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Leigh Nurre, President

Greetings,

On Tuesday, January 12th, Diane and I attended a meeting called by Governor Janice Labadie. A year or so ago Gov. Janice asked for two volunteers from each club to help plan the April 2013 Sierra Nevada Region conference that's held in Reno. I hope you'll all consider attending this conference. Diane and I volunteered to serve on the planning committee as a way to build connections and keep SIRC on the radar of other clubs. My personal goal is to spend time with go-getters who put their ideas into action and have valuable experiences to share. Speaking of sharing,

Greetings From The President

I'll be paying it forward when I share the bulk of my Bunco knowledge with the Winters club.

On January 17, 2013, 14 SIRC members attended 'Soroptimist in the City'. The food was good and it was fun visiting at the Zinfandel Grille with members of other clubs. After the event was over, one of us had the idea to go conveniently next door to Ettore's European Bakery. The on-the-spot decision proves that spontaneity is still the spice of life. It was a pleasure to get together for dessert and a lot of laughs without a moment's planning. My belated New Year's resolution is to be spontaneous this year whenever possible.

If the Secretary of State's office performs as expected, we should be able to call ourselves Soroptimist International of Elk Grove within 2-3 weeks. **Keep your fingers crossed!** Diane and I are working toward development of a new web site at the same time. These were two of my top goals from the beginning of my

year as president. I believe they're both integral to my third goal, which is to grow our membership. I'm excited that there's light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully there are new members out there who will be drawn to the light from both of these accomplishments.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Lorna Buechler for the loss of her husband Arnold. May his memory be a blessing always.

Leigh Nurre



The "After Party"

SOLT – Some Ordinary Little Things

The word “Program” comes up a lot in Soroptimist jargon. It’s on websites, on posters and in Soroptimist publicity. So what’s “program” about? Well, it’s not playing bunco or selling See’s candy. It’s not sipping chardonnay at the annual “City” event. No, program applies to Soroptimist-designated efforts to create a better situation, in one way or another. We work on fundraisers

to *support* programs. They can be everything from the Live Your Dream campaign to Women’s Opportunity Awards; from the SIA Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence to STOP Trafficking. Solar Cookers in Darfur was a program; so is what our club does for foster youth in our region - we just haven’t come

up with a catchy name for it yet! Hmmmm....any ideas? As our own Betty Hall has always said, “It’s all about programs.” So you see, “Program” is why we do what we do!

Don’t Miss the Program Meeting

**Program Meeting:
February 1st,
7:30 a.m.
Camden Springs
Gracious Retirement Living**

Once again we’ll gather at Camden Springs Gracious Retirement Living (8476 Sheldon Road) for our February program meeting on Friday, Feb. 1. This is your chance to meet, greet, and hear a presentation from our guest speaker. Have a cup of coffee or juice and a nibble before we listen to guest speaker Stefanie Becker from Safely

Out. Our club first encountered Safely Out in early 2006 after Hurricane Katrina caused the death of more than 1,800 people in the Gulf Coast region. Now is our chance to learn how Safely Out has grown in this area and around the country, helping people facing disasters and rescue personnel with emergency contact information. The

meeting comes to order right at 7:30 a.m., so arrive a few minutes early for refreshments – just not before 7:15 a.m., because the building’s not open!

Great Volunteer Opportunity

VOLUNTEER

The Elk Grove Community Foundation needs our help! Each year they receive hundreds of applications for the nearly 200 scholarships they award. Each application must be reviewed ensuring it meets the minimum qualifications for the scholarship. This process is huge and they need lots of assistance. They have established a

timeline for the process and will meet at the EG School District Offices, Robert Trigg Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Volunteers can work as many hours as they wish, arriving when it is convenient and leaving when they want.

February 20, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
March 4, 9:00 a.m.
March 5, 8:00 a.m.

Training will be provided. Please call Faye Bundesen, 691-9691, if you can assist.

It's Time for Bunco!

Diane Hollingshead and her committee are busy pulling together the final details for our next Bunco Party. It will be on Saturday, Feb. 23, with the doors opening at 9:15 a.m. and play beginning at 10 a.m. Once again, we'll be at Camden Springs Gracious Retirement Living (and Bunco Center!) in a lovely setting. Refreshments, a drawing for great gifts, and the \$100 cash Grand Prize should make for a terrific time. Please call 916-201-1227 or email nurre@frontiernet.net for reservations. Tickets are just \$25.

Drawing prizes are still needed; can you help by donating gift cards for local businesses or other items of interest? The committee will assemble donations into combination baskets, but they really need your assistance with contributions. Join the fun and....Bring a friend (or three)!



Don't forget the dice!

Head Over to Jane's for Lunch

Jane Morse was so thrilled to have members join her for lunch last time that the Lunch Bunch is doing it again! February 13 is the day, 8637 Lodestone Drive is the place, and Betty Hall is the one to contact if you will join the group (685-5170). This time we will indulge ourselves with Subway sandwiches.

Jane is recovering well, and would dearly love to see her fellow members, so please give Betty a call to get specific details



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT:

Friday, February 1 -
Program Meeting, 7:30 a.m.,
Camden Springs Gracious
Retirement Living

Monday, February 11 -
Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Sandi Russell's Home

Wednesday, February 13 -
Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.,
Jane's Home

Thursday, February 21 -
Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Jessee Wright Suites

Saturday, February 23 -
Bunco, 9:15 a.m., Camden
Springs Gracious
Retirement Living

Friday, March 1 -
Program Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
Camden Springs Gracious
Retirement Living

***"If you think you are
too small to make a
difference, try
sleeping with a
mosquito."***

The Dalai Lama

Foster Youth Holiday Dinner Update

Plans are already afoot for a December 2013 holiday dinner for foster youth in the Living Skills class. A stack of thank you notes was received from the students after our club's first endeavor. Some of the notes were very eloquent, and all

expressed gratitude to the club and the members. Granted, the notes were not expected nor required, but were SO nice to receive!

Our Sympathy to Lorna Buechler

All club members and friends extend our deepest sympathy to Lorna Buechler upon the death of her husband, Arnold, on January 19. Arnie joined us for holiday parties, installation dinners, supported our candy store, and was one of the most genial people on Earth. To Lorna and

Arnie's extended family, please know you're very much in our thoughts.



February Cupids

Member birthdays in February include Marie Wood on the 11th, Leslie Konopinski the next day on the 12th, and Joyce Link celebrates on the 25th. If Valentine decorations and candy went on sale the day after New Year's, these three ladies

can definitely be considered our special Valentines – no matter what day of the month they celebrate!



SITC a Great Success!

A big thank you to SI Sacramento President Kathleen Platz and her club for hosting another enjoyable "Soptimist in the City" evening. The room, refreshments, and atmosphere at the Zinfandel Grille were most pleasant, and a good time was had by all. And what a terrific turnout from our club – 14 ladies, fully 46% of our total membership attended! It was fun to visit with women from other clubs, hear from our own Governor Janice and District Director Kati, and

celebrate what makes us all so dedicated to truly making a difference. This was the fifth year for what's become a great annual event, though our District V clubs on the west side of the river have been meeting for three decades. Thank goodness Governor Janice got the ball rolling back when she was District Director; think of the fun we'd have missed!

A lifetime isn't forever, so take the first chance, don't wait for the second one! Because sometimes, there aren't second chances! And if it turns out to be a mistake? So what! This is life! A whole bunch of mistakes! But if you never get a second chance at something you didn't take a first chance at? That's true failure.

C. JoyBell



The whole gang and Governor Janice



Lucky Peggy won the drawing prize.

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On the Blog

Former SIA President Cathy Standiford writes a blog called "Focus on Women" for our Federation web page. Have you ever checked the site? Just in case it's been awhile, here is a note she posted on December 2nd: "One-quarter of this country's children are being raised by single women. And what those 18 million children need most is support for their mothers: better education, quality child care, a fair workplace with equal pay, more access to job training." What can we do about this issue within our own club? Well, giving

Women's Opportunity Awards is one way that you and other members can try to be a light of opportunity - instead of a judge. If you didn't personally encourage a woman to apply for a Women's Opportunity Award this year, would you make the effort to specifically do so next year?!? THAT is one way you can make a difference!

Out and About



Store Clean-up!



Breakfast at Mike's

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*You give but little when you
give of your possessions. It is
when you give of yourself that
you truly give.*

Khalil Gibran