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Leigh Nurre, President

Good afternoon!

I started writing this column in Capitola where Charlie and I took a break and spent two nights this past weekend. We reserved the beach house for 7 days but we didn't plan too well. Charlie had to be in his classroom first thing Monday morning. So much for a week-long vacation.

But it's nice to get away from home even for a short time. We had beautiful, sunny weather (picture attached) and the ocean was beautiful. There are gorgeous flowers in Capitola. The vibrant colors are breathtaking and are literally everywhere no matter what time of year it is. There's also a great little shopping district filled with boutiques within walking

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distance from much of the beach community. If you ever have a chance to check it out, I recommend Capitola for your next weekend of R&R.

Good news for those of us who yearn to provide direct services to the community! We've been waiting for the chance to serve Elk Grove-area foster youth who are emancipating out of the system. School district personnel had to express the need before we could demonstrate our generosity of spirit and the day finally came last week when Diane received the call. Mike Jones, who is a member of the EGUSD team, asked if we could volunteer our services to help serve dinner to foster youth who attend the Independent Living Program (ILP), which prepares them for their independence. Diane enthusiastically accepted the opportunity. The dinner will take place in the late afternoon on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

This is hopefully a turning point for SIRC. If we're successful in our efforts to help make a difference in the lives of these young people, it will hopefully open other

doors to our support services.

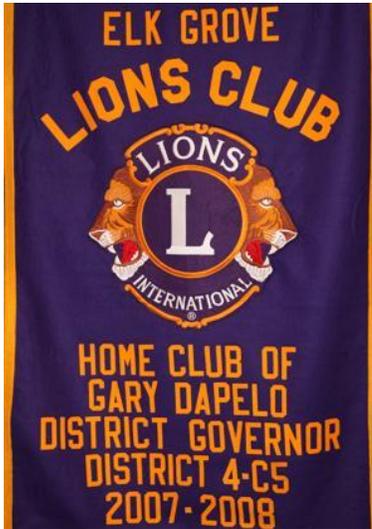
Many of the youth who attend ILP have never had a special Christmas dinner. So our goal is to share our holiday spirit and make it a memorable occasion. Volunteers will be appreciated so please contact Diane, chair of the Special Projects committee, if you want to participate. More details will follow.

There are many activities coming up in our community and you'll find information about a lot of them in the pages of this newsletter. Happy reading!

Onward and upward.

Leigh Nurre





**Program Meeting:
November 2nd
7:30am
Elk Grove Library**

Citizen of the Year

Both Leigh Nurre and Diane Hollingshead were part of the Elk Grove Citizen of the Year committee for 2012. And both will attend the dinner on November 5 to honor Gary Dapelo, a very active member of the Lions club in the community. As part of our support for the

Citizen of the Year, we join other local service organizations (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and Optimists) donating \$200 to create a scholarship in honor of each year's winner. Our congratulations to Mr. Dapelo for over two decades of activism in our community!

Program Meeting to Feature Sister City Info

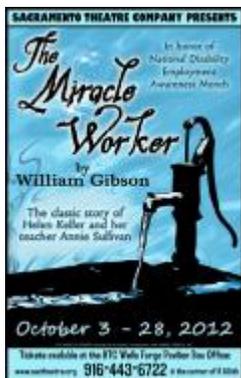
Don't miss the November 2 Program Meeting – it promises to be interesting! Our guest speaker will be Oscar O'con, talking to us about Concepcion de Ataco, Elk Grove's sister city in El Salvador. Our club has made a commitment to support the needs of women in that city, and this will be our chance to learn more from someone who has visited the area several times.

Coffee, juice and nibbles will be available, and it would be wonderful if you were there too! Remember, we'll start at 7:30 a.m. in the Elk Grove Library meeting room, EG Blvd. and EG-Florin Road.

SNR Theatre Party a Success

A number of club members attended the Sierra Nevada Region's fundraiser on October 7. They enjoyed Sacramento Theatre Company's production of "The Miracle Worker" with festivities before and after the play. Thank you to Karin Lindner for creating a lovely wine and chocolate auction basket, which joined many other great auction items as part of the evening. Everyone enjoyed refreshments, meeting the cast afterwards, bidding on auction

items, and supporting both My Sister's House and the Region Fellowship Awards for university graduate students. This was something new for SNR; the turnout was gratifying and the evening enjoyable. We met a lady named Brenda that Sunday who had just joined Soroptimist two days before – now that's really getting involved right away!



Fifth Thursday Party

Plans for an October club anniversary party have been replaced with a Fifth Thursday party on January 31. Though the club is another year older (but our members can't be!), it's not a special anniversary like the 25th was, so the committee revised plans to instead have fun in January. We can celebrate another year of the Christmas store and launch 2013 with fun and fellowship! Watch for more details in future newsletters.

More on Meetings

The November Board meeting has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the home of Sandi Russell at 6:30 p.m. The regular November Business meeting will again be on the third Thursday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. **at the store**. Remember, this year we're at 9645 E. Stockton Blvd., between Ajay's Karate and Elk Grove Vitamins. You can't possibly miss that See's sign!

Old Town Dickens Faire

Every year we talk about supporting the Dickens Faire, and this year we're really going to do it! We're not going to have a booth that day, but we CAN create good publicity for our store, build goodwill, and have fun. The big day is Saturday, November 24, and any members who want to help with activities are most welcome. It's not an all-day commitment, but if you can give a couple of hours, that would be terrific. We'll also be decorating a Christmas tree to be on display and help publicize our club. Some members helped with the Chili Cook-Off earlier this year, and it was great fun. Once Diane Hollingshead discovered the little coffee cart she was driving had both a horn AND a siren, she was invincible! We'll have more details soon, but do think about giving a couple of hours that day for a wonderful holiday activity in our community.

Stop By the Chamber Mixer

Members are all invited to attend the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Business Mixer on Tuesday, November 20. This month's event is hosted by the Elk Grove Citizen, and will be at the Elk Grove Food Bank, 9820 Dino Drive, Suite 140. It's a fun way to meet community-minded people like yourself, enjoy refreshments, and further support our club's commitment to the Food Bank. We will provide a basket for the drawing. The mixer is from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. By the way, the food bank is seeing a higher number of seniors in need and they're requesting, in addition to non-perishable food items, fresh chickens and other holiday food items for the use of seniors and their families in need over the holiday season.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT:

Friday, November 2 - Program Meeting, 7:30 a.m.. Elk Grove Library.

Monday, November 5 - Citizen of the Year Dinner,

Wednesday, November 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Sandi Russell's home.

Wednesday, November 14 - Lunch Bunch, The Velvet Grill and Creamery, Galt.

Thursday, November 15 - Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m., See's Store.

Friday, November 16 - Cash Register Training, 5:30 p.m., See's Store.

Saturday, November 19 - Cash Register Training, 5:30 p.m., See's Store.

Tuesday, November 20 - Chamber Mixer, 5:30 p.m. Elk Grove Food Bank and Family Services.

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving .

Friday, November 23 - Christmas Store Opens, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Daily through December 24.

Saturday, November 24 - Old Town Dickens Faire

***"Without inspiration
the best powers of the
mind remain dormant.
There is a fuel in us
which needs to be
ignited with sparks."***

Johann Gottfried
Von Herder

Progress on the Bookmark Project

Kristine Smith and Betty Hall have met with a great response to their effort at placing our Teen Dating Violence bookmarks and trafficking/slavery flyer in Elk Grove District schools. Another 1,500 of each item just arrived from the SIA offices, and will be distributed

in the District very soon. It's a great example of a low-labor project with a very high-level chance to get information into the hands of youth who will benefit from the information.



Our condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to our dear member Mary Lewis upon the death of her husband Arnold. His wide smile and his newspaper columns with an often wry

look at mankind, religion, and comic strip characters will certainly be missed. Arnold always supported our club endeavors, and our thoughts are with Mary at this time.



The Lunch Bunch

Galt's new Velvet Grill and Creamery family restaurant serves up atmosphere, flavor and *DESSERT*. The restaurant opened near Old Town Galt, 401 4th Street, on September 10, 2012.

Specials include Soups, salads, chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, seafood sandwiches, pasta and *ICE CREAM*.

SIRC member Joyce Link highly recommends the restaurant. So, ladies it's off on another "road trip" to Galt. Plan to meet at the See's Store Wednesday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. and we will carpool to Galt.

Let's eat dessert first!



The Christmas Store is Almost Ready!

With the help of members and a HUGE amount of work by Betty and John Hall, our See's Candies and Christmas store in its new location is almost ready to go. There might not be as much storage space as before, but the display area is quite nice and the store location promises a lot more foot traffic. Windows are washed, carpets cleaned, decorations up, merchandise priced and ready to sell. The candy arrives November 16, so we'll be ready to go on opening day, November 23. We say this every year, but thank goodness for those retired members who can staff the store

during the week, enabling those in the workforce to cover the weekends. But we need YOU to sign up for multiple shifts or the whole operation won't work. The store operates for 31 days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and four members per day are needed to work. Please sign up for four or five shifts, so other members aren't saddled with working eight or nine times! The signup book will be at upcoming meetings. There will be training sessions for cashiering on both November 16 and 19 at 5:30 p.m. Come and practice using the register before it gets busy!

The Team sorted, priced, and shelved boutique items.



The Team at work.



SOLT – “Some Other Little Things” re: Soroptimist

A few facts illustrating why Soroptimist works to effect change in the world:

- Women work two-thirds of the world's working hours but earn only 10 percent of the world's income, and own less than 1 percent of the world's property.
- One in three women have been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in their lifetime.
- Of the more than 110 million children not in school, approximately 60 percent are girls.

These statistics are from the SIA website. They are a powerful testament to why our clubs work for change internationally as well as in our own communities.

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

Dale Carnegie

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International Update

A recent focus during the 2011-2012 year for Soroptimist International was "Educate to Lead," with a program tag-line of "Soroptimists educating, empowering, and enabling opportunities for women and girls around the world." Tabulated results include: 93,729 women and girls directly benefitted from Soroptimist "Educate to Lead" projects in 2011. Close to \$4,000,000 was raised to support this work.

From June 2011 to June 2012, Soroptimist

International's permanent representatives to the United Nations, at six major centers, reported attending 19 meetings, submitted 4 written statements, delivered 4 oral statements, and hosted 3 workshops. So you see, we're more than just an Elk Grove club going about our business – we're part of an international influence, with scores of women working diligently to create change for other women and girls in this world of ours!

Happy Thanksgiving



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*Finish each day and be done
with it. You have done what
you could; some blunders
and absurdities have crept in;
forget them as soon as you
can. Tomorrow is a new day;
you shall begin it serenely
and with too high a spirit to
be encumbered with your old
nonsense.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson