



THE PUZZLER

Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley

Fall District Meeting

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Seven *Pahrumpians* including six SIPV members and Governor-Elect Stacey, attended the Fall District meeting in Hawthorne in September. They are: President Linda, President-Elect Nancy, Membership Chair Willi, and members Durette, Linda W, Delegate Jody and of course our illustrious District 6 Director Elaine.

The evening before the meeting, Hawthorne President Jean invited all attendees to her home and amazing gardens for a cocktail reception. Touring the grounds around the koi pond and munching on stolen berries was a delightful pastime.

The program was very enlightening. It was lovely that the entire region board was in attendance as well as Sierra Nevada Region Governor Lisa.

Each Issue of The Puzzler...

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

In this issue you will get to know

More about the board and...

District Director: Elaine Cassell

Delegate: Jody Padfield

IPP/Membership: Willi Baer

At Large: Salli Kerr





SIPV President Receives Prestigious Award

So proud of our President Linda who recently won the coveted Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, for her work with homeless children and for administering the McKinney-Vento program in our County.

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is a national membership association dedicated to educational equity and excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness. NAEHCY's vision is that every child and youth experiencing homelessness is successful in school, from early childhood through higher education.

Knowing what an amazing worker-bee our president is, we're sure no one could be more deserving!





Buncowe'en



District 6 Director Elaine Cassell came to our club a couple of years ago, from the Elko Club where she had been a member since 2008, and we are very glad she joined us.

Elaine is a retired tax preparer and enjoys crafting "in her spare time" as many of you know from the very clever doo-dads she often creates and donates to our events and members at a club event.

During the summer heat, Elaine and her husband Chuck and their very spoiled boxer Duke, go camping for many weeks and weekends at Duck Creek in Utah where they are happy that peace reigns.

Elaine is proud to have been adopted and was raised on land given to her family from the Mexican government before California became a state.

Elaine's love for Soroptimist is based on the Soroptimist mission and good work we do.

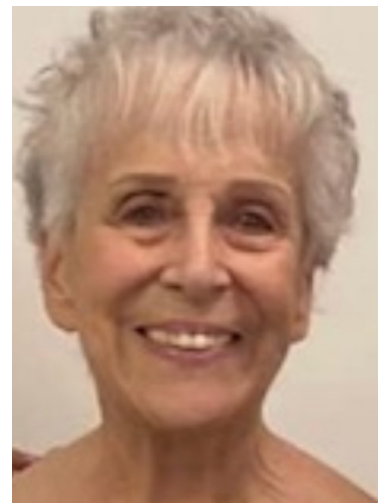
Immediate Past President/Membership Chair Willi Baer has been a member of SIPV since the club chartered in 2006.

Willi is retired from being a non-profit executive for almost 50 years including state director of the American Heart Association for 11 years, followed by 11 years as state director of Big Brothers Big Sisters. In 2019, Willi retired as Executive Director of the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program after eight years.

When not vacationing in the tropics, Willi enjoys painting and writing and has published three books with another few in the works. Her four dogs keep her hopping and her secret wish is to open an animal sanctuary.

Willi has two kids and two step-kids and has lost count of grandkids and great-grands. She also has a bunch of relatives around the world.

Although having served on many boards and committees, Willi says she will be a Soroptimist till she bites the dust which we hope won't be too soon.





At Large Board Member Salli Kerr has been a resident of Pahrump for 20 + years. During that time, she has held several high profile positions including CEO of the Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce. Salli currently trains professionals who respond to child abuse. Salli is a relatively new member to the club but has known several members for several years and finally decided that it was time to literally “join the club”. She says the invitation to join could not have come at a better time.

Salli has recently applied for her first passport and is very much looking forward to finding a favorite vacation spot.

Besides planting and growing her own vineyard , Salli has a menagerie of animals including dogs, goats and guinea hens and she is currently thinking of getting Aa Nigerian dwarf goat for the purpose of breeding and milking but finding the time is another story.

Salli was recently chosen to represent women-owned farms in Nevada through the Nevada Department of Agriculture and NASDA partnership for a food acceleration program. She will be working with renowned experts in added value food production and gain experience and relationships with those who provide agricultural services in Nevada and regionally.

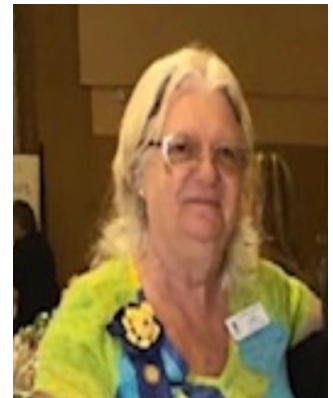
Delegate Jody Padfield became a Soroptimist in the year 2000 in Escondido California where she was born. She and her now husband Keith moved to Pahrump in 2019 where she immediately found and joined SIPV.

Jody became a Soroptimist after her first husband passed and she wanted to give back to the community and to say “thank you”.

A retired financial planner and banker Jody enjoys camping and cooking and vacationing at Rock Creek Lake. Also a gardener, Jody advises us all to bring our succulents in out of the colder weather.

Jody has two adult children and adult three step-children from whom she has a total of eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Plus she has two dogs, two cats, chickens and a cockatiel.



Volunteer Service is
the Rent you Pay
to your Community

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How many words can you make from the word SOROPTIMIST?

1. ___ S ___

2. ___ O ___

3. ___ T

4. S _____

5. P _____

6. ___ O ___

7. ___ O ___

8. R _____

9. ___ O _____

10. ___ O ___

11. M _____

12. ___ I _____

13. _____ S ___

14. ___ O ___

15. _____ p

16. ___ I ___

17. _____ S

18. ___ I ___

19. _____ O ___

20. ___ O _____

21. ___ T _____

ANSWERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE SIPV CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Those who get all 21 correct will be eligible for a prize drawing.

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Mele Kalikimaki

Sunday December 11th 3 PM to 6 PM

Pahrump Nugget Banquet Center

For ticket Information contact Willi





Soroptimist International of Pahrump, NV is sponsoring a "Christmas for Seniors," adopting homebound, isolated and low-income seniors and providing them with a Christmas gift and a bag of life's necessities at Christmas time.

WOULD YOUR ORGANIZATION, SCHOOL OR BUSINESS LIKE TO BE PART OF THE MAGIC?

Help us collect what low-income seniors think of as luxury items and brighten their holiday by donating any of the following items:

- . Sock Slippers/Socks
- . Blankets/Lap Blankets
- . Laundry Detergent
- . Softener Sheets
- . Cleaning Supplies
- . Shampoo, Conditioner and Lotions
- . Bath Soap/Body Wash
- . Paper Towels and Kleenex
- . Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- . Deodorant/Hand Sanitizer
- . Jigsaw Puzzles
- . Large Print Reading Books
- . Large Print Puzzle Books
- . Two-ply Toilet Tissue



WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF OTHER GIFTS, GIFT WRAP AND BAGS THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED TO THE SENIORS.

***Donations being accepted until
Monday, December 12th from 9-5
at Nye Communities Coalition administration office
1020 E. Wilson Rd.***

For more information: Gina Emond (702) 785-7828



Mark Your Calendar Now!

Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

All Soroptimists are asked to participate

Gift cards and gift baskets donations needed

For more information contact

President Linda

Coffee Klatch



Seven SIPV members attended our Fall Coffee Klatch at Living Free Cafe. One application was completed and turned in. Although it was a tad noisy, speakers were able to have their say. Member Kim won the gift basket for brining a guest. And a guest won the lovely bouquet of flowers donated by Chair Cece who coordinated a delightful morning event.

Mardi Gras 2023

Will take place on Saturday February 4th at the Pahrump Nugget Banquet Center. Looking for the donation of gift cards from members and/or gift baskets for the Silent Auction.

Mark your calendar now as we were sold out in 2022.



In Memorium

Sadly in southern Nevada, we lost two beautiful Soroptimist souls this year, both of whom were in our company shortly before they left us.

The amazing Barb Agonia had been a Soroptimist for 40 years in Las Vegas and was instrumental in helping us charter SIPV. She was this Editor's hero.

We also had the pleasure of meeting and knowing Margaret Ibbotson who was the founder of the Anchorage Alaska club and had recently moved to Pahrump and attended our club with the intention of joining.

REST IN PEACE SWEET LADIES