



The Puzzler



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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LINDA

As the year comes to an end, we reflect on the bonds we have with our family and friends. Soroptimist has given us the opportunity to form many friendships and to become a family of our own.

This past month, we have shared each other's sorrows and joys, especially when we lose someone dear to us, whether it is a family member or a fellow Soroptimist member. Soroptimist has also been a friend to our community by offering programs that make a difference. We brightened the lives of 100 seniors this holiday season with our Christmas for Seniors project. This is something that our club can be proud of.

This season also invites us to express our gratitude for the people who make our lives richer and happier. I would like to invite us all to thank everyone who has touched our lives in 2023 and to acknowledge their contributions to our personal, professional and Soroptimist growth. Thank you all for being part of this amazing club and for all your efforts. 2024's future looks bright.



SIPV CHRISTMAS PARTY SHENANIGANS ! IF YOU WEREN'T THERE, YOU MISSED A GOOD ONE

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR ELAINE

As we approach the holiday season and A new year, I want to thank the members of my club for all your continuous support. I truly am blessed to be a part of such an amazing club.

May the season bring you joy and love.



Santa arrived through a phone booth, just like Superman



SIPV CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the SIPV Christmas party was held at the lovely home of Soroptimist member Judge Kim Wanker. Kim's decorations rivaled a Macy's display window.

The theme was an International Christmas and members brought dishes from many countries and four of the five Soroptimist Federations were represented.

Several members came in costume representing their country of origin but unfortunately this "reporter" neglected to take a photo of the group of those costumed. Mea culpa.

Countries represented were: US, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy, the Basque Region and the Philippines. So as one can imagine, the food was amazing and extremely plentiful. Games were fun and the ornament exchange was a big hit.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As many of you know, our membership has soared over the past year, due to the good works we do in the community and the recognition we have received for those good works. We are no longer the best kept secret in town and we welcome all interested parties to inquire about membership opportunities.

Currently with 50 members we have taken on almost monthly responsibilities. In January we have the Human Trafficking Forum, in February our ever-popular Mardi Gras, in April our Women's Fair and in May the Spring Fashion Show. Just to clarify, members can be as involved as they want to be. Not everyone has to be on every committee, at our annual COP (Club Operations Planning meeting) members are encouraged to select a committee that appeals to their

altruistic side. That being said, please welcome members who have joined our club since

January 2023.

Karen Hall

Stephani Hashimura

Robin Holseth

Candace Hunt

Sherilyn Hunt

Jeanette Boyce

Michelle Caird

Shauna Dragna

Sharon Cruise

Sandra Fisher

Megan Mapes

Dita Meek

Turi Noel

Teri Rogers

Carolyn Schwitters

Sharon Wehrly

TEAMWORK

SIPV club members attended District 6 Fall Meeting at VEA Community Center



Almost 50 club members in District 6 attended the Fall District Meeting including Governor Lisa Fitzgerald and officers of the Region Board. Other attendees included members from six clubs in northern and southern Nevada as well as some northern California clubs.

SOROPTIMIST SUPPORTS YOUTH RODEO

A donation of \$1,000 was presented to the local Youth Rodeo for much needed supplies. President –Elect Nancy Davis made the presentation recently at a fundraiser at the VFW.

CHRISTMAS FOR SENIORS: SIPV's second year recognizing Pahrump's Senior Citizens, some of whom have been left forgotten by family during the holidays, again was a wonderful success under the Chairmanship of Gina Emond.



Christmas for Seniors Chair Gina and her Committee did an amazing job of collecting, sorting, wrapping and delivering gifts for Pahrump's Senior Citizens.

This Quarter's STAR Awards for service above and beyond the call of duty goes to President Linda and to Bunco Chair Jeanette. The Stars were presented at this year's SIPV Christmas party.





Willi's 85th Birthday Party was attended by about 65 people including many Soroptimist members and family and former co-workers from Las Vegas. The event was held at Sanders Family Winery and catered by Marty Greenfield, and Soroptimist Ryan Muccio. Willi's friend Ski Censki emceed the event and Chanteuse Lynn Peterson and Musician Soroptimister Chuck Cassell entertained. In lieu of gifts, Willi requested donations be made to two of her favorite local charities which are the Holiday Task Force and Living Free Health and Fitness.



A check for \$1,700+ was presented to Living Free CEO Shelley Poerio by birthday girl membership Chair Willi from donations collected at Willi's birthday party.



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January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month therefore SIPV is once again hosting the

Human Trafficking Awareness Community Forum

Saturday January 13, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Nye County Commissioners Chambers at 2100 E. Walt Williams Drive in Pahrump.

Featured Speakers will be Lt. Gov. Stavros Anthony, Assemblyman Greg Hafen, Sheriff Joe McGill and others whom are considered experts on the topic.

Each and every Soroptimist should attend this very important assembly to better educate ourselves on this devastating subject.

For more information, contact Forum Chair Linda Turner at 503-309-6996.

THE MORE YOU KNOW

LIVING FREE GYM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Living Free Health and Fitness has opened a new Gym at 301 Oxbow Avenue, suite #1 & 2, in Pahrump.

Regular Hours are Monday—Friday 5 am to 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday 7 am to 6 pm

Sign up for 6 months for \$168 or 12 months for \$315

Participants are asked to bring your own water and towel.

For more information contact Living Free CEO Shelley Poerio at 775-505-3877

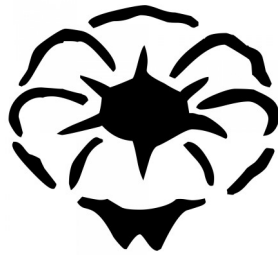


IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that we report the sad passing of Soroptimist International Pahrump Valley member Sharon Wehrly. Although Sharon had been a member of our club for almost one year, she unfortunately was not able to be inducted because of her ensuing battle with Cancer. Sharon was a lovely lady and as the former sheriff she was an astute servant of our community.



Sharon's very last outing, was at Membership Chair Willi's 85th birthday party in October.



SIPV Charter member and 25 year Soroptimist Tonya lost her husband of many years to a series of illnesses including kidney disease, heart disease, RSV and pneumonia. Tonya was at Lanny's side and his major support throughout his health issues. Tonya and Lanny shared a residence four days after they met and have been together ever since. Please join me in sending condolences to Tonya and her family.

Please keep Membership Chair Willi's grandson Sean in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery after a near-fatal automobile accident. He was airlifted to UMC in Las Vegas and will be there for an unknown period of time with a ruptured spleen, broken femur/hip and several bones. His recovery will be long. Thank you.

