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SIGV Calendar

Happy Valentines Day!

Thursday, February 5th

Business Meeting

Live Your Dream Winners

Light Snacks Provided

5:00 - 7:00pm

NCCA

149 Crown Point Court

St.A, Grass Valley, CA

Monday, February 16th

Galantine's Social

No-Host Luncheon 11:30am

Venue TBD

Celebrate Members -

Old, New and Current!

Thursday, February 19th

Board Meeting

5:00pm

Vergar Mortgage

231 E Main St., Ste A

Grass Valley, CA

All members welcome!

Please RSVP to Debbi

February Birthdays:

None

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, March 5th

Business Meeting

Usual Time & Location

Saturday, March 7th

SIGV Retreat

10:00 - 3:00PM

Forest Springs

Mobile Home Park Clubhouse

Thursday, March 19th

Board Meeting

Usual Time & Location

Saturday, March 28th

Day for Women

Sierra College

10:00 - 4:00 pm

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February 2026 Newsletter

Happy February!

This month we will be celebrating our Live Your Dream recipients. It was such an honor to be on this committee. I think I have found something I am passionate about in Soroptimists. There is more, but I didn't realize how much this program would affect me so deeply. As we prepare to honor our Live Your Dream Award recipients, I'm reminded why Soroptimist's mission matters so much. These awards are more than scholarships — they are lifelines, and powerful affirmations that a woman's dreams are worth investing in. This month let's celebrate the wonderful women receiving these awards. Each applicant carries a story of resilience, courage, and determination. Their journeys remind us that when women are given the opportunity to pursue education and economic stability, entire families and communities are strengthened.

I want to thank every single one of you for everything you do — the big things, the small things, and all the in between things that keep our mission alive. I'm so excited for what we'll accomplish in the upcoming months together and grateful to be doing it alongside all of you!

Here's to a February filled with connection, purpose, and maybe even a little fun. See you Thursday!

Warm regards,
Co-President Debbi

SIGV Annual Retreat

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10-3 for our club's annual retreat.

Forest Springs Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 10084 Forest Springs Drive, GV

Giving us a chance to evaluate our year and projects, this retreat presents time for us to talk and plan for the following year. We will discuss each project, determine which we want to continue and also establish any new projects for the next year. This will also help us decide on the budget process and which programs we would like to see. We will be evaluating our fundraisers and decide which ones to continue.

We will provide lunch and a rigorous, but fun day with lots of information

Mission Statement

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. Soroptimist International envisions a world where women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

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Day For Women

A Day for Women is just around the corner on March 21, 2026 from 8:00am (Registration begins) to 3:00pm at Sierra College, Nevada County Campus.

Members will be asked to help as room monitors and with registration and drawings, but will be able to attend 3 professional workshops of their choice and have a delicious lunch.

We should have the brochures and posters the second week of February and will be asking members to distribute them around the community. We will also ask members to invite their friends to attend the conference, which will offer many workshops for varied interests.

Thank you to all of you who have secured sponsorships, served on the steering committee and recruiting registrants. It will be a fabulous day!

The Silver Springs Project

The Silver Springs Project has had a strong start!

When we started planning the Silver Springs project, we had three focus areas in mind; higher education, life skills, and job skills. A few of our committee members met with school administration and talked through our ideas and their needs and found that we were in alignment. With the short time frame for preparing to submit scholarships, we started the project with the higher education focus.

So far, we have assisted four students with their scholarship essays and are getting prepared to help them submit the scholarships in mid-January. Two of the students are planning on attending Sierra College and two of them are on the path to a vocational school. One student has already been accepted into a vocational school and just needs a bit of extra funding to see it through. The other vocational student plans to stay local and needs to find scholarships for the full cost of the school. All four of the students are highly engaged and have worked hard to complete all of the required essays.

Continuing with the higher educational path, we are collaborating with the College Foundation to set up a field trip to Sierra College for the Silver Springs students. Although this is mainly a Foundation sponsored event, the Soroptimist will be a part of that day. We will share more information as we get closer to the event. We are also planning a presentation on personal finances for January 28th, aligning with the life skills focus. The students are really looking forward to this and have been submitting questions ahead of time to their teachers. With the high level of interest from the students, the administration is expecting this to be a very well attended presentation.

The teens we are working with are incredibly kind, thoughtful, and resilient. They have shared how Silver Springs has provided them with support and leadership opportunities. They really love their school and feel valued and included there. We have also observed the administration and know that their passion is what nurtures this culture of acceptance and allows the teens to feel supported.

The school welcomed us with open arms, and we are all excited about this partnership. Going forward, we are hoping to assist the students with filling out job applications, writing cover letters and resumes, and practicing mock interviews. The committee will be meeting in January to start planning these activities.

Submitted by Krisitn Plante, Project Leader

January 8th Business Meeting

**Fourteen members
in attendance to
welcome in the
New Year!**



**Left:
Bonnie R.,
Debbi S.
Co-Presidents**



Kim W., Kate R.



**Below:
Fran. F., 50 Year
Member
Judy E. 43 Year
Member**



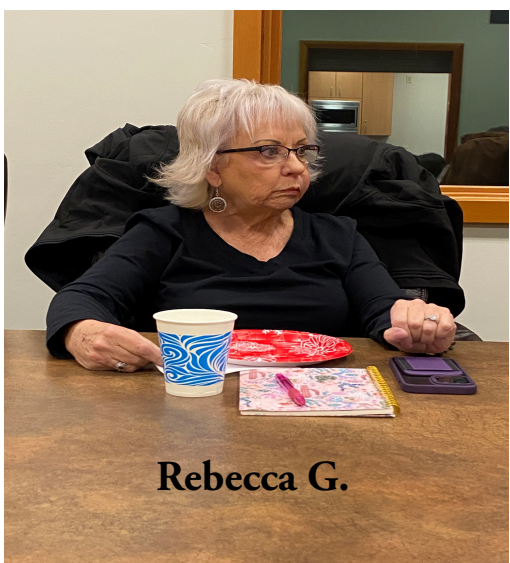
Vicki W., Candice N.



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Rebecca G.



Kristine H.



Dierdre C.



January Anti-Human Trafficking at In-N-Out Burger

Our third year of participating with In-N-Out Burger for Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness. This year they are asking patrons to “round -up” and donate to Slave 2 Nothing Foundation.

“The Slave 2 Nothing[®] Foundation's mission is to free people from being enslaved to any person or substance. We fulfill our mission by contributing financially to organizations that align with our causes and actively provide services in communities served by In-N-Out Burger[®].”

Thanks to our attending members and family!

Provisions February Partnership

SIGV is excited to partner with Grass Valley Provisions as part of their *Cannabis for a Cause* campaign for the month of February! Throughout the month, Grass Valley Provisions will spotlight SIGV, the work we do in the community, and our Day for Women initiative with their customers. In addition, they will donate **\$1 from every sale made on Sundays in February** directly to our organization.

This partnership is a wonderful opportunity to increase awareness of our mission while raising funds to support our programs. We're honored to be featured alongside other respected community nonprofits, including SYRCL, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, Sierra Harvest, Bear Yuba Land Trust, and Bright Futures for Youths.

Nominating Committee

It's that time of year again. The President's recommendation for the nominating committee is Judy East. The Board has recommended Tessa Marmorstein. Now it's your turn as members to decide on a candidate to nominate for this position.

This is a very short term position and just consists of phone calls to other members. If you or anyone you know would like to be on this committee, let us know.

Live Your Dream

Meet our LYD Grant Recipients at the February 5th Business Meeting. Hear their inspiring stories and the candidate that is moving forward to the District level. We have selected our top three awardees and reached out to see if we can share our remaining applications with other clubs. We will be submitting our report to SNR in January along with our 1st place recipient information in hopes she will be selected for the next award level.

We will be presenting the awards to our 3 awardees at our February 5th Business Meeting.

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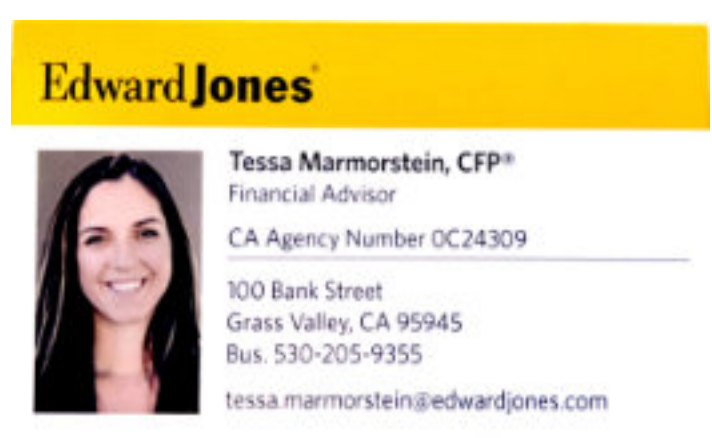
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