23, 2016

SNR Conference: April 2016, Reno

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

Strategic Planning and More!



The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

The program enables the club to thank these types of women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and girls. previous winners include—Amy Ayoub, Catherine Cortez Masto, Lori Jackson, Lt. Karen Hughes.

The Awards Committee – Melissa, Sue and Alicia – is seeking nominations for the Ruby Award by **October 1**. The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women honors women who work to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work. These women's efforts help promote issues that are important to Soroptimist. Examples of the type of work honored include spearheading an effort to open a domestic violence shelter, working to secure health services for low-income women, starting a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or lobbying companies to provide on-site child care.

The Ruby Award pays tribute to Soroptimist's very first president, Ruby Lee Minar. A ruby is also a deep red gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love: all words embodying the strong and compassionate women who become Soroptimist award recipients.

