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September 2025 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to a brand-new Soroptimist year! As your Co-Presidents, we are thrilled to step into this role together and begin a year filled with possibilities.

Attending both Conference and SDR has left us inspired and energized, and ready to roll up our sleeves. The connections we made and the ideas we brought home have filled us with enthusiasm for what's ahead.

This year, we are looking forward to building on our club's strong foundation while also bringing in fresh ideas and energy. Most of all, we want every member to feel included, valued, and inspired to bring their unique talents and passions to the table.

Together, we hope to grow our impact, strengthen our sisterhood, and continue creating opportunities that make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community and beyond.

Here's to a year of new beginnings, shared purpose, and positive change. We are grateful to serve alongside such an amazing group of women—and together, we know we can make this year one to remember.

Let's make this a year of inspiration, action, and positive change!

With enthusiasm and gratitude,
Bonnie & Debbi



Soroptimist Vintage Pin of the Month
Hammered gold color with silver. 1.5x1".

Add it to your sash!

1 ONLY - \$20.00 Check to SIGV or Cash

To purchase item, contact msharon@mac.com

SIGV Calendar

Thursday, September 4th
Business Meeting
5:15 - 7:00 pm
NCCA
149 Crown Point Ct Suite
A, GV

Thursday, September 18
Board Meeting
5:00 - 7:00pm
Verger Mortgage
231 E. Main St., SteA, GV
All members welcome!
Please RSVP to Bonnie or
Debbi

August /September Birthdays:

Dierdre Campbell - 9/30
Judy East - 9/25
Kate Richger - 8/12
Marlene Sharon - 9/22
Debbi Sutton - 9/27

**Thursday - Sunday,
September 18th - 21st**
Draft Horse Classic

Chicken Teriyaki Booth

Volunteers Needed!

Click Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ADA62EA0FA7-58035268-draft>

Planning Ahead:

Saturday, October 11th
Fall District 2 Meeting
10:00 - 2:00pm

Hosted by SIGV
at NC Association of
Realtors
336 Crown Point Circle,
GV
Volunteers Needed!

Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimist Development Retreat August 15-17, 2025

President Bonnie Resendes, Co-President Debbi Sutton and Director Patty Rogers attended this year's Soroptimist Development Retreat at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, Nevada.

Live Your Dream Awards online application system opened on August 1, 2025, and is activated for clubs to use. The application has been revised and the reference form. The Budget Tips Worksheets have been updated as well to assist applicants.

The program flyer had a reminder about SNR Endowment Grants for Clubs. The Endowment Fund is a grant program that will give up to \$1000 to qualifying applicants/clubs. The grant is for a new project or a continued project.

Workshops attended:

President and Co-President workshop - how to keep club meetings running smoothly.

Writing a Club Operating Plan that aligns with SIA's Strategic Plan using SMART Goals. More to come at retreat!

Google Suite - using free tools available to nonprofits (Google Workspace) for communication, archiving and productivity. Once a club is registered as a charitable organization, get verified with "Percent" online. Clubs get instant access to all Google Workspace tools on all devices for free. It includes 100TB of storage space, 2000 users, email, calendar, contacts, documents, spreadsheets, presentations, video meetings, surveys, YouTube and more! All these free tools are to help your club with public awareness and streamline administrative functions.

Fall District Meeting dates:

District 1	September 6
District 2	October 11
District 3	October 18
District 4	September 13
District 5	September 20
District 6	October 25

Next year SNR conference dates – June 5-7, 2026, 50th Anniversary!

A lot of learning happened, and we managed to have some fun too, see our superhero pictures! We hope to see more members attend with us next year!

Report submitted by President Bonnie Resendes and Co-President Debbi Sutton
August 20, 2025

**1st Time Attendee
Director Patty Rogers**



2025 Draft Horse Classic



Thank you for volunteering at the Sorooptimist Teriyaki Bowl Booth during the Fair this year and the Draft Horse Classic last year! It's because of you that we are able to support the women and children in Nevada County through our projects and scholarships.

We are gearing up for the 2025 Draft Horse Classic event and would love for you to join us in the booth again. The event will run from 9/18/25 to 9/21/25. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ADA62EA0FA7-58035268-draft>

Please feel free to reach out to me or Tina if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Kristin Plante
Tina Skrukrud

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Working and Raising Money at the Fair Club Members and Volunteers



Judy East



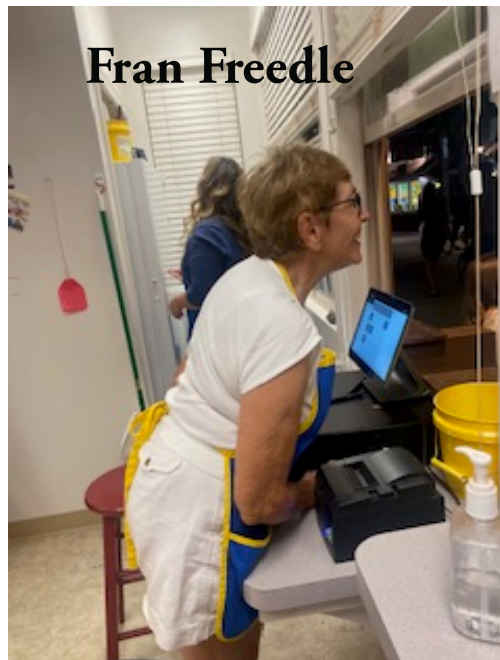
Kim Jones



Kim Wydra



Kristine Helvin



Fran Freedle



**Candice Nutting
and Sous Chef**



Benjy



Cheri, Kristine and Vicki Street



**Shauna
Vance**

Zero Waste Club Kit Fundraiser

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 created with up-cycled thrift store items and all items are purchased locally.

Each kit contains a plate, bowl, cup, coffee cup, silverware, napkin, tea towel and a tote bag.

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

Marlene Sharon, Delegate

\$20.00 to SIGV

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White Barn Project 2025



The White Barn Project served 58 students at Distribution Day with multiple items. We participated in Community Day where we were given about 20 whites for the Fair. At the Fair during the limited staffed time, we served 50 4H and FFA students. The rest of the time, students were able to access clothes and boots for emergencies 24/7. On Tuesday, we were able to outfit 2 students with boots. We had another Pig Poop Thursday and gave out emergency clothes to at least 2 students. On Sunday, a family left their whites in the dryer and discovered it at 8:30am. We were able to send our student on her way for auction at 9:00am.



We checked out 17 items (hats, belts, scarves and ties) and are still in the process of getting them returned. We received \$77 in donations.

Thanks to members Candice Nutting, Mindy Trygg, Debbie Sutton, Kristine Helvin, Rebecca Goodrow and Patty Rogers for your time during the project.

Judy East, Chair White Barn

Fall District 2 Meeting

SIGV has been invited by District 2 Director Jen Young to host this year's SNR Fall District Meeting in Grass Valley! This is a wonderful opportunity to represent our club and make a positive impression on fellow Soroptimist from across the district.

Volunteers Needed!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, October 11
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Check-in begins at 9:30 AM)
- **Lunch:** Served at 12:00 PM
- **Registration Fee:** \$45.00 per attendee
- **Where:** Nevada County Association of Realtors, Esterly Hall, 336 Crown Point Circle, GV

More information to come!



Soroptimist Mission

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

The organization's mission is to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

SNR Eblast Link August 15th

**[https://myemail.constantcontact.com/SNR-E-Blast-August-15th--2025.html?
soid=1103470437730&aid=SQcq74bWHvg](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/SNR-E-Blast-August-15th--2025.html?soid=1103470437730&aid=SQcq74bWHvg)**

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Marlene Sharon, Newsletter Editor, Delegate