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Soroptimist International of Elk Grove

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"Improving the lives of women and children locally and throughout the world."

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Leigh Nurre, President

Greetings From The President

you know I live in Wilton. The service was held at the Wilton Post Office. We are so lucky to live in a country where men and women have given their lives so we can have the freedom that we cherish. Today three Wilton families were honored for their generations of service. It was great to see our small community come out to show their appreciation. For all of the SIEG members who have had family serve in our country's military, we thank you!

I look forward to seeing you at the Program meeting on June 7th -

Leigh Nurre
President

Greetings SIEG members,

Plans for our Margarita-Carnitas festival are moving full-speed ahead on the Lions side of the ledger. I encourage all of you to match their enthusiasm for our first-ever collaboration by selling as many dinner tickets as you can. The day of the event will be one opportunity after another to serve with your good friends in SIEG and make some new friends in the Lions Club. Co-chairs of the committee will be in touch with each of you regarding assignments on the day of the event. It'll be fun!

I just attended a very nice ceremony in observance of Memorial Day. As many of



May Meeting Highlights



Theresa, Annajean, and Shelby



Mrs. Park, Kathleen, and Diane

May 16 brought our youth award winners to visit the membership and tell a bit about themselves. Shelby Wood and Theresa Nguyen both received the Violet Richardson Award, and Kathleen Park received our Soroptimist scholarship through the Elk Grove Community Scholarship Foundation. Shelby is a volunteer with Project R.I.D.E., and reports that no task daunts her – even mucking out stalls! Theresa is very active with the youth group at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, and enjoys teaching the young children there. Kathleen, a very involved senior at

Cosumnes Oaks High School, was an active Girl Scout for many years, and is headed to the University of Southern California this fall. To all three young women, we wish you much success and happiness, and ask you to continue to set an outstanding example for others as you make your way through life.

The May business meeting also brought several guests to our midst. We were delighted to welcome Audrey Aquisto, a looong-time friend of Marie Wood, and practically a member for

her support of our club over the years. Audrey supported our pin sales, works shifts in the Christmas store every year, has helped sell excess candy after Christmas, and is an all-around good gal. We also welcomed Denise Costello of the Elk Grove Police Department as a prospective member. Denise has spoken to our club several times at program meetings, and is truly an asset to both the EGPD and the community. Karin Lindner introduced her good friend from the banking world, Diana Smith, who may consider joining our circle. It was great to meet you, Diana!

**Program Meeting:
Friday, June 7,
7:30am
LaBou**

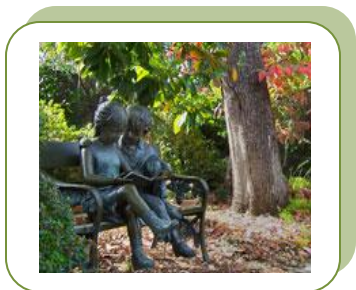
Program Meeting

Our guest speaker at the June program meeting is Becky Brubaker. Becky is the Executive Director of Elk Grove Adult Community Training (EGACT). EGACT is a school for developmentally delayed adults. She first became interested in helping the

developmentally delayed when she was in elementary school and has never lost her need to help developmentally delayed adults. EGACT started out with one site (located behind CSD); and now has a second site (located on EGUSD property) and a

third site located in Stockton.

Our own member, Sandi Russell, has been on the Executive Board of EGACT for close to 14 years. Sandi says, "it is the best thing I do."



Lunch Bunch a la Casa

Members of the Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Sutterville Road and dining at Casa Garden this month. Reservations are required. Contact Betty Walters (916.685.2736) if you would like to attend. Lunch is

scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. seating, \$17.60 per person. We will meet at the See's parking lot at 12:15 and car pool. Casa Garden is the volunteer-run restaurant supporting

the Sacramento Children's Home, and their luncheons feature a gourmet menu with a couple of choices. Great cause, great food!

SOLT (Some Other Little Things) – International View

This month we're borrowing from an article at the Soroptimist International website, in an effort to reinforce the local and global issue of human trafficking. We are fortunate to have advocates working with the United Nations to maintain focus on the issue, but it's too easy for an individual club to ignore the problem, thinking it's always someone else's problem:

"As involved members of Soroptimist International we have all heard of human trafficking-often referred to as the modern day form of slavery. But it is not so long ago, possibly a decade, that many of us would never have heard the term. We all thought slavery had died out in the 19th century and as for it happening in "our own backyard" - Well it doesn't, does it?

All around the world clubs, as far apart as Chennai in India to Camino Real in California, our members are involved in condemning this appalling scourge of our times. Taking our lead from our representatives in the United Nations centres, we are working to stop this practice .This is something we can all get involved with.

Our three-E model is the perfect way to try and change our world. We can **Educate** our communities, our police forces, our judicial systems and ourselves. The 'be aware, beWARE' idea is a great campaign slogan. All these initiatives are showing that we care. **Empower**-just as we did with the SIAM project helping young girls in Thailand into training and work so that they were not sold into slavery in Bangkok. The Live Your Dream self-esteem workshop and Dreams and Decisions project where a young girl wrote "I didn't know it was happening around us. I will talk to friends at college to make sure they know." And then we **Enable**, so we work with refugees, we help to reintegrate trafficked victims into society and we run campaigns such as "Every girl counts."

We are already doing so much BUT we must go on. It affects all our societies. No one can now say "It doesn't happen here." We as Soroptimists must say STOP the Trafficking and do all in our power to make that happen."

Too Soon to Hear a Loon Croon in June?

It's likely no loon will be crooning, but we all wish Karin Lindner a beautiful June birthday on the 19th (four days before the full moon). Karin just celebrated another anniversary with her Soroptimister husband, Gary, and we appreciate all they both do for our club. Happy Birthday, Karin!

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT:

Friday, June 7: Program Meeting, 7:30 a.m., LaBou

Wednesday, June 12: Lunch Bunch, 1:00 p.m., Casa Garden Restaurant

Friday, June 21: Carnitas Festival, Elk Grove Park Pavilion

Thursday, June 27: Installation Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Old Spaghetti Factory, Laguna Blvd.

Monday, July 8: Board Meeting, TBA

Thursday, July 11: Stuff Backpacks for ChildSpree, home of Ramona Johanneson, Time TBA

Sunday/Monday, July 21-22: Annual Planning Retreat, TBA

Friday/Saturday, July 26-27: SNR Soroptimist Development Retreat, Atlantis, Reno

"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

- Bob Hope

Bought your Ticket? Supplied your Prize?



Friday, June 21!

Only a little more than three weeks until our joint Soroptimist-Lions Carnitas Festival on June 21. Every member is asked to purchase tickets and donate at least one drawing prize. Have you notified Leslie Konopinski (684-7348) of your prize donation yet? Turn in monies and get more tickets from Sandi Russell (686-5258). This promises to be a really terrific evening with yummy food, three different types of margaritas, mariachi music, salsa dancing lessons, and a great drawing. Since our club is responsible for the drawing, we need a LOT of terrific prizes. Karin Lindner has graciously offered to create baskets for those members not loaded with creativity. Write a check – get a basket created in your name. What could be easier?!? But hurry up, there's not much time left before "Creative Karin" will have to stop! Call her now (685-3745).

Tickets to this fun event are just \$25. If your friends would rather pick up the carnitas dinner in "drive-by" mode, that's available as well. Dinner for four is just \$35. But the clubs need an early count, so get those tickets sold! The joint event supports both our foster youth efforts and other programs to assist youth in our community. Please plan to attend – it's a grand way to celebrate the first day of Summer!

Great Plans for July

An important date for your planner is Sunday-Monday, July 21-22. That's our own SIEG Annual Planning Retreat. This year we will meet in a Craftsman-style house with yard and swimming pool, called "Parish House" down in Lodi. There are four bedrooms for overnights; but if you'd rather sleep in your own bed, it's a short drive back to Elk Grove. The two-day event has two purposes: 1) To plan for the upcoming year, and; 2) To enjoy time together as sort of a reward for our year of work on projects and fundraisers. Watch your email for more details, but mark your calendar now! It promises to be relaxing and fun!

In addition, the annual Sierra Nevada Region's Soroptimist Development Retreat (SDR) will be Friday-Saturday, July 26-27 at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno. If you have an interest in attending, contact any officer for details. The two days are filled with workshops to learn more about holding an office, getting involved with your club, and ideas galore. It's great to meet members from throughout our region, so think about attending!



Annual Installation Dinner

Soroptimist International of Elk Grove will install new and returning officers at a celebration dinner on Thursday, June 27. This year's Installing Officer will be Kati Treichler, our District V Director, coming from West Sacramento. Dinner will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory on Laguna Boulevard. The program will start at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$16.00 per person, with three choices of meals. Sign-up at the Program Meeting on June 7 or call Betty Hall, 685-5170, to make reservations. RSVP **no later** than June 20.



Officers for 2013-14

With but one candidate for each position, the membership voted by consensus to elect the following members as officers for the 2013-14 Soroptimist year, beginning July 1:

President, Leigh Nurre
 Vice President, Genny Fulp
 Treasurer, Peggy Ursin
 Assistant Treasurer, Lorna Buechler
 Recording Secretary, Diana Holcomb
 Corresponding Secretary, Leslie Konopinski
 Delegate, Annajean Neill
 Delegate, Karin Lindner
 Parliamentarian, Betty Hall
 Ambassador, Diane Hollingshead

Editors' Note: Peggy and Betty need a break. Anyone want to do the newsletter next year? Please . . .

Some members are returning to an office, and others are new to the position. Let's be sure to give every single one of them our support, feedback, suggestions, and help as they guide YOUR club.



Dues Are Now Due!

Your annual club dues of \$148 are payable now (different amount for our two Life Members). At the time of this writing, only two members have paid. The Federation due date is July 1. In the past, members often paid at the Installation Dinner. As that has been delayed by a week (to June 27), your intrepid Treasurer must have

the paperwork completed and transmitted before then. Please watch for your individual email coming soon as a friendly reminder. The SIA Federation assesses a late charge for the annual payment, and we'd really like to avoid having to pass that on to late-paying members. The June Program meeting on

Friday the 7th is an ideal time to give Peggy your check. If you cannot attend, then send your check to SIEG, P.O. Box 881, Elk Grove, CA 95759.

**SI Elk Grove
2012-2013 Officers**

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Out and About - Foster Dinner



***Every great dream begins
with a dreamer. Always
remember, you have within
you the strength, the
patience, and the passion
to reach for the stars to
change the world.***

Harriet Tubman

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