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July 2025 Newsletter

SIGV Calendar

Monday, July 14th

Board Meeting

4:45-6:00pm

Verger Mortgage

Wednesday, July 9th

White Barn

Distribution Day

11:00-6:00pm

Ponderosa Hall

NC Fairgrounds

Monday July 28th

White Barn

Community

Involvement Day

NC Fairgrounds

1:00 - 6:00pm

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NC Fairgrounds

July Birthdays:

Kimberly Jones - 19th

Susie Fatheree - 24th

Tina Skrukud - 28th

Rebecca Goodrow - 29th

Planning Ahead:

Wednesday - Sunday

August 6th - 10th

Nevada County Fair

Chicken Teriyaki Booth

Sign-up Genius QR Code

Volunteers Needed!



Saturday -Sunday,

August 16th - 17th

SNR Soroptimist

Development Retreat

Atlantis Resort Reno, NV

Hi everyone,

Can you believe it's already July? Summer is in full swing, and with the 4th of July just around the corner, I've been thinking a lot about what freedom and independence really mean. While we're celebrating here, it's important to remember that *so many women around the world still don't have the freedom to make their own choices — whether it's about education, work, safety, or even their basic rights.* That's what makes our Soroptimist mission so meaningful. We may be a small club in Grass Valley, but the impact we have — locally and globally — helps open doors for women who deserve the same independence we often take for granted.

July also brings a fresh start as we welcome our **new Board of Directors**. I'm so grateful to each of you for stepping into these leadership roles — your willingness to give your time and talents keeps our club strong and moving forward.

I'm especially excited to officially welcome **Debbi as my new co-President**. I truly appreciate her energy, insight, and steady support. She's already been a huge help behind the scenes, and I'm really looking forward to partnering with her this year. I know we're in good hands.

Summer is often a little slower for us as a club, but that doesn't mean we're standing still. We're already planning for a fun and successful year ahead — including our upcoming wine tasting fundraiser, which is shaping up to be a great event. If you have ideas, connections, or want to help out, we'd love to hear from you!

Wishing you all a safe, sunny July filled with laughter, connection, and maybe a little rest, too.

See you at the Fair Booth!

Bonnie

June 5th Business Meeting

Board Members



Farewell to Kate



End of Year Project Reports



Getting to Know You Bingo

Directions: When you have achieved the correct answer to a row or your card will contain both and you will claim your prize.

B	I	N	G	O
NCCA	Oakland	Best for Women	Shanté Monroe	5
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Over 3,000	White Star Project	Wanda	Violet Richardson
Emme a Girl and Dress	AAE Green Nursery	FREE 5010	Northern California Area	Violet Monroe
Judy East	Salvation Army Ball Bingo	Celebrity Bible Church	2	130
20	Viper Home Loans	Tina Skrudrud	Sandy Tarell	Shauna Vance

SOLT Bingo





Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region 49th Annual Conference Delegate's Report

There were Club Awards, Live Your Dream Awards and Ruby Award. Sunday morning there was A Celebration of Life Service. Treasurer Fran Freedle spoke about the loss of our club member Ruth Evans.

Fun and games included: Movie Night: Mama Mia. Basket raffle drawings, 50/50 raffle drawings and Social Media Contest Winners.

Our Delegate Patty Rogers won free registration to SDR as a First Time Attendee.

Governor Elect Kathy Dunbar announced: Invitation to SIA 2025 Leadership Round Table, Invitation to 2025 SDR, Invitation to 2026 SNR Spring Conference and Invitation to 2026 SIA 49th Biennial Convention.

As a second year attendee, I found the conference to be very informative on ideas to increase membership such as a Meet and Greet and setting a goal. Also, the importance of consistent social media posts for awareness, a review of SIA Code of Conduct, how to set up a strategic plan for the club and how to utilize SIA website for these tools.

Next conference is Soroptimist Development Retreat for continued leadership training. August 15-16-17th at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, Nevada.

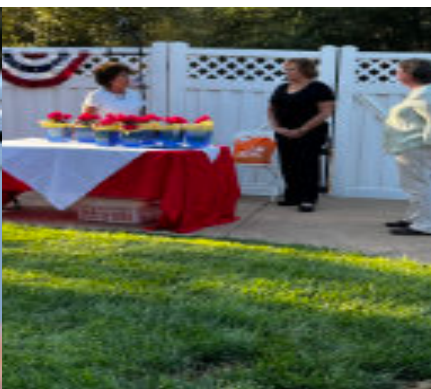
Submitted by Secretary Debbi Sutton

SNR 49th Conference Photos
<https://vimeo.com/1093417866>

June 26th Installation and Induction



New Board



New Members

2025 Fair Booth Fundraiser



The fair committee is ready for the fair and we 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 Plante and Shauna Vance. And again they all have great ideas! We are updated the day chair instructions with info from our wrap-up meeting after the last fair. Tessa updated the slide show for the booth. Kristin made new hang tags for the booth that have all the “extras” on them and Sign-up Genius Schedule with QR code. Shauna worked on the closing instructions and what the cashier needs to do. Kim has worked on the day chair instruction and signage. Tina does all the ordering and Marlene and committee will clean and label. One of the changes we have made is serving 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!

This is our biggest fundraiser for the club and supports our donations, awards and scholarships.



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
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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 on July 28th. 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

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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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Investing in Dreams

SNR eBlast Link June 15th
<https://conta.cc/442YMLB>



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