



Soroptimist International  
Pahrump Valley

Blooming in the Desert



## Greetings from President Nancy

The Perseids meteor shower was visible in the night sky through the end of August, with 100+ shooting stars per hour during its peak. However, its peak was during a full moon this year, making the stars barely visible at night. That doesn't mean they are not there. Just as many of you, who volunteer behind the scenes, are barely visible in your various tasks, but are the beauty of this organization. Your work is not just a part of the organization; it **is** the organization. With that, I want to acknowledge some of the behind the scenes duties that must be done, but often go unrecognized: coming to our meetings, staying informed, develop-

ing our website, attending our classes, managing our social media site, designing forms and flyers, contributing new ideas, formulating budgets, joining a committee, producing our gift baskets, ensuring our news is submitted to the media, managing our finances, recording our minutes, committee reports research, community networking, collaborative planning, contributing time and money, and more. Your dedication and hard work *do not go unnoticed*, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions. Your efforts are not just a part of our success; they are the key to our success. Including the ele-



ments of purposeful respect, kindness, patience, and consideration for one another to prevent the "burning out" of our soaring stars, the very foundation of our success. Always remember that all of this is for the benefit of others...providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Together, we honor others as well as each other.

Summer Issue  
(June, July, August)

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## Success of UpliftHER

This past year SIPV successfully participated in SIA's member engagement initiative UpliftHER where local clubs can focus on an obstacle that women and girls can face on their path to economic empowerment. We were able to participate in all four quarters which included Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, Single Parenting and Period Poverty. **The good news is that SIA is continuing this initiative!** We are open to new ideas on how we can meet the goals and are interested in your input. **Keep your eyes and ears open for ways to help our community with those focus areas.**



Uplift  
HER



### Special points of interest:

- Save the Date Events
- SIA Shopping and Important dates
- SDR YouTube Playlist



# SIA Member Satisfaction Survey Report

In May 2025, SIA distributed a membership satisfaction survey, which was emailed to 18,672 members.

About 11% of our total membership or 2,631 members responded to the survey. Respondents represented various age groups and lengths of membership.

Detailed questions were asked about member satisfaction in

the following areas: Club Leadership & Staff, Leadership Development, Language Accessibility, Marketing and Communications, Program and Mission, Fund Development and Donors.

Check out the SIA Website for the details of the survey at: <https://blog.soroptimist.org/blog/member-satisfaction-survey-report>



## SIPV by the numbers

As we end the 24/25 club year it's a good time to look at some of the numbers that our club has racked up this past year. We know that we are constantly doing things for our community, but its nice to see the numbers. So here we go:

- ♥ Sponsored 17 children for Parents Night Out (Manse Elementary School).
- ♥ \$6,500 in Live Your Dream Awards and recognitions for 5 women.
- ♥ \$1,500 to PAP smears and other women's health issues through Remote Area Medical.
- ♥ 778 Diapers donated to Pahump Community Baby Shower.
- ♥ \$500 Ruby Award.
- ♥ \$5,000 Margaret Ibbotson Community Fund.
- ♥ 3 club awards received from Sierra Nevada Region.



- ♥ 1 Volunteer Recognition Award. SIPV received community from NyECC.
- ♥ 46 renewing members.
- ♥ 795 Followers on Facebook.
- ♥ 9 community outreach partners that were supported with our member volunteers and/or sponsorship. (Living Free, NyECC, PVHS Girls Golf, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Nevada Outreach, RAM, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Health and Human Services Fair, Bikers Against Bullying).
- ♥ Distributed \$1,500 in feminine hygiene products to three agencies.
- ♥ \$250 Nye County School District Student Incentive Program.
- ♥ SIPV hosted 3 fundraisers.
- ♥ Hosted two Community Service Events that had over 200



- people in attendance
- ♥ \$2,500 in awards to 3 women continuing education through



- the Moving Forward Project
- ♥ 6 SIPV members serving for the Sierra Nevada Region
- ♥ 34 SIPV committees
- ♥ \$2,900 donated back to SIA for National Programs
- ♥ 1 SIA Conference, 1 SNR Conference, 1 SNR Development Retreat, 1 district meeting.
- ♥ Supported 2 sister clubs for their fundraisers.
- ♥ \$200 for STEM young women in robotics.
- ♥ 50 members for 24/25
- ♥ Record numbers attended Mardi Gras.
- ♥ Record number of sponsors for our fundraisers.

# SNR Conference and Development Retreat



The Sierra Nevada Region Conference was held on June 6th thru the 8th, 2025 at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno Nevada. Our club was well represented with the largest number of members in attendance than ever before, some of them wearing multiple "hats". In attendance was our Club President, Nancy Davis; Elaine Cassell, District 6 Director; Linda "Mo" Turner, Delegate and SNR Human Trafficking Coordinator; Karen Holley, SNR Dream It Be It Coordinator; Karen Hall, (newly elected member of SNR Nominating Committee D6); Linda Fitzgibbons, SNR Strategic Planning Coordinator; Danielle Kennedy, Public Awareness Chair and Website Coordinator. This was the first time we had enough people to sponsor a table and all sit together. SIPV was really represented at the conference, with our

members presenting reports, presentations and introductions to the entire conference. This was also the time that all of our hard work was recognized through our awards submissions (thank you Robin and Nancy). For the Public Awareness 5 Star Awards, SNR recognized clubs in four areas: Newsletter, Website, Social Media and Innovative Public Awareness. Out of all of the clubs in our region, we won 1st place for our Newsletter (Linda Fitzgibbons), 2nd place for Social Media (Elaine Cassell) and 2nd place Overall. We also met our new member that transferred to our club from SI Elko, Cheryl Henning who is also the Ruby Award Coordinator. SIPV officially has more members serving as director, chairs or coordinators, than any other club in our region.

The SNR Soroptimist Development Retreat was held on August 16th and 17th with the theme of "Super Star Dreams". Our members were presented with a wide variety of workshops from which to choose. Robin Holseth and Jeanette Boyce were "First Timers" and enjoyed learning more about Soroptimist on a region level as well as taking workshops that will help them with their position as Secretary and Parliamentarian. Thank you to Robin Holseth Law for sponsoring our table during the entire event. She was also a program sponsor along with Marianne Yoffee and Cheryl Henning. This event was another great learning opportunity for our club.



# Women's Expo 2025

The SIPV Women's Expo was held on April 26, 2025. Thanks to the hard work of Chair Paula Elefante and her committee of Linda Wright-Smith, Gina Emond, Terri Rogers, Marianne Yoffee and Linda Senko. They estimate the attendance at 100 with the addition of our SIPV member volunteers. The day was another successful event for the women in our

community. Attendees enjoyed vendors that focused on women's needs and issues and included financial, community services, jewelry, beauty, fashion, legal needs education and health and wellness. The event included a food truck. We also had 15 "Bingo" winners. Thank you to all the members who came out to enjoy themselves and help with the event.



# Club Operating Plan



The continued success of our club is directly related to our Club Operating Plan (COP). As Willi always says "Failure to plan, is planning to fail". Our members have such great ideas and passion about the future of the club, that it makes our annual COP a fun event. Of course it doesn't hurt that we have an amazing pot-luck lunch. President Nancy started off by presenting the Membership Recognition award to Willi Baer, Elaine Cassell (tied) and Jeanette Boyce for the last two quarters. Congratulations to Elaine who won the overall prize of a paid membership. We had 22 members in attendance. After a review of what our club had accomplished this past club year, we rated our achievements and then broke up into groups to brainstorm ideas and changes that need to be made to the COP. We also signed up for committees and events for the coming year. Although it's a lot of work, we walked away with a sense of accomplishment and friendship.

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**What is new with SIA?**

49th Biennial Convention  
Incheon, South Korea  
July 22-25, 2025



2026 Leadership Round Table  
June 23, 2026



Look on the SIA website for information on these valuable programs.

Do you LOVE to SHOP? Did you know that SIA has a Soroptimist Store?

It is full of all of your Soroptimist shopping dreams from flip-flops to jewelry. Check it out.



**Community Outreach**

Our members are always out and about in our community keeping the faces of SIPV in the forefront. Sometimes its SIPV helping out another organization with a financial or basket donation or sometimes its just our attendance to support a fellow non-profit or community activity. Below are a few members spreading the word of SIPV. If you are doing something in our community, please send us your pictures.

Karen Holley at the American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk"



Pahrump Holiday Task Force, 4th of July Community Parade. L-R Ginger Simpson, Gina Emond, Linda Smith, Michelle Caird & Robin Holseth.

PV High School Girls Golf "Glow Ball" Fund-raiser L-R Robin Holseth, Linda Fitzgibbons, Michelle Caird, Kim Wanker & Sheryl Hunter



BJ Hetrick-Irwin 100th Birthday Celebration was attended by many Soroptimist members. Michelle Caird & BJ.

# First Friday 2025

August 1st was the day of the fourth First Friday benefiting SIPV at Artesian Cellars. The event served as a kick-off to our new club year, a great social event for our members to attend, have a few drinks, share stories of our summer adventures and have a few laughs. Thank you to Marisa and Jeannette for putting together beautiful baskets for the silent and live auction, and to Paula and Nancy or selling 50/50 tickets. The evening was made even more special with the beautiful voice of Lynn Peterson, who donated her time. Some special donations were a beautiful jean jacket by Durette, Marisa donated a beautiful quilt and Artesian Cellars donated a private dinner. Our club was happy to accept a check for \$2,885. Thank you Artesian Cellars for hosting.



L-R:  
Linda Turner, President Nancy Davis,  
COO of Artesian Cellars Pam Tyler



L-R:  
Tina Agoes, Gov. Stacey Jensen, District 6 Director Elaine Cassell, Robin Holseth, Linda Turner, Pam Tyler, President Nancy Davis, Artesian Cellars Staff, Kelly Selvester, Paula Elephante, and Jeanette Boyce



Another BEAUTIFUL quilt donated from our very own Soroptimist Marisa Nepote

**August 1, 2025 - First Friday**  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Artesian Cellars**  
**1731 Hwy 160, Pahrump, NV**  
*Wine...Food...Vendors...Live Music...*  
*Raffles & 50/50 Drawing*  
*Join us for Fun and Philanthropy*

**Benefiting Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley**  
**All donations serving needs in Pahrump**  
**Featuring Songstress Lynn Peterson**



Beautiful baskets made by our members Jeanette Boyce and Marissa Nepote for the silent auction



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**Upcoming Events**

**Save  
the  
Date**



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

Mardi Gras  
Nancy Davis  
702-289-6425

Christmas Party  
Willi Baer  
702-592-5276

Live Your Dream  
Award  
Applications Due  
November 15, 2025



**2025 Soroptimist Development Retreat**

The Soroptimist Development Retreat for 2025 is concluded, but will live on for all to enjoy.

They video taped most of the breakouts this year, and here they are on

YouTube: [2025 SDR YouTube Playlist](#)

