



THE PUZZLER

Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley

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Welcome Soroptimists

The purpose of this newsletter "The Puzzler" is to provide pertinent Soroptimist information to members and possibly to new-member-wannabe's. It will be published quarterly in each season of the year. The name "The Puzzler" is after President Linda's theme during her biennium. "Like Puzzle Pieces...TOGETHER we complete the Big Picture"

Each Issue of The Puzzler...

...will feature information about our members based on information they have provided about themselves.

In this issue you will get to know

More about the new officers

President Linda Fitzgibbons

President-Elect Nancy Davis

Treasurer Dina Williamson-Erdag

Secretary Karen Holley

Our 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".



CONGRATULATIONS

to our new Sierra Nevada Region Governor-Elect Stacey Jensen

and to our new District 6 Director Elaine Cassel

We are so proud to have these two distinguished ladies in our

community and in our club.



New Beginnings Party at President Linda's beautiful home!

PRESIDENT LINDA FITZGIBBONS

One of our charter members, President Linda has been a faithful Soroptimist since March 5, 2006. She recently retired from the Nye County School District where she worked for years as a Grant Representative and Program Director.



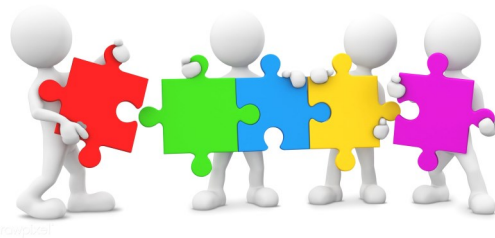
Linda is proud of the fact that she is Battle Born native Nevadan and has explored most of Nevada to learn more about her home state. She and her husband of 40 years have traveled the world and during the summer they spend a couple of months on the Oregon Coast. Her most memorable vacation was to Scotland because of the amazing history.

Linda's spare time (besides Soroptimist) is caring for her granddaughter Thea, the light of her life.

Linda has had a life experience that most of us would rather not;. At age 21, she was shot in an armed robbery at her work. Plus she found out at the age of 56 that the parents who raised her were her grandparents and the entire family kept it a secret!

In her spare time (when she has any) Linda loves jigsaw puzzles, hence her theme ,

“Like Puzzle Pieces...TOGETHER we complete the Big Picture”



PRESIDENT-ELECT NANCY DAVIS

Originally from Oklahoma, before retirement, Nancy was a hotel Executive in Las Vegas for many years. Being a champion knitter, she also owned her own needlecraft yarn shop called Stitching Time.

In addition to her many talents, Nancy also bred and showed smooth-coated chow dogs.

Her favorite place to vacation is primarily the mountains, loving the green and the cool fresh air.

Nancy originally joined our club in 2017 when she first moved to Pahrump at the urging of her neighbor who was also our club's then District Director Sarah Walker.

Nancy chaired our first Fashion Show which has become quite popular.

She re-joined recently and “hit the road running”. Nancy enjoys the Membership camaraderie.

Nancy, like all of us has experienced the ups and downs of life as most of us have and

she has weathered it well. So glad to have you back with us Nancy!



TREASURER DINA WILLIAMSON-ERDAG



If you don't know Treasurer Dina, you have not lived in Pahrump very long. Dina is a true community non-profit advocate having served on many boards and committees for several local charitable causes.

Dina hails from southern California and has lived in Pahrump for 17 years when she and her husband John moved here. Dina is "retired" now but her Career was in Accounting and Property Management.

Dina is a cat lover and fosters a number of kitty cats at any given time. She became a Soroptimist in 2009 and has been an active participant ever since. She says she joined because she was impressed by the community awareness our club portrayed. Plus the fellowship among members is heartwarming.

In her spare time, you will find Dina with her family at any Disney Resort in her vicinity.

SECRETARY KAREN HOLLEY

Another native Nevadan, Karen hails from Battle Mountain but has lived in Pahrump for 26 years. Karen married her high school sweetheart and they've been together for 45 years!

Karen became a Soroptimist because of the women members she already knew and admired and because of the mission of the organization.

Extremely creative, Karen excels in glass etching, woodworking, making T-shirts and she loves to create new things and learn new techniques.

Karen is also an outdoors enthusiast and spends time walking, hiking, riding bikes and ATVs. So if you're looking for someone to do these things with, Karen is your girl.

Karen and hubby have four adult male children, two of whom are married and another wedding coming up in September. Two of their three grandchildren are girls so she is finally able to buy frilly pink things!



PUZZLER WORD FIND

Find words in the grid below related to Soroptimist. Words may be across, backwards, up & down or diagonally.

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Report of Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR) by President Linda.:



What had 388 feet and flowers all over? Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR)! With 179 women and the theme of "Garden Party" where we were all asked to wear our best flowered attire, it was a beautiful walking garden at every workshop and event! I loved this opportunity to learn more about what Soroptimist is and get clarity on the focus of our local club. We were fortunate to have five members attended, Elaine Cassell, Nancy Davis, Karen Holley, Jan Piersall and myself. We spread out and were able to attend ALL of the workshops that were offered. We learned more about our own positions as officers and chairs as well as about Grants, Trafficking, Social Media, Friendship Links and of course Soroptimist 101. Thanks to the club for providing the financial support to allow us to attend. It was more than worth the time and our club will benefit in numerous ways through the knowledge that we all have brought back to share with the members

We are truly a Piece of the Big Picture





FLAMINGOWEEN BUNCO

WHEN: OCTOBER 14, 2022

PLACE: NYE COMMUNITIES COALITION

1020E WILSON RD

COST: \$25.00 PER PLAYER

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM ANY SOROPTIMIST

COSTUME CONTEST ~ RAFFLES ~ SILENT AUCTION

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM ~ DICE ROLL AT 5:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ELAINE 775-340-4333

SIPV Coffee Klatch



When: October 22nd ~ Where: Starbucks

Every member who brings a potential member will be eligible to be included in a drawing for a lovely gift basket.

For more information contact Cece, Coffee Klatch Chair



District 6 Fall Meeting



"Bee the light that inspires others to shine"

Call to District 6 Fall Meeting To: District 6 Club Officers and Members and potential Members, SNR Region Governor, Board Members, Committee Chairs & Representatives, SNR Federation Chairs and SNR Past Chairs.

When: September 17th 9:00 am start time

Where: Hawthorne Nevada Meeting Location: 595 F Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415

Motel Information: Travel Lodge Hawthorne NV 540 F Street (775) 945-3321

Block under SIA Hawthorne \$65.95 plus tax Reservation cut off date 9-15

Group rate is good for Sept 16 & 17

Cost: \$35.00 per person Registration link: <https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events>
**link will be live soon*

District Social: Friday Night September 16th

Location: President Jean Peterson's house Hours: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Light refreshments provided by host club.

Host club is seeking small motivational books for teen girls and/or school supplies for their girls in the Dream It Be It Program.

Lots of information, learning, sharing and some fun surprises await you at the meeting. Make plans to attend!

SIPV MEMBERS: Hope you have enjoyed our first newsletter in a very long time. The Puzzler will be a quarterly newsletter and each issue will feature brief Bios of our members plus upcoming events as well as reports on previous events. If you are interested in contributing to The Puzzler please let me know. The Editor reserves the right to review and approve (or not) any and all articles submitted. As we are a non-political organization, no political articles will be considered. Articles relating to improving the lives of women and girls are welcome.

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