



## SIGV Calendar of Events

**Saturday, 10/28** - District 2 Fall Meeting in Davis

**Thursday, 11/2** - Business Meeting/Program at

Sierra Harvest

**Saturday, 11/4** - Kitting Event at

Calvary Bible Church

**Monday, 11/13** - Board Meeting

at Verger Mortgage

(Tina's office)

**Friday, 12/1** - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at SPD

**Saturday, 12/2** - Salvation Army

Bell Ringing at SPD

**Thursday, 12/7** - Business Meeting/Program at

NCCA

**Monday, 12/11** - Board Meeting

at Verger Mortgage

(Tina's office)

# OCTOBER 2023



## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GRASS VALLEY



### Co-Presidents' Message

Happy Halloween! This fun day of witches, wands, pumpkins and costumes marks the beginning of the busiest time of the year. As we head into the season of shopping, planning holiday gatherings, hosting families, cooking, commercialism and anxieties about another year ending, don't forget self-care and the support, encouragement and friendship of SIGV. A quick phone call, text or shared story and laughter at a meeting/event can make a huge impact on reducing stress and nourishing energy during this whirlwind time of year.

The September and October SIGV business meetings demonstrated the support and friendships within our club. 82% of our members gave their time and talent in the Chicken Teriyaki Booth for the Nevada County Fair and Draft Horse Classic. As Tina so emphatically stated, "It was the best time ever!" SIGV made its biggest profit to date and we had fun doing it! The added fun was recognizing strengths and abilities in dishwashing, steam table, cashiering and cutting chicken off skewers during the presentation of certificates of appreciation. A huge shout out of appreciation to Vicki and Marlene, who graciously filled in any position when needed. Your dedication and hard work makes SIGV's grants and scholarship programs possible. Bonnie and I are honored to facilitate your life-changing meaningful work, and dedicated to providing an atmosphere of friendship and fun!

On October 5th, Bonnie had the privilege (and thrill) of leading her first Business Meeting. She greatly appreciated the encouraging smiles and wonderful patience with her presentation of the agenda. What a joy it was to hear about the fun and success of the Draft Horse Classic as well as learn about the refund from the CDFTA. Bonnie and I were very impressed by the discussion and resolutions from the discussion on Norms. From your valuable

input we all agreed that our success depends upon the following Norms:

- Follow Robert's Rules of Order during meetings to ensure all voices are heard.
- Assume we are all trying to do our best at meetings, events and socials.
- Establish, communicate and routinely remind members of expectations of Project Teams and Committees and Chairs.
- Ensure that all members have Standing Rules and By-Laws.

- Recognize, applaud and thank all positive successes - no matter how small.

Bonnie had the further distinction of hosting our District 2 Director, Emily Ziser. Emily truly enjoyed our healthy discussion on Norms for SIGV and was impressed by your enthusiasm for activities and each other. She offered several ways that the Sierra Nevada Region can support our club, including grants for membership and new programs. Emily also gave us a preview of the District 2 Fall Meeting in Davis on **October 28th**. District Meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet other inspiring women, learn and support the larger vision of the Soroptimists and share ideas to achieve the SI mission.

Emily's words reminded us of the importance of our Business Meetings. Sometimes Board Reports, Treasury Reports, correspondence, minutes and motions can seem tedious and not an exciting motivation for attending a meeting. However, SIGV Business Meetings are vital in our support for each other and of phenomenal programs such as *Live Your Dream*, Bell Hill Academy, WOW and community grants. All of us need to be present and involved for great things to happen. We have Wednesday Walks, Dress A Girl Kitting on November 4th, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Bell Hill Academy Christmas Boutique and an Induction Ceremony of several new members in December because of your commitment! Wow! In keeping with the Halloween theme, you make spooktacular things happen! Thank you for a great start to the new year! May your treats be many and your tricks be few. Hope you have a *sweet* Halloween.



## **KITTING EVENT**

**When:** Saturday November 4th, 2023

9:30 am

to 2:30 PM

**Where:** Calvary Bible Church  
Gymnasium,

Hwy 174, near Union Hill  
School.

This is our annual event where we put together the dress kits needed for all of our seamstresses. We are totally out of dresses, and need to gear up for next year's team disbursement. Really need every member to come help out since we could use 350 kits put together.

**Don't miss the fun!**

Refreshments/light lunch served.

**Soroptimist  
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Club Kit**

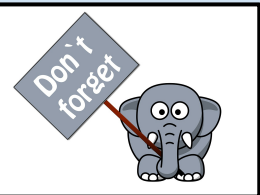


**Cultivate Sustainability,  
Celebrate Community**

Each kit is unique and made from thrifted, upcycled items! Kit includes tote bag, plate, bowl, cup, silverware, cloth napkin and tea towel. Help our environment by not using single use plastic and paper items.

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**We Are Taking a Field Trip!** The November 2nd Business Meeting will be held at Sierra Harvest: 313 Railroad Ave #201, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Come see what your great work supports!

**Salvation Army Holiday  
Bell Ringing**

Be ready to sign up for shifts on Friday, December 1st or Saturday, December 2nd.

**Don't miss the joy of**



**SIGV Live Your Dream Grant Application deadline is November 15th.** Spread the word to your friends, at work and on Facebook. **Eligible applicants** can submit their application at <http://bit.ly/LYDA-apply>. We can help a young

woman live her dream!

The Committee of Gale Pylman, Chair, Shauna Vance, Kim Wydra and Lynn Costa are pleased to inform you that the Fall Flower Power Fundraiser was a success! Our committee raised \$707!

Special thanks to: Lynn Costa for her order of \$500! Shauna Vance, over \$200! Judy East, who doesn't even garden, ordered!! Former member, Heather Smee-Fosburg, now residing in Oregon, ordered, Janice Labadie, former Governor of SNR, who owns a wholesale flower farm and florist shop, placed an order, Stacy Jensen, Governor-elect of SNR, Emily Ziser, District 2 Director, both placed orders, plus several other Soroptimist members from our SNR

Region. Many remembered our same fundraiser in the past and were happy to support us again.



How it works: A flower bulb company out of Wisconsin with growers in Holland and the United States, assigns us our own website (<http://SIGV.fpfundraising.com>), and when we let them know which Program (Spring, Fall, Holiday) we wish to participate in, they activate the site.

There are no out-of-pocket costs, plus free order forms, as well as customer support if needed, we send our customers to the site to order as many bulbs/plants/seeds as desired. The client pays directly to FP Fundraising (plus a shipping fee of \$6.99) and orders are shipped out from FP Fundraising to the client. With a 100% grow guarantee! We are paid 50% of every sale!

For advertising the Fall Program, I put together a series of photos taken from the company's catalog, posted it to Facebook, and added a written description of either how I would use the flowers in my garden, or as a gift, a memory, etc. I included the website for ordering and added a description of who we support on every post. I also asked my friends to share the posts.

I look forward to an even more successful Spring Fundraiser.  
 Gale Pylman, Chair

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**December 7th  
 Business Meeting  
 Holiday Silent Auction**

Shop for a creative holiday gift while supporting the Delegate Fund.

Unique items have been created for your bidding pleasure. 100% of the proceeds will support for the Winner name entered for a \$10 Starbucks gift card!

**Happy Holidays**

**THANK YOU**

Your sponsorship is an incredible support to our club!

BID HIGH and BID OFTEN knowing that all funds will go directly toward SIGV.

**Don't miss the fun of making a difference!**

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