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Investing in Dreams

**SIGV Calendar**

**Thursday, December 4th**

Business Meeting,  
Cookie Exchange &  
Card Writing  
5:00 - 7:00pm Meeting  
NCCA

149 Crown Point Court  
Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA

**Friday & Saturday,  
December 5th & 6th**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
SPD Market Grass Valley  
SHIFTS STILL OPEN!

Contact Vicki Winters

**Thursday, December 18th**

Board Meeting 5:00pm  
Verger Mortgage

231 E Main St., Ste A  
Grass Valley, CA

All members welcome!

Please RSVP to  
Bonnie or Debbi

**December Birthdays:**

Lynn Costa- 3rd  
Fran Freedle - 18th

**Planning Ahead:**

**Thursday, January 8th**

Business Meeting  
5:00 - 7:00pm  
NCCA

149 Crown Point Court  
Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA

**Thursday, January 15th**  
Board Meeting 5:00pm

Verger Mortgage  
231 E Main St., Ste A,  
Grass Valley, CA  
All members welcome!

# Soroptimist International of Grass Valley

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## December 2025 Newsletter

### ‘Tis the Season!

Greetings Members!

I can't believe we're already in December! I truly love this time of year—the hustle and bustle, the giving spirit that seems to show up everywhere, the Christmas lights, and of course... my homemade eggnog. I love visiting family, giving gifts, and seeing the smiles when they're opened. There's just something magical about it all.

One of my favorite things this month is our Service project: writing Christmas cards for seniors who may not have someone to visit with during the holidays. It's such a simple act, but my hope is that when they open those cards, they feel remembered, cherished, and wrapped in a little extra love.

Celebrate the season with us at our festive cookie exchange! Bring a dozen cookies to share and another dozen (or more) to swap, along with a container to take home your favorites. Don't forget copies of your recipe to share with friends—or if baking isn't your thing, come just to taste all the delicious treats! For extra fun, bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a lighthearted holiday exchange. And don't forget to invite a friend or prospective member—it's a wonderful way to share the joy and introduce someone new to our club.

I'm so grateful for each of you. Thank you for your kindness, your energy, and the heart you bring to this club month after month. It means more than you know.



Wishing you all a warm, joyful  
Christmas season and a bright,  
Happy New Year!  
Bonnie & Debbi  
Co-Presidents



# *Cookies, Cards, & Caring Hearts*

## B U S I N E S S   M E E T I N G

### *Bring a Friend*

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December 4th



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5:00 - 7:00 pm

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Join us for a Cookie Exchange and help us brighten the season by writing Christmas cards to seniors who may be spending the holidays alone.

### *Instructions*

- Bring a dozen cookies to share and another dozen or more for the swap
- Bring a container to take home as many cookies as you are bringing to swap
- Bring copies of your recipe to share
- Don't want to make cookies? That's ok, just come for the tastings!!
- **Optional - Gift Exchange - Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a fun little exchange**





On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> SIGV Board Member and Interfaith Food Bank volunteer Kimberly Jones and her daughter (a future SIGV member!) presented Interfaith Food Ministry with a check from SIGV for \$500.00. The club unanimously voted at the November Business Meeting to donate money and the remaining frozen Fair Booth food to this worthy organization. Food insecurity and the high price of groceries has challenged many families in our area, the need is real. We are glad to help support this outstanding organization!

# Day for Women Project

## Workshops and Sponsorship Opportunities

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### Overview of Workshop Plans

The Day for Women committee has finalized the selection of 18 workshops that will be offered during the event. The committee is currently working on securing knowledgeable and engaging speakers for each of these workshops to ensure a diverse and enriching experience for all attendees.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

In addition to planning the workshops, the committee has identified various sponsorship opportunities. Efforts are underway to reach out to individuals and businesses that may be interested in sponsoring the Day for Women. Attached to this document, you will find a sponsorship letter and sponsorship form, which are available for everyone involved to use when approaching potential sponsors.

### How to Support

We encourage you to contact people and businesses with whom you have regular interactions and invite them to support both of the organizations involved in the event. Sponsorship is a valuable way to contribute to the success of the Day for Women and to promote community involvement.

### Sponsorship Deadline

Please note that all sponsorships must be secured and submitted by January 15. This deadline ensures that sponsors are recognized in all printed materials related to the event.





# Live Your Dream Award

## Soroptimist International Grass Valley

The deadline to apply was November 15<sup>th</sup>.

SIGV has received 8, yes 8 applications!

This year we were able to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.**

## **Zero Waste Kits for Holiday Gift Giving**

**Still available, 10 only, Zero Waste Kits! This is a fundraiser supporting the delegate and club members to attend conferences and conventions. The kit includes everything you need to stop the proliferation of single use paper and plastic products from restaurants, meetings and home that end up in our landfills.**

**Each kit is unique and made from thrifted, up cycled items! Kit includes tote bag, plate, bowl, cup, silverware, cloth napkin and tea towel. Bring kit to meetings or single use restaurants, dine and then wrap in the tea towel, wash at home, dry, place back in tote bag and put in car. Ready for next meeting!**

**The kits will be available to purchase  
at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.**

**\$20.00**

**Marlene Sharon, Delegate, Newsletter Editor**

# Thank You to Our Sponsors!

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



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