



# The Puzzler

Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley

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## “Luck of the Flamingo BUNCO”

St. Paddy's Day saw our signature BUNCO take place at the Coalition, where green was the color of the day.

The Shenanigans Squad coordinated another successful Bunco with about 50 players attending. Thanks to sponsors Gunny's A/C & Heating, Attorney Robin Holseth, and Classic Realty's Marianne Yoffee



## Meet The Members...

..features information about our members based on information they have provided about themselves.

In this issue you will get to know:

Durette Candido

Laila Davis



Shenanigans Squad  
Enjoying St Paddy's Day  
Luck O' the Flamingo  
BUNCO !



RYAN's amazing SIPV  
Charcuterie trays were  
*delovely* to look at and  
*delightful* to eat.

**SIPV MEMBERS ATTEND SIERRA NEVADA REGION CONFERENCE**

President Linda, President-Elect Nancy, Delegate Jody and of course District 6 Director Elaine all spent last weekend learning, mingling and ACCEPTING AWARDS!!!



Delegates Jody, Nancy & Linda



Linda with SNR President Lisa Fitzgerald.



Roughly 400 attended SNR 2023 Conference



Former SIA president Poco and SIMLV long time member and former Nevada Supreme Court Justice Nancy Becker.



Linda and Nancy pleased as punch about awards won by SIPV.



President Linda with Blanche Edgar Award for Membership Retention and Growth, thanks to Willi Baer Membership Chair. (She made me say that )

President Linda and D6 Director Elaine, our SIPV Social Media Chair, proudly accepting SNR Five Star Award for Social Media.





## LAILA DAVIS

Because I currently work for the District Attorney, I don't have much time for hobbies. I do, however enjoy a game of Bubble Pop on my phone to wind down at the end of a busy day. I also enjoy Scrabble and other word games as well as enjoying movies with my family

Later this year, I will be visiting Isreal which is very exciting because I will be able to see all of the historic biblical places.

After being invited to join Soroptimist about a year ago, I did a lot of research on the organization and found that it might be just what I needed at this point in my life. I am so glad I joined because I believe God has given me Soroptimist as a pathway to my future.

I have a plethora of interests but a dream job would be one that provides financial freedom—a job where I could also be free to travel, set my own schedule and is in very high-demand: People request ME for my specialized skill(s). A dream job is not bound to one place. A dream job doesn't feel like a job and it's enjoyable. Finally, a dream job is being your own boss. Ultimately, that's the "job" that I want!

I have a high-maintenance kitty who's now 2 years old. I love my Ruach although I've joked about trading him for a better model when he "works my nerves". As for my family, my family is my family in the Lord. If it were not for the Spirit of God operating through my beloved Godmother and pastor, I would NOT be the woman of God I am today.

Much thanks go to Soroptimist for being [a] best for this woman! I thank God for Soroptimist investing in my dreams! No doubt they are coming to fruition as a result!

## DURETTE CANDITO

DURETTE says she is so fortunate to be in her dream job as an Interior Designer for the past 40 years. Not everyone can say that.

In her spare time Durette loves to indulge in her many hobbies, such as gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting and quilting. She also loves beading, drawing and painting. And is a marvelous chef.

Durette loves to travel and learn about other cultures. Her husband Mike is a musician and also travels worldwide on tour.

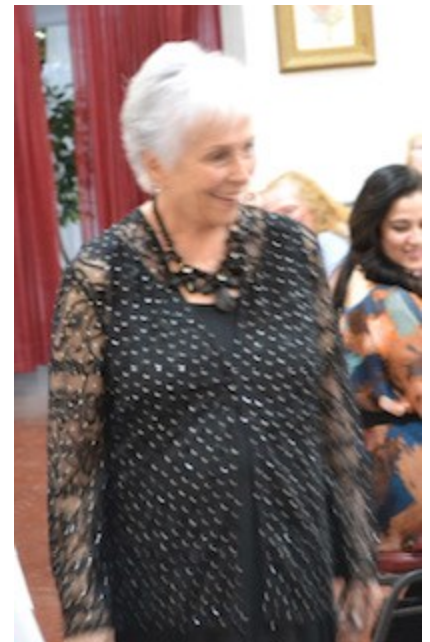
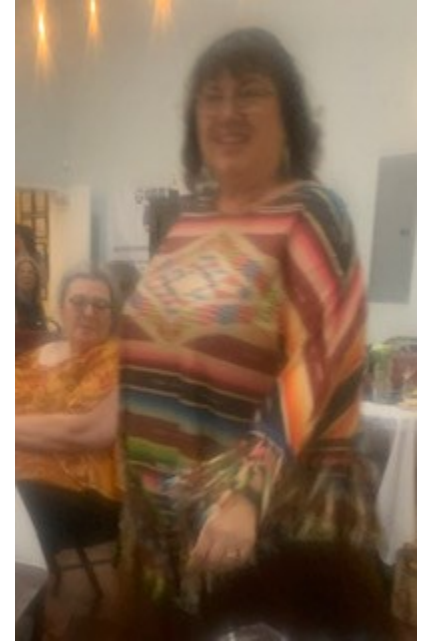
Durette has always supported women's causes and when she attended our Mardi Gras in 2022, she knew she had to become a Soroptimist. Since then she has hit the ground running and is on a few committees where she performs admirably.

We are delighted to have Durette as a member!



# Spring's Fashion Show 2023

Thanks to 2023 Fashion Show Chair Soroptimist MaRia Apodaca-Shaddy and to the fabulous fashions assembled by Patti at Sunflower Fashions, our Spring Fashion Show was sold out and a huge success. Pictured are our member Models, Gina, Durette 2 Lindas, Jan & Willi





## WE CONTINUE TO GROW

MORE NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN AT MAY BUSINESS MEETING.

SIPV membership reaches 48, an all-time high for our club. Many clubs do not come near that number of members. Our answer is to make sure everyone serves on a committee or event, and doing everything we can to make members happy, and feeling useful.

Pictured left to right: SIPV President Linda, Fitzgibbons, Inductees Sandra Fisher and Carolyn Schwitters, Immediate Past President and Membership Chair Willi Baer and President-Elect Nancy Davis.

## AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The SIPV Member Incentive Program was implemented to promote member participation, and recognition. Criteria is based on a point system involving several categories, such as meeting attendance, event attendance, chairs or volunteers on a committee, recruited new members, sold most event tickets and program/event creativity.

Each quarter the winning member is awarded a "Star" trophy for their contributions along with a media announcement, and an entry into a drawing at the end of the last quarter. That winner will be awarded their coming year SIPV dues paid for by our SIPV club.

This past quarter's winning member Linda "MO" Morelli for the countless hours she has devoted to our club. Congratulations Mo.

The SIPV Member Incentive Program is open to all members in good standing, *excluding the officers of SIPV*

In addition to the above, SNR District 6 Director Elaine Cassell was presented with the 15 year award for her service to Soroptimist in both Elko and Pahrump. Congrats to Elaine.



YOU GO MO !!

President-Elect Nancy Davis presents this quarter's "Star" Award to our "MO"

Linda Morelli.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS THE RENT YOU PAY TO YOUR COMMUNITY**





## 2023 Women's Fair

At the Women's Fair in April 2023, chaired by President-Elect Nancy Davis, multiple vendors showcased amazing products and services which are beneficial to all women. Approximately 20 tables of Health & Wellness, Fashion & Style, Jewelry & Accessories, Home Décor and more were on display for the approximately 100+ attendees. Thanks to our vendors and special thanks to our sponsors, member Marianne Yoffe and Classic Realty, Member attorney Robin Holseth and Sunflower Fashions.



Women's Fair Soroptimist Volunteers dressed in their "blues" pause for a brief photo op.



## DREAM IT BE IT...

...Is one of the “Dream” programs in which Soroptimist International of the Americas strongly recommends each club to participate in and coordinate. SIPV has been very fortunate to have two members who teach at the PV High School and who have embraced this program. Thanks to SIPV members Lori and Teresa, DIBI has excelled in the educational modules taught during the school year.

At a recent field trip, students toured three local businesses to learn how and why they operate as they do. The businesses toured were Valley Electric Association, Spring Mountain Motor Speedway and KPVM, a local television station.



Pahrump Valley High School junior and senior girls in the Dream It Be It program, listen intently to the tour guide at Valley Electric Association

DIBI students observe a Ron Fellows 200 mph race car during the tour at Spring Mountain Motor Speedway.



Two of the DIBI students experience the Anchor Desk at KPVM, the local television station.

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them”

Walt Disney

# INVESTING IN DREAMS

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE WORD "DREAMS"?

I FOUND 21 BUT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THERE WERE MORE. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

## DREAMS

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**WHEN YOU COMMIT TO SOMETHING, COMMIT...OR DON'T.**

**SEASONED MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TEACH SOROPTIMIST  
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES. DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP IF YOU VOLUNTEER FOR A POSITION  
YOU HAVE NOT YET EXPERIENCED. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**