



Soroptimist International of Grass Valley

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April 2024 Newsletter

SIGV Calendar

Thursday, April 4th

Business Meeting

5:00-5:15 Social

5:15-6:45 Meeting

NCCA

Saturday, April 6th

EWaste

10:00 - 2:00pm

Calgary Bible Chruch

Volunteer:

classiccotta@yahoo.com

Monday, April 8th

Board Meeting

4:45-6:00pm

Tina Skrukrud's Office

Verger Mortgage

April Birthdays:

Justine Acero - 2nd

Kristin Plante - 15th

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, May 2nd

Business Meeting

5:00-5:15 Social

5:15-6:45 Meeting

NCCA

Monday, May 6th

Board Meeting

4:45-6:00pm

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Thursday, May 9th

Outstanding Effort

Awards Luncheon

12:30-1:30pm

NCCA

Thursday, May 30th

Celebration of Service

5:00-7:00pm

NCCA

Co-Presidents' Message

Greetings! We are entering the busiest time of the year in supporting and empowering the women of our community. Grant applications are already underway thanks to the dedication of Fran and the Grants Committee. And, as stated in a previous email, more "good stuff" is right around the corner:

April 1st - Our Flower Power fundraising campaign begins!

Friday, April 5th - KARE Crisis Nursery is hosting a benefit at the Nevada City Elks Lodge. Tickets are available at Eventbrite or the KARE Nursery, call 530-265-0693.

Saturday, April 6th - Ewaste from 10:00-2:00. at Calvary Bible Church Parking Lot, 11481 Hwy 174, Grass Valley. Contact Lynn if you are available to help.

Saturday, April 6th - Kristina and I are traveling to a Human Trafficking Symposium to gather information for our Project Team. You are welcome to join us

Sunday, May 5th - It's not too late to join us. CATs is presenting Snow Falling on Cedars in Nevada City. At the Business Meeting we discussed going as a group. I can get a discounted block of tickets for \$23 each (normally \$25 each) for the afternoon showing on May 5th.

May 9th - Outstanding Effort Awards Luncheon, 12:30-1:30. Celebrate the achievements of middle school students in our community.

May 30th - Celebration of Service -, 6:00-*:00pm. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to learn about the community non-profits we support

August 7th - 11th - Chicken Teriyaki Booth, Nevada County Fair - Keep a look out for the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet.

A special thank you to the 14 members who attended our crucial annual SIGV Retreat on March 16th. Judy skillfully kept us on task and focused as we reviewed projects, listed successes, discussed challenges and developed creative solutions to promote leadership skills to better serve our members and community. I am truly inspired by the dedication of our club to make a difference. I am also in awe of Fran's ability to get the Retreat notes out to our members so quickly so that we can begin exciting plans for next year.

Speaking of next year, a HUGE thank to those who stepped forward to take on leadership roles for 2024 - 2025:

Co-Presidents: Kate Laferriere/Bonnie Resendes; Past President: Judy East

Secretary: Debbi Sutton

Treasurer: Fran Freedle; Assistant Treasurer: Kim Wydra

Directors: Kristina Shramek, Kelly Rocha, Kimberly Jones

Non-Voting Delegate: Marlene Sharon

Your commitment of time and talent to empower the many activities of SIGV is greatly appreciated by the Board and members. The 2nd reading of the slate of officers and vote will take place at the April 4th Business Meeting. I look forward to another year of exciting ideas, creativity, enthusiasm, and active participation

Your participation in any or all of these special events supports the Soroptimist's core values of education, empowerment, diversity, fellowship and gender equity.

Wishing you an awesome April, Kate and Bonnie

SOLT - It Worked!

My busy mind doesn't always keep my mental files in the order I want. Have you had this happen to you? Maybe you heard a new idea, or read an article with a fresh perspective, and sincerely wanted to keep it at the forefront of your mind – but then life came along and whisked many of your good intentions under the rug.

I felt this way about the '5 Keys to Becoming a Visionary Leader' program I presented at our SIGV meeting in February. I thought the keys, Immerse, Identify, Imagine, Involve, and Invest were succinct and easy to work with. Then I forgot about them. Until... until our business meeting in March!

Immerse: Kristina and I drove to our meeting together, talking about the Human Trafficking Committee. Kimala DeSena gave a powerful and emotional program on the effects of human trafficking at the meeting and provided insights to Courage House in Tanzania and the help and support provided to survivors of trafficking there.

Identify: On the way home, Kristina identified a problem that the Human Trafficking Committee had come up against. They needed to quickly secure funding beyond their budgeted amount for printing posters to move forward with the Committee's first goal. We spoke about the necessary steps to obtain the funding through Unsecured Service Funds and felt it would take too long to get the money in place.

Imagine: We imagined what a perfect solution would look like. Over \$500 was needed to provide the minimum funds, allowing the printing to happen (at cost). If more money was secured, then additional items desired by the Committee for Human Trafficking Education could also become a reality.

Involve: That night, my husband showed me a photo he had taken of a poster at Eskaton, where he had done a massage for a client. It said that Soroptimist International of Grass Valley was putting on a program the next day at Eskaton in honor of International Women's Day. Really? I hadn't heard anything about it... But I agreed to meet a past Soroptimist friend there and attend.

The next morning, I showed up and found several members of SI Sierra Foothills getting ready to do the presentation! (Eskaton staff typed the wrong club's name!) The members did a wonderful job sharing information about Soroptimist and their club! Until their video link didn't work. I was asked to stand and speak on – you guessed it – Human Trafficking in Nevada County. Thanks to my conversations with Kristina and the insights from Kimala, I was able to educate the attendees about the rising prevalence of human trafficking in our area.

Invest: After the presentation, I answered questions from the audience and talked with members of SISF. During this time, I mentioned that our Human Trafficking Committee needed financial support. After a bit of brainstorming, idea-sharing, and deliberating, I was thrilled to receive a \$1500 check from an anonymous donor.

SIGV's Human Trafficking Committee now has the funds it needs to meet its first goal and more!

Human Trafficking Project

The Human Trafficking Team has been busy developing several projects. The first project involves assisting local businesses to comply with a new law, Civil Code 52.6, which requires certain businesses to post a notice regarding Human Trafficking that provides a hotline number for victims. Our posters will also identify Soroptimist of Grass Valley as the provider of the poster, which will help promote our organization and our work. We plan to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Clubs to get the word out that these posters are mandatory in certain businesses and seek their cooperation and support to post the notices. We hope to get the posters out ASAP as the law went into effect January 1, 2024, and there has been little compliance.

The second project involves working with Chief of Nevada City Police, Dan Foss, in an education campaign within the schools regarding social media safety and awareness to prevent recruitment of sex trafficking of our youth. Although we are a small community and have fewer cases of sex trafficking, it is occurring and impacting children in this community. Through social media, perpetrators have easy access to youth in Nevada County and we hope to educate students, teachers, administrators, and parents regarding how to keep our children safe and what red flags to be aware of. We hope to provide this training in the fall of 2024.

The third project is to develop a community symposium, including law enforcement, the district attorney's office, child welfare, the hospital, Women of Worth and possibly the school districts. The symposium would provide education and speakers, including three survivors of human trafficking. There are two Task Forces that have expressed interest in providing this community educational forum, one is developed by child welfare and includes law enforcement and the district attorney's office, the second Task Force is headed by Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. Soroptimist of Grass Valley has been invited to participate in both of these Task Forces as a community partner. We hope to have the symposium in the Spring of 2025.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to attend a Human Trafficking educational event at the Rancho Cordova City Hall on April 6, 2024 from 8am-12pm. This event is sponsored by Soroptimist of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento. If you want to attend or carpool, please contact Kristina Shramek at 530-205-0323.

See flyer on next page

Human Trafficking & the Hospitality Industry



**Register by 3/31
for only \$10**

WHEN:
April 6, 2024
Saturday,
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WHERE:
Rancho Cordova
City Hall
2729 Prospect Park
Drive
Rancho Cordova

REGISTER @
<https://guestli.st/770034>



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Fundraiser: Day for Women



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Soroptimist International of Grass Valley (SIGV), in partnership with Sierra College Foundation, Nevada County Campus presents "A Day for Women" - a women's conference - on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the Sierra College Campus. For hundreds of women over the decades, this has been an opportunity to spend a day improving skills and developing new interests that affect their lives in a positive way. Each year, over a hundred women come together on campus for this insightful and networking day. For over 50 years, the Soroptimist International of Grass Valley (SIGV) has promoted the advancement of women and children in our community through volunteer service. We have supported women re-entering the workplace, KARE Crisis Nursery, Bell Hill Academy, the White Barn project benefitting 4H and FFA families, and much more. Sierra College Foundation NCC supports Sierra College Nevada County students and programs by offering scholarships and emergency funds, assisting veterans returning to college, supporting foster youth now on their own, and supplying materials for campus academic programs. All programs of both groups have and will continue to enhance the quality of life in the Nevada County area. An event the caliber of A Day for Women would not be possible without the support of our community. We are asking you to join our sponsors to help support this worthwhile event. We will be advertising in all major media sources and sending out 4,000+ brochures, 200 posters, as well as using both groups' websites and social media.



Dues and Fundraisers

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GRASS VALLEY
P. O. Box 663, Grass Valley, CA 95945
2024-2025 DUES

Dues are due May 15, 2024 and delinquent June 15, 2024

Add \$10 Late Fee if paid on June 16, 2024 or later.

Make checks payable to SIGV, send to above address or
Hand payment to Treasurer at any SIGV meeting.

Name: _____

Please advise if there are any changes for the Roster.

Regular _____ Regular \$150.00/ If late \$160.00

SIA Founders Pennies Voluntary for all \$6.30

Dues Summary: Regular Members

SIA Federation Dues \$74

SIA Federation Insurance \$9

SI Per Capita Payment \$9

SNR Region Dues \$25

SNR Fellowship \$1 • SIA Project \$1

SNR Growth & Development \$1

SNR Membership \$1 • SNR S Club \$1

Totals \$122/ Remainder to SIGV \$28

Please note that there may be dues adjustments that we have
not received to date.

Zero Waste Kits are still available to purchase. All
money goes to the Delegate's Fund. The kits are
a sustainable way to attend club meetings
without using paper and plastic products that
end up as waste in our landfills. The kits save
the club money by not having to purchase single
use plates, cups and cutlery. The kits are cre-
ated with upcycled thrift store items and all items
purchased locally. Each kit contains a plate, bowl,
cup, coffee cup, silverware, napkin, tea towel in a
tote bag.

Make a difference for the planet,
for the environment and for our
community in supporting sustainability.

Marlene Sharon, Delegate
\$20.00 to SIGV
Order via email:
msharon@mac.com



EWASTE

Soroptimist Int. of Grass Valley

SATURDAY APRIL 6th, 2024

10 AM – 2 PM

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