



Sorooptimist International
Pahrump Valley

Blooming in the Desert



Greetings from President Nancy

Your unique contributions are what make our club what it is. Whether you're organizing an event, mentoring a new member, or simply sharing your experiences, your contributions are meaningful, because they matter. You're helping create something special for others. Each contribution weaves into the fabric of our mission: opening doors to acquiring an education for women and girls in the Pahrump Valley.

We're building something bigger than ourselves and as we grow, we need both fresh perspectives and seasoned wisdom. Come to our training sessions and learn how our procedures work. Share your expertise and tell us what works in your experience. The more you put in, the more you'll get back—new friendships, innovative approaches, appreciation and maybe even a different way of seeing the world.



This Club's future depends on us all. Spring is here, symbolizing new growth. Let's grow together and together be the light that becomes a blazing star.

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(Dec/Jan/Feb)

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Helping girls in our community

Our club has welcomed several girls to speak at our meetings to inform our members about what they are doing in the community. Two of the girls belonged to a robotics club called "Awkward Silence". They told us about winning a state championship and what it is like being a girl in male dominated area. The cost to attend these competitions may cost girls more because the room sharing is limited. Our club made a donation to help them get to the next competition.



We also heard from a 12 year old girl that has started her own non-profit, The Avery Project, to provide bikes to children at Christmas. Avery Sampson and her dad successfully have given away over 200 bicycles this past December. Avery explained how when she

was 8 years old and entered a Cinderella Girls Pageant. She loved riding her bike and wanted all children to have that same opportunity, so she came up with a plan to collect donations for bikes for children as her platform. Five year later she has given away over 700 bikes since 2020.



Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Save the Date Events*
- ♦ *Women's Expo Flyer*
- ♦ *Parent's Night Out Flyer*



And we just keep growing...58 and counting. Welcome new members.

After our first new member orientation of the year we inducted five new members in November and then another seven new members in February. The majority of those members were referred by our existing

members. That tells a lot about our existing membership and our club. Please welcome Kelly Sylvester, Kelly Buck, Marcy Curran, Rachel Owens, Christina Davis, Tina Agoes, Sheryl Hunter, Shannon McCreedy,

Tamara Wallace, Janean Meyer, Linda Senko, Danielle Kennedy (on computer). Our next new members orientation will be March 26, 2025. Please make our new members feel welcome.



UpliftHER— A member engagement initiative from SIA

Soroptimist UpliftHER is a dynamic and inspiring new member engagement initiative from SIA. Each quarter, we address a specific obstacle that women and girls encounter on their journey toward formal education and economic empowerment. In October, we collaborated

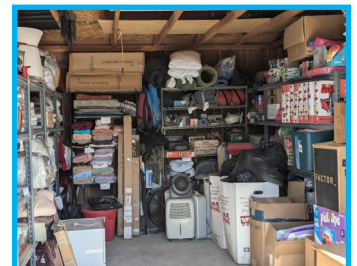
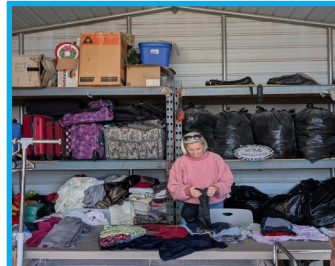
with our local domestic violence agency, No To Abuse-Nevada Outreach. Seven dedicated club members spent the day organizing the agency's donation center, which provides essential items to support clients in rebuilding their lives after experiencing domestic violence.



Focus Areas & Projects

October:
Intimate Partner Violence

January:
Trafficking



Voices For Change; Stop Human Trafficking



Every year, our club dedicates itself to organizing an informative event aimed at enlightening the community about the critical issue of human trafficking. This year, under the chairmanship of our President-Elect Linda "Mo" Turner, the committee embarked on months of meticulous planning to create an unforgettable experience.

To raise awareness in our small community, we designed and distributed 2500 custom hot beverage sleeves to local coffee shops. We encouraged people to snap photos of themselves with the sleeves and share them on our Facebook page, amplifying the conversa-

tion around human trafficking. Inspired by a creative marketing project presented at a previous SNR conference, our club was eager to adopt and bring this impactful initiative to life.

With funding from a Sierra Nevada Region grant, the event featured an extraordinary keynote speaker—Jenna McKay, a survivor, advocate, and author—whose powerful story captivated the largest audience we've ever hosted. With 100+ in attendance, Jenna's moving words brought humanity to the often-unseen reality of human trafficking. The event also included an insightful

presentation by a representative from Olive Crest, who shared invaluable knowledge about the stages of "grooming" that lead individuals into the tragic cycle of trafficking. Our partnership with Bikers Against Bullying added a heartwarming touch, as their members graciously served lunch to attendees.

The day concluded with an exciting raffle, featuring autographed copies of Jenna's book. Jenna's story left such an indelible impact that she has been invited to speak at the Sierra Nevada Region Conference

Raise awareness & learn about trafficking



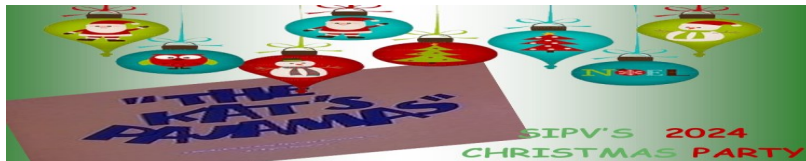
Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley
in partnership with the Bikers Against Bullying

Building on the success of the past two years the committee embraced a fresh approach. They encouraged local businesses to donate items for the Christmas bags, sparking friendly competition among similar businesses. This added a fun, engaging element to the initiative while significantly increasing contributions.

Additionally, the program expanded its reach to the nearby community



of Amargosa. Collaborating with school social workers, and other social service agencies the committee identified senior citizens in need, ensuring the bags would make a meaningful impact.



This year, our festive theme was a cozy "Pajama Party," and over 30 members and their guests joined in the fun, dressed in their most comfortable PJ's to celebrate the season and enjoy the warm camaraderie of Soroptimist. The event was once again hosted at the beautifully decorated home of our member, Judge Kim Wanker.

The evening featured delightful activities, including a cookie decorating station, a playful pajama fashion show, and the fun addition of "Reindeer Names" for everyone. Laughter filled the air as members competed in contests for best cookie decorations and best pajamas, with naughty and nice stickers being distributed throughout the night to add to the merriment.

Guests enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner, making the celebration even more memorable. What a wonderful way to wrap up the year, surrounded by good food, laughter, and cherished company!

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What is new with SIA?

Unlock Your Leadership Potential!

SIA will be offering two incredible leadership development opportunities in June 2025 to help you grow, connect and lead more effectively; the **Leadership Round Table** and the **Soroptimist Leadership Fellows Program**.

Soroptimist make an incredible impact on their communities and the world. Whether you're an emerging leader or looking to deepen your expertise, these virtual leadership opportunities can be just what you are looking for.

For more information check out the SIA website:

<https://www.soroptimist.org/events/leadership-development/index.html>



SIPV Members Supporting Other Clubs

February brought the "Sweet Fantasy" fundraiser hosted by our sister club, Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas. This annual event was a delightful occasion for several of our members to connect with fellow district Soroptimists, enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz, indulge in delectable desserts, and take part in the silent auction and pick-a-prize activities. Supporting and learning from other clubs is always a rewarding experience!



Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas
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PRESENTS *Women's* **EXPO** 2025

The Soroptimist Int'l. Pahrump Valley presents the Women's Expo 2025, a special one-day event designed especially for YOU. This "Ladies Day Out" will feature tables on a wide range of women's interests. Whether it's fashion and travel or beauty and self-care, this Expo has something for everyone.

Join us for a fun day of pampering, giveaways, and more!

Also check out Poppy's Quesadillas Food Truck for a bite to eat!

See you there!

Saturday, April 26th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Nye Communities Coalition

1020 E. Wilson Rd.

For more event or vendor information

Email: Kakelady430@gmail.com

or call

Paula (Event Chair) @ 775-209-3444

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Upcoming Events

**Save
the
Date**




For more
information on how
you can participate
in these upcoming
events please
contact the chairs:

Women Expo
Paula Elefante
775-209-3444

Parents Night Out
Linda Fitzgibbons
775-764-1261

49th Sierra Nevada Region Annual Conference
June 6, 7 & 8, 2025 at Atlantis Casino & Resort
For more information: www.soroptimistsnr.org





Parents' Night Out

- Parents- You deserve a night out! Bring your Manse enrolled child to the multipurpose room on April 4, 2025 from 5:45-8:00pm.
- Cost- \$10 per child
- Sign-in and sign-out with emergency contracts will be provided ahead of time to expedite check-in process.
- Students may bring a blanket &/or pillow that will fit in a backpack.
- Students will have pizza, dessert, and a drink.
- Limited spaces are available.
- Prepaid tickets will go on sale, Wednesday March 19, 2025- April 1, 2025.
- 2nd Grade has partnered with Soroptimist who will sponsor single parent households for the night. For further details please contact Mrs. McKillips via Dojo or phone. Limited spaces available.

No tickets will be sold at the door.
Second Grade Fund Raiser