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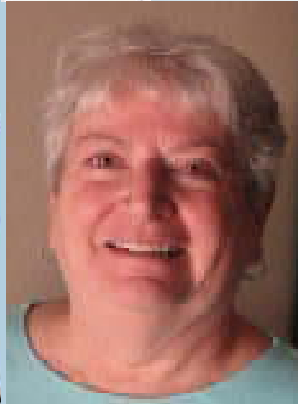
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President's Column

Stand Up and Be Counted

Now that the holidays are behind us, we are entering an important time for our state. In Nevada, the legislature meets every two years and is limited to 120

days. This puts tremendous pressure on everyone involved in the process. There were 1027 bills introduced during the 2015 legislature, and the upcoming session is likely to produce a similar number. It can be a herculean task to keep track of so many proposals.

Members of this club have been active in legislative advocacy for more than 30 years. Continuing this tradition and commitment, the meeting on January 19 will feature State Senator Pat Spearman, who represents Senate District 1. She will speak about her reasons for supporting the stadium proposal and about issues which may be of interest to our members in the upcoming session, which begins on February 6.

In order to assist members in their advocacy efforts, Barbara Agonia is preparing a list of female legislators with contact information. Several members will be reviewing bills as they are filed to find those which may interest us. We will also provide instructions for you to look for proposed legislation on your own. If you have additional ideas, feel free to discuss them with me or Barbara. We need to make our voices heard.

President Trude

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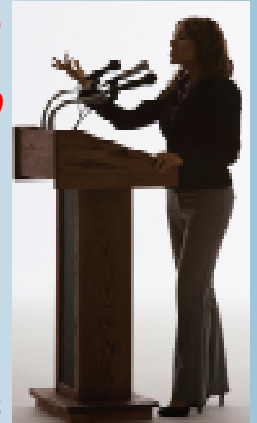
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Thursday, January 19**

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**Distinguished Speaker Program
Thursday, February 16**

**Emily Paulsen Exec. Director
Nevada Homeless Alliance,**

She will speak about the organization in general, but their May event dedicated to women and families in particular. The club has decided to partner with them on this May event.

**Do Not miss these dynamic speakers 11:45 AM
Desert Pines Golf Club**



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

**Jan 5 Business Meeting:
Jan 19 Program Meeting
Feb 2 Business Meeting**

Board Meeting: Jan TBA 10 AM at Soroptihouse. members are invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

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

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

SI International Convention, July 2019, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

**Break These Chains: Fremont Experience Jan 21
Sweet Fantasy, Sunday, Feb 12, 2017,**



Club Resource Page

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



Guests from SI Dubai, Sareh Ameri, and her mom, Tata Ameri (l) Sareh is president of one-year-old Soroptimist International of Dubai.

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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.

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From Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation:

Be a Force for Good in January Go True Blue for Community Safety

It takes a partnership of residents and police to promote community safety. Starting Jan 2, the friends of LVMPD Foundation is asking everyone to join them and **GO TRUE BLUE** as we begin the new year and **Be A force for Good** in January. We can show our community pride and go social. In January they are asking everyone to put on their favorite **BLUE** clothing or accessory and take a picture. Proclaim "I'm **TRUE BLUE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY. JOIN ME.** Post picture on social media and tag #LVMPDfoundation #TRUE BlueLVMPD.



Birthday:
 Feb 14 Sue



Sierra Nevada Region (SNR)
www.soroptimistsnr.org

I believe that kindness is the cure to violence and hatred around the world
 Lady Gaga



Soroptimist Int. of the Americas (SIA)
www.soroptimist.org



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www.soroptimistinternational.org

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Committees plus This and That....

BREAKFAST BUDDIES: Jan 20, EVFS 8:30 am – noon

Break These Chains: Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan 21 at 2 pm for the annual *Break These Chains Human Trafficking Event* at Fremont Experience.! It is our day to stand up and be counted in the fight against human trafficking. Let's show a big amount of support from SIGLV!

Dream It, Be It! The 2017 Dream It, Be It: Career Support event will occur on April 17 at Mater Academy, a charter school in Las Vegas. Thirty-one eighth grade girls will participate in this all day conference, co-sponsored by SIGLV, SIMLV, and SILVV. A planning meeting for all interested in participating will be scheduled the end of January. In the meantime, members are encouraged to cut out magazine pictures for the girls' dream boards. Pictures of careers, wishes, and role models are always needed. When in doubt, clip it out. It is better to have too much than too little. Mater Academy has promised to make these same girls available in their Sophomore year for a follow-up career day.

Teens Helping Teens: ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS were a great success following a slow start. Thanks to generous members, friends, neighbors, and Dr Mary and her Staff, THT was able to fill each worthy teen's wish list. Kudos to all! Shout out to Kathy, obtaining 3 boxes of books for teens and younger children from her school for THT in-house libraries at various shelters. WOW

Roster updates are due, new phone numbers for Diana and for Shirley have been sent. Please send your updates to



Sweet Fantasy – Sunday, February 12, 2017, 1:30 pm to 4:30pm
Venue: IPEC (Intl Peace Education Center) Las Vegas 6590 Bermuda Road, Las Vegas NV 89119
Tickets: \$30 per person, tables of 10 will be \$250. Tickets are now available.
Silent Auction: We need your help obtaining Donations.
Raffle: We need more help with prizes as well.
Donations are slow this year

Check out the e-option for tickets, listed on the flyer in this issue. Eventbrite and SIGLV website! If you wish to avoid the fee, get your tickets from a Soroptimist member.

WOW Moments....

UPDATE: Cheers to **Sue**, moving into a beautiful new home in the North West Valley. **Diana** heading to her long time cabin in Canada to do some home repairs in April.



Alicia, Catherine, Barb and Kathy sorted through Soroptimist storage at the Soroptihouse. Two hours well spent, organized and boxed, plus prepared items for the SIGLV club archives at UNLV.

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Break These Chains...



January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Events across the nation remind us that slavery exists. Human trafficking is estimated to be a \$32 billion global industry, the fastest growing and second scariest criminal activity in the world. Las Vegas is a major hub for sex trafficking. Awareness is one

way we, as individuals, can battle the growth of this industry.

Human Trafficking comes in many forms. Children are forced to become soldiers, teenage girls and beaten and forced into prostitution, and migrants are exploited and compelled to work for little or no pay. While some trafficking victims come from other countries, many come from schools here in Las Vegas

On January 21, Break These Chains Human Trafficking Awareness Event, through dance, drama, song, and poetry, will show the horror human traffickers impose on their victims, and the enormous joy a survivor experiences when rescued and set free.

**Break These Chains
Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event
January 21, 2017 2-3 pm,
Fremont Street Experience, Stage 1**

Sponsored by Soroptimist Intl Clubs of Greater Las Vegas, Las Vegas Valley, Metropolitan Las Vegas, and Pahrump Valley



**Lake Tahoe Bi-State Women's March,
Saturday January 21, 2017**

South Lake Tahoe, CA, January 5, 2017 – In solidarity with the Women's March on Washington, D.C., Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe has sanctioned the Lake

Tahoe Bi-State Women's March on Saturday, January 21 from 11am to 1pm.

They will walk in unity with all Americans to send a message to elected officials to protect our constitutional values and the rights of women and targeted groups in our diverse and vibrant communities.

Hundreds of other marches will take place around the world that day - in Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, London, Copenhagen and more.

The Lake Tahoe Bi-State March is open to everyone and will gather between by 11 am in the parking lot behind the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe. The walk will conclude at Lakeview Commons where there will be a program featuring community leaders and advocacy groups. (see next column)

**Agenda:
Fourth Annual Human Trafficking Event**

2:00 PM

Welcome Nancy Becker, President BTC

- ◇ **Emcee: Kim Wagner, co-host of Channel 3 "Wake-up with the Wagners"**
- ◇
- ◇ **Pre-event entertainment: PACE band**
- ◇
- ◇ **Dramatic Reading: Poem written by 16 yr old Emily Fleming**
- ◇
- ◇ **Musical: "The Scars Inside" by PACE, a dramatization of a true story about pimps preying on young girls.**
- ◇
- ◇ **Music: "Break These Chains" Leah Guevara**
- ◇
- ◇ **BTC Art Contest winners: SI Pahrump Valley**
- ◇
- ◇ **Interpretive & Group Dance: Culture Shock Las Vegas**



For more information, contact:
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Teen Angel Tree—Wishes fulfilled!



OTHER HAPPENINGS

SI SPONSORS INTERN PROGRAMME AT THE UN

Every year NGO CSW/NY has between 5 and 8 interns to help facilitate the mission of the committee to achieve Gender Equality, and to assist with customer service during the actual Commission. Since last year SI has sponsored the internship programme.

SI Un Representative Bette Levy explains: “The interns are a diverse group of extremely bright and motivated women and men, from a variety of countries, as well as ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds. Most of the interns do this internship as part of their undergraduate or graduate school programme, but some do it totally voluntarily, hoping to pursue a career in Human Rights, Public Policy or diplomatic corp. We will add several more interns between now and January 2017, as we gear up for CSW61.

SI and NGO CSW/NY benefit greatly from the interns, their time, energy and enthusiasm, is invaluable. They keep us on our toes and bring the youth perspective to all we do. This year to increase their learning experiences, they are attending many meetings and side events at the UN, and have been assigned to other NGO committees that focus on both SI’s mission and NGO CSW/NY, increasing how much SI can cover here in NY at UN HQ.

FYI: NGO: non governmental organization
 CSW: Commission on Status of Women
 NY: New York (one of six UN centers)

Women’s Research Institute of Nevada Annual Mixer

•Women’s Research Institute of Nevada UNLV
•Thursday, January 26 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
The Las Vegas Country Club 3000 Joe W Brown Drive Las Vegas, NV 89109

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Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas
presents



6th Annual
Sweet Fantasy
Chocolate and More Fundraiser
An Afternoon of Sweet Indulgence!

Featuring JinJu Chocolates

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

IPEC Las Vegas

6590 Bermuda Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Ticket Price: \$30.00* per person or
\$250 for table of 10

Order tickets on-line: Eventbrite or www.SoroptimistGreaterLasVegas.org
or call 702.269.8092

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds will benefit Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas service projects including Teens
Helping Teens and Anti-Human Trafficking programs as well as leadership education.

*Your contribution may be tax deductible under federal law.



**SOROPTIMISTS INTERNATIONAL
PAHRUMP VALLEY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016
GAMES START AT 6:00 PM
NYE COMMUNITIES COALITION
1020 E. WILSON RD.

\$10.00/PERSON
DOOR PRIZES/RAFFLES
SNACKS

Bingo Players Have Talent
They Don't Sell Show
And Talk At The Same Time



TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:
PAHRUMP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SOROPTIMIST CLUB MEMBERS
AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT

CONTACT: CECILIA THOMAS 775-910-9521 OR LIZ FRANK 702-340-4718 FOR INFORMATION



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