



The Puzzler

Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley

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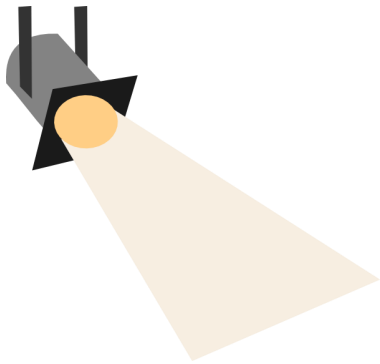
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIPV

Soroptimist International Pahrump has served the community of Pahrump for 18 years. "Unbelievable how the time has flown" says Charter President Willi Baer. "I remember when the steering committee first assembled in 2004 and with the sponsorship of the Soroptimist Clubs in Las Vegas and other clubs in the Sierra Nevada Region supported us with seed money. It was difficult to recruit members in the early years but we are so proud that we currently have 52 members."



Three of the four charter members, left to right, are current president Linda, Charter President Willi and a Past President Tonya who cut the cake for members at the celebration.

Ladies in Blue: Seasoned and new members attended the celebration of SIPV that serves the community by providing monetary awards to women who qualify.



SOROPTIMIST TURNS A SPOTLIGHT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Under the leadership of Human Trafficking Chair Linda “Mo” Turner, the HT Forum could not have gone any smoother. Panelists included Sheriff Joe McGill, and Assemblyman Greg Hafen from Pahrump, to Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony.

A list of appropriate questions developed by the coordinating committee were presented to each speaker. Plus members of the audience were asked to write questions on a card which were then given to the moderator (Chair Linda) to pass on to the panelists. This enabled the timekeeper to keep all questions within the time limit. Discussion ensued around sexual exploitation and servitude.



Sheriff Joe McGill, HTF Chair Linda “Mo” Turner, Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, SIPV President Linda Fitzgibbons and Assemblyman Greg Hafen.



Attendance to SIPV’s annual Human Trafficking Forum increases each year.





“Laissez les bons moments rouler”



Present (Linda) Past (Willi) and Future (Nancy) presidents gussied up for another amazing Mardi Gras!

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February 3, 2024, marked the date of our 6th annual Mardi Gras fundraising gala, which once again proved to be a stunning success not only in terms of funds raised but in terms of “fun raised” as well. Our committee worked tirelessly for weeks to make this year’s event the best yet despite the challenges of inflation and the competition from other local charity events in the same month. We were determined to continue supporting the Live Your Dream program for women and girls and to expand our giving horizons, so we reached for the stars. Indeed, we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams, with a first-ever, sold-out crowd, an upgraded menu of “surf & turf”, and a new level of platinum sponsorships that exceeded our expectations. We received more donations than ever before from both local and out-of-town businesses, which was a testament to the resourcefulness of our committee. The dessert dash was also elevated into a fun and entertaining event that raised significantly more funds than in the past; and Purse-A-Palooza was a great success as well. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this event a success, especially; Willi for acquiring all the many sponsorships, our member/sponsors Robin, Durette, Kim, Marianne, Stacey Jensen and Elaine who gave their time and money so generously. We don’t know how we can top this next year, but we are inspired by the success of this year’s event, and we are already working on how we can keep this momentum going for the future.

Please support the businesses that support us!



Paula



MaryRose & “Mo”



Nancy & Jeanette



SIPV Saves the Day for “Pahrump Mom’s Corner” Event

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, Soroptimist Pahrump Valley (SIPV) stepped up to support Pahrump Mom’s Corner in their time of need. The local group of active moms, known for their popular children’s clothing and toy swaps, faced an emergency when they were unable to secure sponsorship for their latest event. With the event scheduled for the next day, the group turned to SIPV for help.

Kat Sepulveda a leader of Pahrump Mom’s Corner and a member of SIPV, reached out to the club for assistance. Without hesitation, the SIPV board agreed to sponsor the event, ensuring it could proceed as planned. The quick action of SIPV not only saved the event but also ensured that many moms and children in the community could benefit from the free items provided.

At the event, SIPV set up an information table and banner, engaging with attendees and showcasing their commitment to supporting women and children in the community. The event was a resounding success, with many moms and children going home with clothing, toys, shoes, diapers, and books, all provided free of charge.

SIPV’s involvement in the event exemplifies their mission and values, highlighting their dedication to making a positive impact in the community. Their swift action and generosity have not only helped Pahrump Mom’s Corner but have also reinforced the strong sense of community spirit that exists in Pahrump.

What Does Membership Do?



When SIPV first chartered in 2006 recruitment was difficult at best, because we had no proof of local programs or scholarships. So we’re forever grateful for the 18 members who had faith that we would make it happen and succeed and indeed we have. Currently our membership numbers 52, more than many other clubs combined. Members takes every opportunity to recruit new members. But once they let you continue to *brag* about the programs and events and accomplishments, you may have them on the hook, and then when you feel the time is right, try to land that recruit! The most they can say is No.

Retention is the next most important responsibility of the Membership committee. We have brainstormed with leadership to figure out how to keep members engaged. Providing members with tools they need to understand Soroptimist and the programs and fundraising has made significant progress. But engagement is not 100% up to us. Members need to take some responsibility for being involved and of course on committees of their choosing.

This is why we have moved forward with initiating a mentoring committee. Six people have been working on a document of mentoring guidelines as well as the following membership survey which. The results of this survey will help to determine how we can continue to improve the Soroptimist experience. Soon all members who want a mentor, will have one and members who want to be a mentor will have a mentee.

Other related things that membership currently does is prepare the membership manuals, order badges and pins and conduct the Induction of new members.

Member Survey

Name _____ (use back of sheet for answers if needed)

1. Why did you join Soroptimist? _____

2. What other organizations/nonprofits are you a member of, or volunteer for? _____

3. Past volunteer experience _____

4. Are you comfortable leading a team, or prefer to be a team player? Leader _____ Follower _____

5. Are you comfortable approaching others outside of our club in regards to our events, such as asking for donations, sponsorship or selling tickets? _____

6. What are you most comfortable doing? _____

7. What are you least comfortable doing? _____

8. Have you chaired a committee for us or another organization? If so what committees?

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

9. How do you respond in difficult situations? _____

10. Which of our events have you attended? -a _____

-b _____ -c _____ d _____

11. Are you interested in Team Mentoring? _____

12. Or is one on one mentoring more of what you are looking for? _____

Thank you so much for completing this brief survey which will help improve your Soroptimist membership experience.

Your Mentoring Task Force

Showing off our individual afflictions



Pahrump is in the house!



SWEET FANTASY

Five members of Soroptimist Pahrump Valley (SIPV) recently had the pleasure of attending the 12th Annual fundraising event, Sweet Fantasy, hosted by our sister club, Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas. The event, held at a lovely venue, was a true celebration of sweetness, with an abundance of delectable treats for all to enjoy.

During the event, our table was warmly acknowledged and thanked for making the journey from Pahrump to show our support. The afternoon featured inspiring speakers from previous years' fundraising recipients. Adding to the ambiance, a jazz quartet from Vegas High School provided delightful musical entertainment.

It was a successful afternoon for SIPV, with several of our members going home as winners of the silent auction and pick-a-prize, and Sharon Cruise winning the door prize. As a sweet parting gift, attendees were treated to frozen dipped bananas, a delightful end to a truly memorable event.

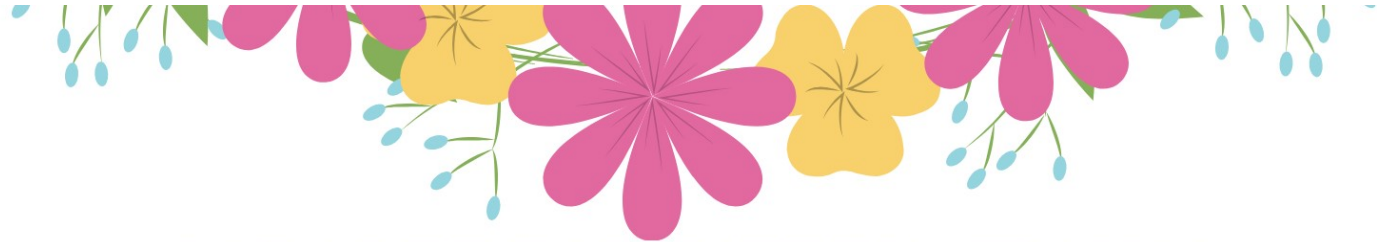
We extend our heartfelt thanks to Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas for hosting such a wonderful event and for their warm hospitality. Events like Sweet Fantasy remind us of the impact we can make when we come together for a common cause.



Lovely place setting at Sweet Fantasy



Governor-Elect Stacy and SIPV member Sharon "gloat"



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
PAHRUMP VALLEY
PRESENTS**



Women's
EXPO  **2024**

The Pahrump Soroptimist presents the Women's Expo 2024, a special one-day event designed especially for YOU. This "Ladies Day Out" will feature tables on a wide range of women's interests. Whether it's fashion and travel or beauty and self-care, this Expo has something for everyone.

Join us for a fun day of pampering, giveaways, and more!

Also check out Poppy's Quesadillas Food Truck for a bite to eat!

See you there!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10:00AM - 2:00 PM

Nye Communities Coalition

1020 E. Wilson Road

For more information or vendor information

Email: kakelady430@gmail.com

OR

Call Paula (Event Chair) @ 775-209-3444



Mark Your 2024 Calendar Now!

SIPV's Women's Expo ~ April 20

SIPV's Fashion Show ~ May 25

Sierra Nevada Region Conference ~ Reno, ~ June 7, 8, 9

SIPV's Club Operating Plan (COP) ~ June 22

SIA Biennial Convention ~ Bellevue, WA, ~ July 24—27

Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR)

Reno ~ August 17 & 18

District 6 Winter District Meeting,

Carson City, ~ September 14



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