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September 2026 Newsletter

The New Club Year

Welcome to the beginning of a brand-new club year! As we begin to meet next month for this new club year, I feel a sense of joy and pride in our club in what we have achieved in the past club year and the year ahead.

Setting Our Intentions:

This year let's continue our momentum on the things we know work well for our club and add a focus on recruiting new members. How can we get out in our community to spread the word about Soroptimist and SIGV? Bring your ideas to the Business Meeting. All suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Renewing Our Purpose:

Providing women and girls the opportunity to grow their future and empower them through education. We have great programs for this and I am looking forward to seeing what comes this year. We are already laying the groundwork for our Live Your Dream Awards for women and girls in our community.

Next Club Meeting:

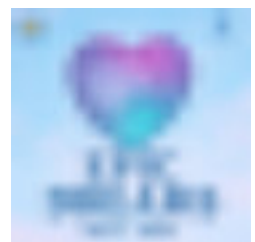
Please join us on Sept. 3 at 5:00 pm for social time and 5:30 Business Meeting at the NCCA Bldg. as we share fresh ideas for the new club year.

Strengthening Our Connection:

The new year is a perfect time for us to remember to reconnect, support one another and foster a community of kindness. That's what I love about this club. You all are amazing Soroptimists!



Warm regards,
Debbi Sutton
President, SIGV



SIGV Calendar
Thursday, September 3rd
Business Meeting
5:00-5:30pm Social
5:30 - 7:00pm Meeting
NCCA
149 Crown Point Court
St.A, Grass Valley, CA
Thursday - Sunday,
September 17th-20th
Draft Horse Classic
Fair Booth
Thursday, September 24th
Board Meeting
5:00pm
Verger Mortgage
231 E Main St., Ste A
Grass Valley, CA
All members welcome!
Please RSVP to Debbi.
September Birthdays:
Dierdre Campbell - 30th
Judy East - 25th
Marlene Sharon - 22nd
Debbi Sutton - 27th
Planning Ahead:
Thursday, October 1st
Business Meeting
5:00-5:30pm Social
5:30 - 7:00pm Meeting
Usual Time and Location
Thursday, October 23rd
Board Meeting
5:00pm
Verger Mortgage
Saturday, October 24th
District 2 Fall Meeting
Host SI Davis

SIGV Jessie Hughs Award



I was amazed and humbled to receive the SIGV's Jessie Hughs Award at our June 25th Installation Ceremony. Jessie Hughs was a phenomenal Soroptimist as are other past awardees like Fran Freedle, Judy East, Tina Skrukrud, Kate LaFerriere.

I am pleased to be considered their peer. Thank you for your recognition and I will continue on doing the good work for our club and our community of women and children. Again, thank you for this honor.

Marlene Sharon, Director, Newsletter Editor

2026-27 Board Members

On June 25th we held the Installation of our new and returning board members. It was at Vance's beautiful Members enjoyed a tea and water. was the Master of welcomed each 2026-27 SIGV



member Shauna home and gardens. potluck, with wine, Member Fran Freedle Ceremonies and member onto the Board. New and

returning Board members: (l-r) Kim Wydra, Marlene Sharon, Tina Skrukrud, Patty Rogers, Candice Nutting and President Debbi Sutton. Not pictured Kim Jones, Bonnie Resendes. Board members and all members present received Zero Waste Kits as our ongoing appreciation gift!

Returning Club Members

SIGV welcomed two returning members at the June Installation Ceremony. Welcome back Sue Hudson and Brianna Coker! We look forward to seeing you at meetings and working on projects with you!





Delegate Report

Patty Rogers
Inspiring Dreams
49th Soroptimist International
of the Americas Biennial
Convention
Incheon, South Korea



I was honored to represent our club at the 49th Biennial Convention in Incheon, Korea.

During my time there I was able to attend classes, vote on three bylaws and hear some amazing speakers. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed. I was lucky to meet many and make new Soroptimist sisters. Our district was able to meet for an evening of drinks and dinner. A program was discussed to bring in new membership for our clubs and ideas how we can network to assist even more women and children. The next convention, 2028, will be held in Cancun, Mexico.

Specific detail and information will be shared at the September 3rd Business Meeting.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity of a lifetime!

White Barn Project
Submitted by
Mindy Trygg



We helped 53 kids and received \$43 in donations. That part makes it a success! Thank you Judy, Candice and Deirdre, you were a big help! The fairgrounds asked if we could do a second mini distribution day on July 25 after their exhibitor workday and lunch.

2026 Fair and Draft Horse Classic



Thank you for volunteering at the Sorooptimist Teriyaki Bowl Booth during the Fair this year! The Fair Booth is our biggest fundraiser and supports all our awards, grants and scholarships. It's because of your hard work that we are able to support the women and children in Nevada County. The 2026 Fair Booth netted \$24, 875 in profits and over \$2,800 in donations.

We are gearing up for the 2026 Draft Horse Classic event and would love for you to join us in the booth again. The event will run from 9/17/26 to 9/20/26. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ADA62EA0FA7-65322693-draft#/>

If you have any questions, please contact any of us.

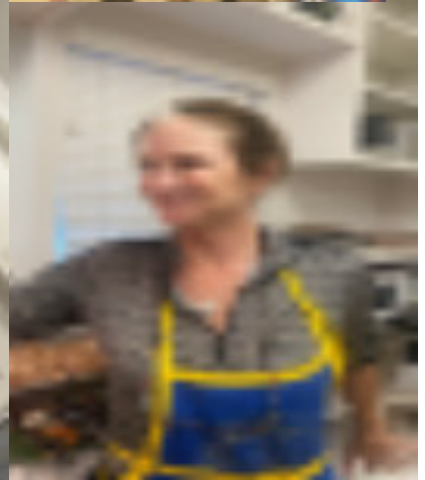
Kristin Plante	209-204-6796
Tina Skrukrud	530-713-2296
Marlene Sharon	530-913-4871

Fair Booth Photos 2026

Friends, Family and Club Members & Potential Club Members

Doing the Good Work!

(And some hungry customers!)



New Look for our Fair Booth Menu!

Menu

Sales tax included in price



The Works:

Teriyaki Chicken served with rice, steamed broccoli & carrots

\$13.00

Chicken & Rice:

Teriyaki Chicken served with rice. No veggies, More chicken

\$13.00

Chicken & Veggies:

Teriyaki Chicken served with broccoli & carrots. No rice

\$13.00

Veggies & Rice: *(Vegetarian & Gluten Free)*



Steamed broccoli & carrots over rice, sauce on request

\$8.00

Veggies only: *(Vegetarian & Gluten Free)*



Steamed broccoli & carrots, sauce on request

\$6.00

Rice only: *(Vegetarian & Gluten Free)*



Sauce on request

\$2.00

Add extra scoop chicken: **\$7.00**

Add extra scoop veggies: **\$4.00**



Water **\$2.00**

All other drinks **\$3.00**



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Fall District Meeting October 24th 2026 Hosted by SI Davis

All Members Welcome to Attend.
Location TBD.

EPIC DREAMS

2026 - 2028

Soroptimist Mission

A global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment, specifically those facing significant obstacles.

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READY TO BEGIN *a new life?*

live
YOUR
dream 
education & training awards for women®

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash awards to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.

You are eligible to apply if you:

- ☐ are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- ☐ are enrolled in or have been accepted to an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program
- ☐ have financial need



Scan the QR code to apply or contact:



Soroptimist International of _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Online: _____

Club Application Deadline: _____

Amount of Club Award: _____

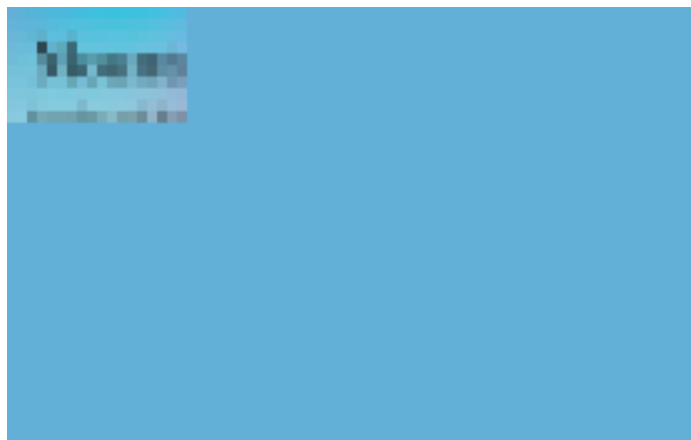
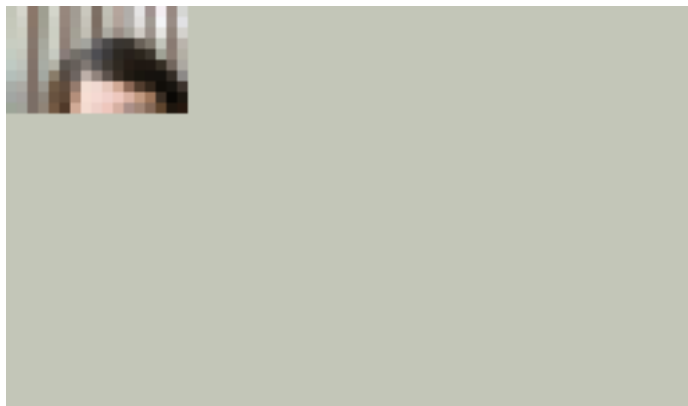
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Marlene Sharon, Newsletter Editor, Director