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Investing in Dreams

SIGV Calendar

Tuesday, January 6th

AHT Matching Funds Event

6:00pm

In-N-Out Burger

130 Grass Valley Hwy

Auburn, CA

Thursday, January 8th

Business Meeting

5:15 - 7:00pm Meeting

NCCA

149 Crown Point Court

Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA

Thursday, January 22nd

Board Meeting

5:00pm

Verger Mortgage

231 E Main St., Ste A

Grass Valley, CA

All members welcome!

Please RSVP to

Bonnie or Debbi

January Birthdays:

Kristina Shramek- 3rd

Gail Chastain - 30th

Kate LaFerriere - 30th

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, February 5th

Business Meeting

5:00 - 7:00pm

NCCA

149 Crown Point Court

Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA

Thursday, February 19th

Board Meeting 5:00pm

Verger Mortgage

231 E Main St., Ste A,

Grass Valley, CA

All members welcome!

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January 2026 Newsletter

Dear Members,

As we welcome the New Year, we want to take a moment to thank each of you for the energy, commitment, and passion you bring to our club.

This coming year brings new opportunities to serve and strengthen the bonds within the club. Together, we will continue to lead with empathy, expand our outreach, and take on projects that reflect our shared values of service.

To start the New Year we have an Anti-Human Trafficking Event at Auburn's In-N-Out Burgers on Tuesday, January 6th.. This is a triple match donation so whatever we donate they match! January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Carpools available. Contact Debbi or Bonnie to arrange. And our first Business Meeting of the year is January 8th, 5:15-5:30 Social and 5:30 the business meeting starts. We encourage each of you to stay involved, share ideas, support one another, and seek out new ways to contribute. Your voice matters!

We look forward to sharing another year of service, purpose, and impact together.

Happy New Year!

Debbi and Bonnie

Wings of Change

SIGV Annual Retreat

Please reserve Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the SIGV Annual Retreat. This event will provide an opportunity to review the past year's projects, assess ongoing initiatives, and plan new activities for the upcoming year. Members will participate in discussions to determine project priorities and identify preferred programs. Lunch will be provided. The retreat will be informative, engaging, and focused on hands on projects and fundraisers.

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. 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

The DFW committee has confirmed 12 of 18 workshop presenters, including sessions on sleep, food growing, online child safety, and investing. Sponsorships are being secured, and members are encouraged to seek donations. The deadline for sponsorships is January 15 to finalize the brochure for February distribution. Day For Women will be held at Sierra College on Saturday, March 21st.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 5th and 6th

Marlene Sharon



Vicki Winter
Project Chair



Fran Freedle and Candice Nutting



December 4th Business Meeting

Cookies, Cards and Caring

Cookies, card writing and a caring presentation from Gold Country Senior Services and Center rounded out our 2025 club year.

Co-Presidents
Debbi Sutton and
Bonnie Resendes



Fran Freedle



Tessa Marmorstein



Tina Skrukrud
Vicki Winter



Members



Members



Santa!



Cookies!



Kimberly Jones



Live Your Dream Award

Soroptimist International Grass Valley

The deadline to apply was November 15th.

SIGV has received 8, yes 8 applications!

This year we were able to add a 3rd recipient for a \$1,000. award.

Next steps: The Live Your Dream Awards Committee (President Bonnie and I) will review the applications to confirm all applicants meet the eligibility criteria. Once we have selected our top 3, we will be reaching 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.

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

Submitted by Co-President Debbi Sutton

Live Your Dream Awards Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region



Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Awards program is a unique education award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The Live Your Dream Awards give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

What We Do

Last year, Soroptimist distributed more than \$3.4 million in education awards to over 2,300 women all over the world.

Over half of our Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families we serve have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation.

Why We Do It

Education is the pathway to economically empowering women and girls.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

\$50.00 includes your Business Card in 12 Newsletters
and
also available on our Website.



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