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June 2025 Newsletter

SIGV Calendar

Thursday, June 5th

Business Meeting

5:00-5:15 Social

5:15-6:45 Meeting

NCCA

Pay your 2025-26 Dues!

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 6th-8th

SNR Spring Conference

Atlantis, Reno, NV

Monday, June 9th

Board Meeting

4:45-6:00pm

Verger Mortgage

Sunday, June 15th

SIGV Club Dues Due

Fran Freedle

Thursday, June 26th

Installation Potluck Dinner

6:00 - 8:00pm

Shauna Vance's Home

June Birthdays:

Shauna Vance-3rd

Candice Nutting - 27th

Planning Ahead:

Wednesday, July 10th

11:00-6:00 pm

WB Distribution Day

NC Fairgrounds

TBD

WB Community

Involvement Day

NC Fairgrounds

Wednesday - Sunday

August 6th - 10th

Nevada County Fair

Chicken Teriyaki Booth

Use Sign-u Genius QR Code



As we welcome the month of June and all the sunshine it brings, it's also at time to reflect on the important role fathers and father figures play in shaping the lives of the women and girls we serve — and in shaping us.

Father's Day reminds us that while our mission at Soroptimist centers on empowering women and girls, this goal is often supported and inspired by the men who stand beside us. Whether it's a dad who encouraged his daughter to pursue her dreams, a teacher who believed in a student's potential, or a mentor who challenged a young woman to think bigger — positive male influences are part of the support system that helps women rise.

Many of us have our own stories of fathers, grandfathers, stepdads, or father figures who helped lay the foundation for the strong, capable, and compassionate women we've become — and who quietly align with our mission every day through their encouragement and example. As a Soroptimist we know that empowerment often begins with someone simply saying, "I believe in you." For many, that voice was their father's.

On a more personal note, this month also brings a bittersweet goodbye. Our co-president Kate is leaving us as she embarks on an exciting new move to Canada. Kate has brought such heart, energy, and dedication to everything she's done in our club — from planning events to supporting our members. Her leadership has truly made a difference and stepping into this role beside her made everything feel a little less intimidating, and a whole lot more fun. It's hard to imagine filling her shoes — and even harder to imagine our meetings without her steady presence. We are so grateful for the time, effort and care she's shared with all of us.

Kate, we'll miss you more than you know — but we're cheering you on from here!   Have fun in Canada and don't be a stranger!

Wishing everyone a joyful start to summer and a Happy Father's Day to the men who help lift women higher.

Let's keep moving forward —together.

Bonnie

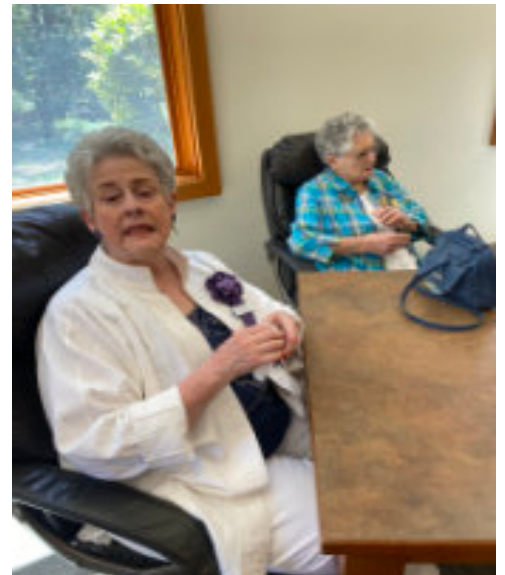
Outstanding Effort Awards May 8th, 2025



**8th Grade Recipients from
Lyman Gilmore and Magnolia
Schools**



**Below: Some of our
Members in Attendance**



White Barn Project

Summer is here and it is time for White Barn. In early June the project team will be doing inventory for the White Barn needs.

The first WB event is Distribution Day when the 4H/FFA kids come and pick out their whites and other items they need from what we have available. This year it will be July 9th from 11- 6pm at Ponderosa Hall. We will need some members' help for set up and take down that day and to help families during the day. The second WB event is Community Involvement Day when the community can donate to a nonprofit and receive a discount coupon for the Fair. It is a low key event, but we do need members for 2 hour shifts. Date TBA. Lastly, there is the Fair when the White Barn has a booth at the Family Fun Area. The most important time for staffing this booth is in the morning. I usually take the 7:30 shift until I work the Fair Booth. At this time, we check out hats, ties and belts. The rest of the time, kids can take whatever clothes they need on display. Parents of 4H and FFA kids usually help with this staffing, as we are busy with our Teriyaki Fair Booth. But if you need to sit and can't do the Teriyaki Rice Bowl shifts, you can help at White Barn!

Submitted by Judy East

Becca's Closet Visit

Two years ago, SIGV had the joy of helping Silver Springs High School initiate a Chapter of Becca's Closet. Becca's Closet provides prom dresses and accessories to high school girls in need. With a \$500 shopping grant from Deseret Industries, Kate Laferriere shopped with India Greeley and Kim Owens (co-founders) and four Silver Springs High School students. They not only purchased prom gowns, they selected formal clothing for young men to wear at the prom. Over 100 outfits were purchased to establish Silver Springs' Chapter of Becca's Closet.

On Thursday, May 1st of this year, the founders of Becca's Closet, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kirtman, traveled from Davie, Florida to visit Silver Springs High School. Kim Owens graciously invited representatives from SIGV to meet the Kirtmans and witness the impact of our start-up donation. Judy East, Kristen Kinnear and Kate Laferriere were honored and inspired by the visit.

Silver Spring's Becca's Closet has expanded from 100 outfits to a boutique styled showroom providing dignity, special treatment and over 200 outfits to make a mile stone event a very special memory. Among the lovely decorations of the room is the first coordinated girl and guy prom outfit purchased with the SIGV grant.

The Kirtman's daughter inspired Becca's Closet. She was a 16 year old cheerleader and honor student, who launched a dress drive to provide prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who could not afford to purchase them. Sadly, she was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2003. Twenty two years later, Silver Springs is proud to be one of 50 chapters. The Kirtmans' were touched by Silver Springs High School's support of their mission. Submitted by Kate Laferriere

Celebration of Service Awards and Vocational Grant

Soroptimist International of Grass Valley, an organization well established and known for service to our community and host of the recently successful anti-human trafficking symposium at Sierra College, recently awarded grants to community agencies to partner with them to serve our community. The annual grants program begins in January with a request for proposals culminating in receipt, evaluation and presentations made in May each year. Soroptimist acknowledge all agencies who help women and children in Nevada County and appreciate their participation in our grants program.

Soroptimist celebrated our service to our community by presenting grants to: Big Brothers Big Sisters Northern Sierra, Butterflies and Roses Cancer Support, Breast-feeding Coalition of Nevada County, Gold Country Senior Services, One Source Empowering Caregivers, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Women of Worth.

Included in the celebration was annual recognition of our Signature Project, the KARE Crisis Nursery, founded by Soroptimist International of Grass Valley in 1999 with a presentation to Lynn Woerner, KARE Executive Director.

Soroptimist also support empowering women through educational awards. Jeanette Williams, winner of the Live Your Dream Scholarship Award for college students who are head of household was acknowledged along with Marley O'Brien, winner of the Vocational Scholarship for high school graduates.

Visit our website www.sigv.org for more information.

Submitted by Fran Freedle, Project Team Coordinator

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.

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Celebration of Service May 15th, 2025



KARE Crisis Nursery



Vocational Scholarship



**Sierra Nevada Memorial
Hospital Foundation**



**One Source Empowering
Caregivers**



**Butterflies and Roses
Cancer Support**



**Breastfeeding Coalition of
Nevada County**



Gold Country Senior Services



Women of Worth



2025 Fair Booth Fundraiser



The fair committee is getting ready for the fair and we'll need you! We have a great committee again this year. Tina Skrukrud as Chair, Marlene Sharon as Co-chair. The four project team members on the committee are Tessa Marmorstein, Kim Jones, Kristin Kinnear and Shauna Vance. And again they all have great ideas! We are updating the day chair instructions with info from our wrap-up meeting after the last fair. Every committee member is taking on a part of this massive fundraiser! Tessa is updating the slide show for the booth. Kristin took on making new hang tags for the booth that have all the "extras" and Sign-up Genius Schedule with QR code. Shauna is working on the closing instructions and what the cashier needs to do. Kim is working on the day chair instruction and signage. Tina is doing all the ordering and Marlene cleaning and labeling. One of the changes we have made is to serve only Teriyaki Chicken this year. We also are going to use all compostable bowls and forks. And from a happy mistake, we are going to use 12 oz bowls, the same amount of food, but this size makes the bowls look fuller. We are asking everyone to wear closed-toe shoes for health and safety reasons.

I am so excited to get to work with these great women! I have worked in the fair booth since 2007 before I was a member. By 2008 I was the co-chair and believe I became the Chair in 2010. This is the largest Fundraiser for SIGV! With the funds from the Fair booth, we can give out grants and scholarships which we just awarded this May at Outstanding Effort and Celebration of Service events. My favorite reason to run the Fair Booth is giving a scholarship to a single mom overcoming a hard ship then they finish college and continue to succeed. One year at the Fair, a recipient bought a teriyaki bowl and told us that the money we gave her helped her finish school and she was hired as an RN at Sutter Health. Another was working at the fair as an EMT and with our help now works for Cal Fire. Another recipient won at our club level and then District & Regional levels and became an RN with no student loans. She is now married and owns 2 homes of her own.

So please get your family and friends to volunteer at the fair. We have 100 spots to fill so please sign up! Sign-ups are available now - use this QR code to Access Sign-up Genius to volunteer!



Submitted by Tina Skrukrud

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. *NEW DELEGATE FUNDRAISERS COMING!*

Marlene Sharon, Delegate
\$20.00 to SIGV
Order msharon@mac.com



2025-26 Installation of Officers Invitation

June 26th, 2025 • 6:00-8:00pm Potluck Dinner

RSVP by June 20th to:

Tina Skrukrud mtstina@gmail.com

or Patty Rogers patlrogers@gmail.com

**Come celebrate the upcoming year of community service,
friends, fun and fundraisers!**

**Potluck dinner with board providing
wine, beverages, plates and cutlery.**

**Please bring your favorite summer
potluck dish or dessert to share.**

**Location: Shauna Vance's Home
26136 Table Meadows Road, Auburn
(Off Combie Road, Outside LOP)**



Club Membership Dues 2025-26

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Dues are due June 15, 2025 and delinquent June 16, 2025 Add \$25 Late Fee if paid on June 16, 2025 or later. Make checks payable to SIGV, send to above address or give payment to Treasurer at any SIGV meeting.

Your Name: _____

Please advise Treasurer if there are any changes for of your information for the Roster.

Regular _____ Regular \$160.00/ If late \$185.00

SIA Founders Pennies .06x10⁴ Voluntary for all + \$6.24

Dues Summary: Regular Member

SIA Federation Dues \$75

SIA Federation Insurance \$12

SIA Per Capita Payment \$9

SIA Project \$1

SNR Region Dues \$25

SNR Fellowship \$1 • SIA Project \$1

SNR Growth & Development \$1

SNR Membership \$1 • SNR S Club \$1

Totals \$126/ Remainder to SIGV \$34

Please note that there may be dues adjustments that we have not received to date. We will apply for financial relief from the large SIA Convention Assessment of \$825 due in 2026.

SNR eBlast Link May 15th

<https://conta.cc/3F3cJ2z>



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

We are accepting New and Returning Sponsorships for our 2025-26 Club Year.
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also available on our Website. Sponsor Fees Due in September.



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