



Greetings from the President



Genny Fulp, President

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Hello Members,

Maligayang Pasko; Joyeux Noel; Frohe Weihnachten; Felix dies Nativitatis; Felix Natal; Felix Navidad; and of course, Merry Christmas. *(I will let you know at end of column which languages I wrote Merry Christmas.)

As we end this calendar year, and we are in the middle of our fiscal year, let's look back and see how much has been accomplished in such a short time. We should be proud of our accomplishments and all the volunteering our club has done: Run 4 Independence (now known as Run For Hunger); Optimist's Child Spree; Strauss Festival; help with activities at the E.G. Food Bank; Teen Dating Violence, handing-out information at community events; participation in Multi-Cultural and Harvest

Festivals; our very own successful Bunco Party; continued support of Live Your Dream and Violet Richardson awards; overseeing the District 3 Fall meeting; donation to the 'women who serve' event; participating in Citizen of the Year Committee; and, of course, the opening of our See's Candy Store.

There is still so much to do, but I think as we look back and see what has been accomplished we should feel very proud. I may have left a few things out, and if I did, that goes to show how much more we have done, and they were just too numerous to mention.

I hope we are able to start our 'Helping Hands' project that will help my targeted group, and that is the senior women which needs a helping hand. If we are able to do that, just a small helping hand to a

lady that needs a 'hand-up', that would be wonderful. Whatever the need may be, let's band together and get behind this project and see if we can make this happen.

However you celebrate this holiday season, be it Christmas, Hanukkah, or some other traditional way, I hope you and your family have a truly blissful and peaceful one, and someday I hope we find peace in the world among us all.

*The answer to the above, what languages *Merry Christmas* were written in: Filipino, French, German, Latin, Portuguese; and Spanish.

Genny Fulp
President, SIEG



If you walk in joy, happiness is not far behind.

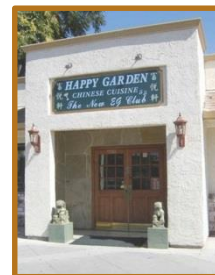
~ Todd Stocker



2nd Wednesday Lunch

This month we will meet at Happy Garden, 9081 Elk Grove Blvd., at 11:30am, on December 10th.

Remember, the more the merrier! And, don't forget to take a picture!



SAVE THE DATES - Fun times ahead!

December 5	December 10	December 18	January 9
Program Meeting	2 nd Wed. Lunch	Holiday Party	Program Meeting
CCSD Admin Building 7:30 a.m.	Happy Garden , 9081 Elk Grove Blvd., EG 11:30 a.m.	See's Candy Store 6:30 p.m.	CCSD Admin Building 7:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar!



December 18, 2014

See's Candy
& Holiday Boutique
The Village at Elk Grove
9645 East Stockton Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95694

Our Holiday Party is
from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please plan to join us at
our Annual Holiday Party.

Everyone is welcome to
help the two members
who stepped up to lead
the committee: Cathleen
Riebe, Betty Walters and
Karen Lindner. Thank
you, Ladies!

December Birthdays

December 6 – Mary Ann Chappelle
December 24 – Cathleen Riebe
December 25 – Holly Taylor



Dream It, Be It Program

**SIA is offering 5 \$1,000 Grants to Soropti-
mist Clubs who start planning their Dream
It, Be It Projects!**

According to Nicole Simmons, Membership
Director at SIA, all we need to do is start plan-
ning and report our progress to our region
chair by **February 15, 2015**.

Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary
school who face obstacles to their future suc-
cess. It provides girls with access to profes-
sional role models, career education and re-
sources to live their dreams

Click on [this link](#) to read more about it.



December Program Meeting Speaker

Annie Brackney will be our speaker on December 5, at 7:30 am., at CCSD Admin Bldg. on Elk Grove Blvd. Annie has been on staff for three years, serving as the Volunteer Coordinator at Wellspring Women's Center for 2.5 years before transitioning into the Development Director role.

Wellspring Women's Center was founded in 1987 by two Sisters of Social Service with the mission to "nurture the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children and to do so within an atmosphere of hospitality with dignity and love." Wellspring serves as a drop-in center to over 200 women and their children each weekday morning, and provides a nutritious breakfast meal, social work services, enrichment classes, and safety net support services. Wellspring started from humble beginnings and has grown to become a trusted neighborhood gathering place that reduces isolation and loneliness.

See's Candy and Holiday Boutique – Part 1

Janet Brabender headed up the decorating committee this year. On November 6th, a group met at the storage unit and gathered all of the necessary items (candy shelves, purchased boutique item, bare Christmas trees, and the other accoutrements to get the store looking good. The movers included: **Betty Hall** and her Soroptimister John, **Genny Fulp** and her Soroptimister Doug, **Karin Lindner** and her Soroptimister Gary, **Sherry McLellan** and her Soroptimister John. They not only moved items, they did some decorating too. Also helping to decorate were Janet B., **Peggy Ur-sin**, **Diane Hollingshead**, **Marie Wood** and **Annajean Neill**.

The next day, after the program meeting, more members went over to help with the decorating. They included: **Mary Ann Chappelle**, **Genny Fulp**, **Betty Walters**, **Marie Wood**, and **Tracey Edwards**.

On Saturday the decorting crew (including **Kristine Smith**) came back and **finished up the shop!**



"Problems are not stop signs, they are guide-lines."

Robert H. Schuller

On The Web

Here are some quick links for when you're wandering through the Web looking for interesting and informational tidbits!

[Our \(SIEG\) Programs SI Elk Grove](#)

[My Sister's House Soroptimist SNR](#)

[Our Global Impact SI of the Americas](#)

[SoroptiVoice Blog Soroptimist Int'l](#)

Please share with your editor when you find something interesting that your fellow members would benefit knowing about, whether a photo, a video, or blog.

“Out ‘n About” SIEG’s See’s Candy & Holiday Boutique – Part 2



On November 18th, some members attended the Elk Grove Chamber Mixer at the Elk Grove Food Bank. They had the opportunity to mingle with other local businesses and hand out flyers for our Bunco Fundraiser and See's Candy Store.

Marie Jachino, Soroptimist member and Executive Director of the Elk Grove Food Bank, was thrilled at the 10,000+ pounds of food that was donated. "Each can of food we collect makes a positive impact on someone's life. About 4,500 people a month are receiving food assistance from the Food Bank. For those people struggling, especially our seniors, children and homeless these food items are a blessing."



Opening day of our 19th Annual See's Candy Store and Holiday Boutique was November 22nd. But, leading up to that was the work detailed in Part 1. Not mentioned was the shopping that some of our members did in order for us to have home décor items on hand to sell.



See's For Soldiers

In addition to selling See's candy and home décor items, we also have our **See's for Soldier's** program.

We invite customers to purchase candy and leave it there for shipment to the troops serving overseas in combat zones; they can also include a handwritten note.



They can also leave a monetary donation that will be used to purchase candy in bulk to be sent to our soldiers overseas.

Last year we donated over 150 pounds of candy to our soldiers!



SOLT – Learning More About Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Modesto

Here is what SI Modesto is doing this year to help needy children in their area. This Giving Tree is located at the Vintage Fair Mall, and this is their 29th year.

It's easy: grab a tag, go shopping and bring it back. The members will wrap it and make sure it gets to that child.

[Click here](#) to watch the video.



*We would love to hear from you!
Here's our contact information:*

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Proposed Amendments to SIA Bylaws and Resolutions

Here is a very condensed, and somewhat personalized, overview of what the six proposed amendments and two resolutions involve that came for a vote at the Vancouver Convention, and the subsequent paper ballot sent to all clubs. To review the actual 22-page summary, contact Peggy Ursin.

Proposal #1 – Change the wording of the Object of Soroptimist to...“Improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.” The part about “in local communities and throughout the world” goes away.

Proposals #2 and #3 – Cleans up the criteria for membership and gets rid of that professional classification requirement for every member. Also deletes the “retired member” category, so we’re all just “regular” members. Someone doesn’t have to be “invited” to be a member, and a club can form without following criteria set by Soroptimist International; our own Federation can decide what’s required for a club to form.

Proposals #4 and #5 – Improves the process for selecting the Federation Fund-raising Council, eliminating a mailed ballot and instead allowing appointment by the SIA Board. Because our Federation is headquartered in Pennsylvania, that state’s non-profit corporation law requires that we have a by-law provision stating that board members, directors and officers shall not be personally liable. Not a problem, except that all clubs must approve it since we’re all in the Federation!

Proposal #6 – Federation dues increase. We heard about this in a long presentation at the Reno Conference (the discussion in Vancouver was even longer); but the bottom line proposal is that the current \$52 per member charge is to increase to \$68 in 2015-16, to \$70 in 2016-17, to \$72 in 2017-18. Beginning in 2018-19, the Board of Directors will decide annually whether to maintain or increase the dues. Right now, we pay \$52 to SIA and \$5 to SI each year. However, the current cost per member is actually \$70. For more information, SIA has eight pages of documentation I’m more than happy to

provide for your reading enjoyment.

Resolution #1 – One word at issue....“corruption”...which appears in several places in a 2004 resolution, but was superseded in a 2010 SIA Resolution(!), and therefore SIA is not addressing this proposed resolution. Confusing? You bet. But because someone put it forward before deciding not to address the non-problem, it requires a vote. Go ahead, roll your eyes.

Resolution #2 – Changes Women’s Opportunity Awards to...Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women. For practical purposes, they’ll simply be referred to as Live Your Dream Awards. Unfortunately, 25% of SIA clubs still don’t participate in the program, so it’s hoped that an updated name and publicity might encourage more participation in our signature project. It will be interesting to see if the statistics change.

Wellspring Women’s Center Needs

Here are some of the everyday items they need to support their guests:

- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Peanut Butter
- Unsweetened instant oatmeal
- Unsweetened cold cereal
- Disposable Diapers (Sizes 3-6 or pull-ups)
- Baby wipes
- Jam
- Canned Soups, Vegetables, Beans
- Tea Packets
- Feminine Hygiene Products (pads/tampons)
- Deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste (travel size)

Annie will be at our December Program Meeting; wouldn’t it be *great* to bring some needed items at the meeting?

Random (and sometimes wacky) Tips

Submitted by Sherry McLellan

What a pretty and super simple centerpiece to put together for your holiday table!

Just an upside down wine glass with ornaments underneath and a votive on top! Love it!!



Christmas Morning Quiche

Submitted by Sherry McLellan

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Tracey Edwards
Newsletter



Planning what to make for your Christmas breakfast? This is yummy! I've made it for Christmas morning in the past and it was a hit....just be sure to make extra, it goes fast! I made it ahead and warmed it up in the microwave in the morning.

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 15 min.
Bake: 40 min. + standing

Ingredients:

3 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed

1/4 cup butter, melted, *divided*

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded pepper Jack cheese

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese *(I used all cheddar in place of the Swiss and pepper Jack.)

1 cup diced fully cooked ham *(I used cooked bacon instead of ham.)

2 eggs

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt

Instructions:

Press hash browns between paper towels to remove excess moisture. Grease a 9-in. pie plate with 2 teaspoons butter.

Press hash browns onto the

bottom and up the sides of the plate. Drizzle with remaining butter.

Bake, uncovered, at 425° for 20-25 minutes or until edges are browned.

Combine cheese and ham (or bacon); spoon into the crust. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, cream and seasoned salt; pour over ham (or bacon).

Reduce heat to 350°. Bake, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Yield: 6 servings.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Dec 8 Board Meeting – See's Store, Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove

Dec 10 2nd Wednesday Lunch, Happy Garden 9081 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove

Dec 16 E.G. Chamber Mixer, PDF Liberty Center, 9401 East Stockton Blvd., Suite 125

Dec 18 Holiday Party, See's Store, Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove

Jan 9 Program Meeting, CCSD Admin Blvd, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Conf. B, Elk Grove

Jan 12 Board Meeting – Betty Matsui, 9430 Sunflower Rd., Wilton, 95693

Soroptimist Websites



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President: Ann Garvie



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black – SIEG Green – Fun Orange – Supporting Blue - Info	1	2	3	4	Program Meeting 7:30 a.m.	6
7	8	9	10 2 nd Wednesday Lunch Happy Garden Human Rights Day	11	12	13 Senior Center Pancake Breakfast
14	15 Board Mtg. See's Store 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 <i>Holiday Party</i> See's Store 6:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 EG. Chamber Mixer 5:30-7pm PDF Liberty Center	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			