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May 2026 Newsletter

SIGV Calendar

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Memorial Day!

Thursday, May 7th

Business Meeting

5:15-5:30pm Social

5:30 - 7:00pm Meeting

NCCA

149 Crown Point Court

St.A, Grass Valley, CA

Thursday, May 14th

Outstanding Efforts Award

Luncheon

12:30-1:30pm

NCCA

Thursday, May 21st

Board Meeting 5:00pm

Verger Mortgage

231 E Main St., Ste A

Grass Valley, CA

All members welcome!

Please RSVP to Debbi

Thursday, May 28th

Celebration of Service

6:00-7:00pm

NCCA

May Birthdays:

Patty Rogers - 22nd

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, June 4th

Business Meeting

5:15-5:30pm Social

5:30 - 7:00pm Meeting

NCCA

Thursday, June 21st

Board Meeting 5:00pm

Verger Mortgage

All members welcome!

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June Board Installation

TBA

Dear Members,

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of the beauty of growth, renewal, and possibility all around us. This season reflects the very heart of Soroptimist—empowering women and girls to reach their full potential and thrive in our communities.

May is when we get to see where our fundraising efforts go - Outstanding Effort Awards Luncheon and Celebration of Service. This year in May we are also holding the Anti Human Trafficking Walk/Run for Awareness. This is the first year of this event and I hope it could possibly be an annual one. We'll see! I hope everyone can come out for a walk! May is also when we vote on budgets for the next year.

The Outstanding Effort Awards Luncheon is on Thursday, May 14th. The Outstanding Effort Award honors 8th grade students who have not only overcome serious barriers but have WOWed their teachers and fellow students on their persistence. The Award helps to boost their self-esteem and confidence and hopefully carries them into their future endeavors.

Our Grant's Committee is hosting this year's Celebration of Service on May 28th where we celebrate local nonprofits that have requested support from our club for their projects.

I am continually inspired by the dedication and compassion each of you brings to our mission. Whether through your volunteer efforts, advocacy, or support of our programs, your impact is real and far-reaching. Because of you, we are changing lives and creating opportunities that empower women and girls to dream bigger and achieve more. And we would like to add heartfelt congratulations to our member, Fran Freedle, who has inspired, empowered and served our club and our community of women and children for fifty years!

Let's continue to support one another, uplift our communities, and remain committed to the values that make us Soroptimists. Together, we are a powerful force for good.

Thank you for all you do!

With Appreciation, Debbi and Bonnie, Co-Presidents

April Business Meeting

Celebrating 50 Years of Membership

Fran Freedle



Bonnie Resendes

Kristine Helvin



Debbi Sutton

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Kim Wydra

Kate Richiger

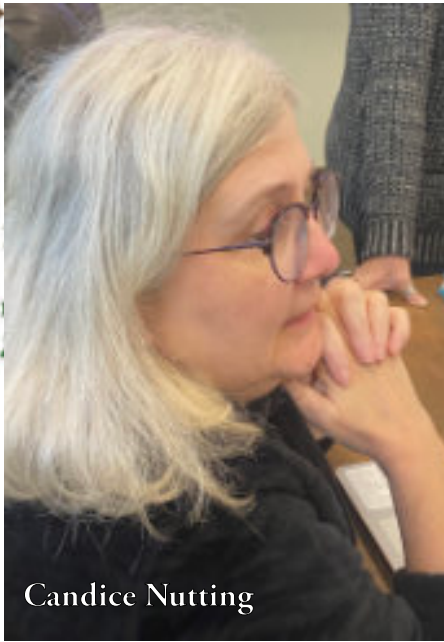


Fran Freedle



Patty Rogers

Tessa Marmorstein



Candice Nutting



Members Meeting



Guest - Judy East - Tina Skrukrud



Mindy Trygg

Deirdre Campbell



Kim Jones

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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Community Outreach Committee

Our new Community Outreach Committee had our first meeting. This Team was created to strengthen our connection with the community and expand our impact. This committee will focus on identifying local needs that align with our mission of improving the lives of women and girls through support, education, and empowerment. By actively reaching out and building relationships, we hope to bring meaningful opportunities back to our club where we can truly make a difference.

Our goal is to organize at least one outreach project each month, allowing members to stay engaged while making a consistent impact. We are currently developing a calendar of monthly projects, which will be ready for the new club year in September. In addition to serving those in need, this effort will help increase awareness of Soroptimist of Grass Valley and the work we do.

SIGV Annual Club Dues

\$160 club dues are due by June 15th. Payments of any amount can be made. Founders Day Pennies is an additional \$6.20 and are voluntary.

85% of the club's dues go to SIA/SNR for insurance and operating expenses. The remainder pays for our club's operations.

Outstanding Effort Award

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 12:30 pm

On May 14th at NCCA, we will honor graduating 8th graders who have been nominated by their schools because they have overcome obstacles in their life to succeed in Middle School. This award had been given since 1984 and has honored young people for their tenacity, perseverance, and commitment to their future. SIGV invites their families and teacher to celebrate their achievements.

Please let Judy know of your reservation, cost is \$12, which you can bring that day.

SIGV 2026 Grant Awards

Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm

The SIGV Grants Team met and established guidelines and a schedule for this year's grants project.

Members on the team include Judy East Fran Freedle, Kimberly Jones, Kate Richiger, Kristina Schrameck, and Debbi Sutton.

Grant applicants were required to follow the adopted grant guidelines providing contact information, proof of non-profit status, a mission or vision statement, a 2-page proposal including a description of the project or service to be funded, and an explanation of how their proposed project comports with our SIGV mission to improve the lives of women and children in Nevada County. They also must provide financial information including a project and agency budget. A spreadsheet showing grants awarded for the past 5 years was used during the review. Grant applications were due on or before April 15.

Funding decisions will be announced by April 30th.

This years' Celebration of Service will be held at NCCA, our General Meeting location.

We invited grant proposals for up to \$2,000 and will award \$12,000 this year.

2026 -2027 Club Year

Sponsorships

Time to start thinking now about renewing your sponsorship/business cards!

We welcome new sponsors from within or from outside of the club. Tell the businesses you frequent, advertise your own business!

\$50 per annum guarantees your business card placement in 12 newsletter and linked to our website.

Forms available on sigv.org or email Marlene Sharon.

NEW!

Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Event

After our highly successful 2024 Anti- Human Trafficking Symposium
SIGV is offering a

Family Awareness Event - A Fun Run or Walk for AHT!

This is a Community Strong Event - United Against Human Trafficking.
May 30th, 10am - 12 pm at Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley

Picnic Area 4

10:00am - 12:00 pm

Check-in starts at 9:30am.

The committee has been working hard on this event!
We walked the route and planned the event.
AHT message boards to be posted along walk/run course.
Posters designed, t-shirts designed, banners.
Waiver & releases, photo releases.
Prizes, Swag bags, Ribbons!
Radio interviews, marketing, website, social, newspapers.
Online registration. Permits and insurance.
Vendors contacted and committed.
Microphone and announcer.
It's a long list!

SIGV members needed to work the event!

Contact:

Patty Rogers: patlynrogers@hotmail.com, Chair
Kristina Shramek: kshramek@att.net, Co-chair
Marlene Sharon: msharon@mac.com, Marketing

Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Walk or Run

A Community United Against Human Trafficking!



May 30th 10:00 - Noon
Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley
Picnic Area 4

2-mile Walk/Run with separate course for kids 3-6.

Vendors - Snacks - Face Painting - Raffles - Prizes

\$15 Adults, Under 18 Free!

First 75 Adult Registrants receive a T-Shirt!

Registration OPEN Now!

Register sigv.org or Scan QR Code

Waiver & Release, Photo Waiver Required for Adults, Youth and Children



•**Prizes** for: Most registrants in one family; the first person to register; and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place runners

•**Raffle** for two gift baskets: Every adult that is registered will get a free ticket and there will be tickets for purchase on the day of the event.



SOROPTIMIST®

International of Grass Valley

SNR 50th Annual Conference

June 5-7, 2026

Reno, Nevada



MAKING DREAMS SOAR

Welcome to the *50th Annual Sierra Nevada Region Spring Conference!*

Registration is Open!

<https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events/snr-conference-2026/>

On behalf of our Board and Leadership, it is our great honor and joy to welcome you to the Atlantis Spa and Resort in Reno, Nevada, June 5-7, 2026. As we celebrate the remarkable 50th Anniversary, we come together to honor our rich history and celebrate our future – one filled with continued impact, growth, and opportunity for women and girls.

This milestone conference promises a vibrant and unforgettable weekend – one that reflects the passion, purpose, and legacy of Soroptimists across our region. Our theme, ***“Honoring Our Past and Celebrating Our Future,”*** will come to life through inspiring speakers, meaningful connections, engaging experiences, and heartfelt recognition of the extraordinary work happening throughout the Sierra Nevada Region and Soroptimist International of the Americas.

Together, we will celebrate the success of our signature programs, including Dream it Be it, Live Your Dream as well as the Evelyn Holland S.O.L.T. Award, 5-Star Public Awareness, The Blanche Edgar Membership Award and Soroptimist Celebrating Success as well as honor our Region Ruby Award. These moments highlight the powerful difference we are making-transforming the lives and opening doors through education and opportunity.

As part of this special gathering, we will also conduct important region business and proudly celebrate the installation of the Sierra Nevada Region Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 biennium – leaders who will help guide us into our next chapter.

Throughout the weekend, we invite you to fully experience all the conference has to offer – from our Marketplace featuring Soroptimist-branded items and unique club offerings, to our new breakout workshops for Club Presidents and Club Treasurers to assist them in kicking off the new soroptimist year with valuable information. Friday afternoon you can Meet the Candidates and attend the delegate briefing. Enjoy the excitement of the Endowment Basket Raffle, the 50/50 raffle, the Dream Pillow Silent Auction, participate in our social media contest, and take advantage of countless opportunities to connect, collaborate and be inspired.

We will wrap on Sunday with a touching Celebration of Life, honoring the cherished members of our region whose legacy continues to inspire us. Followed by the ever celebrated Live Your Dream Brunch. Thank you for being part of this golden milestone. May this conference energize your spirit, strengthen your connections, and remind us all of the incredible impact we make – together. We hope you enjoy the milestone conference as much as we’ve enjoyed planning it for you.

Best, Governor Stacey

Soroptimist International of Grass Valley

Zero Waste Car Kits

\$20.00



Cultivate Sustainability, Celebrate Community

Each kit is unique and made from thrifted, up-cycled items purchased locally!

Kit includes tote bag, plate, bowl, cup, silverware, cloth napkin and tea towel.

Help our environment by not using single use plastic and paper items. Bring kit to meetings, picnics 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 outing!

Funds raised will be used internally
for Soroptimist International of Grass Valley.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!
\$50.00 includes your Business Card in 12 Newsletters
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