



SOROPTIMIST SPOTLIGHT

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CALENDAR

Note: Evening times shaded orange

NOVEMBER 2016

Non-Profit Awareness Month

11/3	Noon	Board Meeting @ TDPUD
11/10	5:30pm	Business Meeting @ Zano's
11/24		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
11/27	2:00pm	SOROPTISHOP
11/30	5:00pm	See's Candy Orders Due

DECEMBER 2016

12/1	Noon	Board Meeting @ TDPUD
12/4	11-1	HOLIDAY BRUNCH
12/8	Noon	Business Meeting @ Zano's (President's Appeal)
12/9		<i>Soroptimist International Day</i> <i>Human Rights Day</i>
11/25-12/17		Community Christmas Wrapping & Distribution
12/14	4-5pm	See's Candy Distribution
12/25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Soroptishop
Sunday
November 27
2pm at Truckee Rec Center



SOROPTISHOP: A place to peruse the arts and crafts of local artisans and do your Christmas shopping; A place to enjoy a lively afternoon with your fellow Soroptimists, friends and family; A place to volunteer your time; A place to toast the upcoming Holiday Season with a glass of wine and enjoy some Christmas treats.



Price of admission includes a glass of wine from Truckee River Winery. Club members are asked to donate a minimum of \$10 (to be collected at the next Business Meeting) to help offset the expenses. Please contact Coordinator Katy Jones for more information on how you can get involved.

PRESIDENT LESLIE'S MESSAGE

2016-2017 Officers & Board

President: Leslie Dugger
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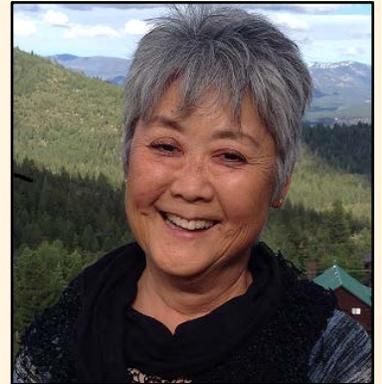
AN END TO VIOLENCE



Every month several dates are designated as special for events, remembrances, various issues, or just random reasons. This month, November 25th is marked as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. This date was championed by the United Nations when resolution 15/134 was passed on December 17, 1999 to raise public awareness on the international issue of violence against women. November 25th was chosen to commemorate three Mirabel sisters who were activists and brutally assassinated in 1960 in the Dominican Republic on the orders of the then dictator, Rafael Trujillo. He used his power and resources to not only control the country, but also to abuse young girls and women at his whimsy. When he aggressively approached one sister and was rebuffed in the form of a slap across his face, he made their lives and the lives of their families unbearable. He eventually had the sisters trapped and murdered.

Violence against women is not confined to any ethnicity, political or religion based beliefs, country, region, or economic status ... it is universal. Women are beaten, harassed and bullied not only on the streets but in their own homes, places where they should feel safe and secure. Violence is realized in many different forms. Women are not only battered or raped, they are also subject to female genital mutilation/cutting, prenatal sex selection, child brides, genocide, and trafficking. One in three women will experience physical or sexual violence at some point in her life, often at the hands of someone they know. Of all the women killed in 2012, almost 50% died at the hands of their partner/family member. However, things can and are changing through better access to programs, hotlines, shelters, and law enforcement protection. Prevention strategies are being put into place to address issues such as gender inequality, encouraging men to stand up against old beliefs and denounce violence against women, and support for women's organizations which are often the first to respond to making change. UN Women launched HeForShe which is a global campaign to encourage men and boys to become advocates to make changes against gender inequality and promote women's rights.

It seems incredible that we have come so far in so many ways but this issue is still so prevalent, but then I realize it takes time and dedicated people to make that change. The Soroptimist mission embraces this and change will happen. The Soroptimist big goal is to make a change for 1 million women in the next 5 years. A big dream? Yes, but you can't achieve without a dream so why not dream big.



Artwork by Monica Stewart, Oakland, CA

Birthdays

- 11/11 Chris Carroll
- 11/12 Angela White
- 11/25 Janet Mills
- 11/27 Grace Chou

Anniversaries

- 1994 Lisa Swartz
- 1995 Anita Spencer
- 2009 Sarah Deardorff
- 2009 Angela White
- 2014 Janet Sanzari

Communicate

Innovate

Educate



DISTRICT 5 FALL MEETING Reno, NV



SITD Attendees: Pam English, Joan Kreamer, Cathy Leibow, Susan Horst and Janet Mills.

Here are some of the highlights from the District 5 Meeting:
Governor Vicki Watson spoke about her "Imagine If..." theme. She outlined the following initiatives:

- Charter new clubs (goal of adding 2 new clubs this year)
- Stop Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee was formed and will be led by Joanne Tremeling
- Soroptimist is international (each club should pick one international project to sponsor)
- Legislative advocacy (need committee members to help educate our members)
- Grow our membership (involve younger generation)
- Build more/stronger leaders

Other fun facts/topics discussed:

- SIA 45th Biennial Convention will be held July 30-August 2, 2018 in Yokohama, Japan
- Soroptimist's 100th birthday is in 2021 (possibly a party to be planned in Oakland/Alameda)
- A survey will be sent out by December 30th to help drive our "Big Goal" of investing in the dreams of women and girls through access to education (goal: impact 1 million women in the next 10 years)

- Survey our club members to assess members' skills and interests in order to align them with appropriate volunteer work (mentoring, teaching, computer skills, etc.)

~ Cathy Leibow

"Briana Neben, Miss Lake Tahoe, delivered a powerful message about Domestic Violence in her own life at the Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Fall meeting in Reno. This very poised and articulate young woman, whose informal theme was "never judge a book by it's cover", spoke about her own story of sexual abuse by her stepfather (who is currently incarcerated after being found guilty of this crime).

Briana left home to escape this abuse at 14, living in her car and "couch surfing" when able. The amazing part of her story was that she held a part time job and maintained her High School studies without giving away her secret for almost a year!

I have to admit, when I saw her name on the agenda I was wondering "what does this lovely, young beauty queen have to say to this group of Soroptimist women?". Boy was I wrong! Never, ever, again judge a book by it's cover.

Briana is currently enrolled in University of Nevada majoring in Social Studies. She is employed by a law firm in Carson City as a receptionist and is actively spreading the word about domestic violence."

~ Janet Mills



LOOKING AHEAD



See's CANDIES

Please place
your order by
November 30,
5pm.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

DECEMBER 4, 11 am-1pm

RSVP to Cathy Leibow
Brunch is \$25 and money will be
collected at Business Meeting
on November 10th.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

The Soroptimist are a big part of the Truckee Community Christmas and we need everyone in our club to help! There are lots of different ways to help:
Nov 25 - Dec 14 Barrel Monitors and Toy wrapping parties are needed
Dec 15 Toy sorting and wrapping
Dec 16 Finish wrapping and bag toys for distribution
Dec 17 Distribution day

DELICIOUS, DELECTABLE, DINNERS

Did you know that our club has some very creative and amazing chefs? This past month, several members got to enjoy the fruits of their labor. It was the opening of our newest FUNdraiser, the DDD; Delicious, Delectable, Dinners. It was a HUGE success. The themed dinners ranged from an Italian Grill, to one with an Argentinian flavor, to a meal from Greece, to a Cheese Lover's Delight and more! Thank you Patti Conk for introducing this Mystery Themed Dinner Party Extravaganza to our club. It's a mystery because you may not be sure who the chef is, or what to expect for dinner, or who your dinner companions will be. Each dinner has it's own unique theme. So you choose... Will it be a dinner from France, India or Peru, perhaps? Will you decide to host the next DDD and whip up your favorite evening meal? Everyone is invited to participate, either by hosting a dinner or attending one. What better way to raise some money, and enjoy great food, wine and company! Below are some comments from our first month of the DDD...



"..The best meal I've had in... I don't even know how long!"

"We had a delicious five course dinner in very beautiful setting. We were waited on by our host and hostess and treated to a very authentic Italian meal. The evening was great fun - visiting and sharing with our Soroptimist friends."

"Four hours of laughter, wine, fabulous food, funny stories, and more food."

"That's Amore Italian dinner featured Artichoke, Spinach and Gorgonzola Cream w/Crostini, Caprese Salad, Pork Scallopine w/Truffled Mushrooms, Vanilla Ice Cream w/Strawberries, Walnuts and Honey served w/Biscotti. OUT OF THIS WORLD! A wonderful evening was had by all."

"Angela's Argentina dinner was incredible! New, unique, authentic recipes, wonderful guests and conversation! Great ambiance and the sous chef, Jayne, was awesome. I had a blast!" "Tango music playing, Malbec in the glass, lamb a la parrilla."

If you would like to submit an article, photo or information for the "Spotlight", please email skigal55@sbcglobal.net Our submission deadline is the 20th of the month for the following month's issue. We reserve the right to edit material for length and content. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this publication. However, SITD cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information and hereby expressly disclaims any responsibility for errors.



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