

Soroptimist International of Elk Grove

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

Greetings from the President



Leigh Nurre, President

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Hello,

October was another month of busy, rewarding activities. We worked booths at the Elk Fest, the Sheldon Fair, and the Elk Grove Police Department Safety Fair. Unfortunately, the Elk Fest was rained out after two hours, but the Safety Fair was a huge success. Genny, Marie W., Lorna and Janet B. received 9 names of women who were interested in learning about SIEG!



Mayor's Volunteer Award

In addition to meeting and speaking to potential new members at the above

fairs, we were able to promote the See's Candies and Holiday Boutique, the Violet Richardson Award, the Women's Opportunity Award, and the 'Stop Teen Dating Violence' program. 'A Look Back' was posted, which is an impressive reflection of our accomplishments last year. Thank you to all of the members who staffed the booths and spent their time sharing Soroptimist with the Elk Grove community.

Last month SIEG was honored at two separate events for our community service. On October 23, we were presented the Mayor's Volunteer Award by Mayor Gary Davis. On October 1st we were honored by the EGUSD Board

of Education. The recognition is well deserved if I say so myself on behalf of the club

Several of us attended the District V meeting in W. Sacramento on Saturday, October 26. There was a great turnout of members from the other 10 clubs in our district. It was a very informative day that flew by. Among many interesting topics, we voted on the realignment of the district. More news to follow on that subject.

With your help, and your passion, this is going to be a great year. We already have a strong start!

Leigh President of SIEG



Application Window is Open!

We are definitely ready, willing, and able to accept applications for our two major Soroptimist awards: Violet Richardson and Women's Opportunity. Please, members, encourage teen girls to apply for the Violet Richardson Award and women heads of household going to school or getting career training to consider the Women's Opportunity Award. Neither award is a scholarship, so grades are not an issue.

Mary Ann Chappelle is chairing the awards committee (thanks, Mary Ann!), and can provide details. Application forms and requirements are online and we'll also have them at the store. Now, please start thinking of candidates so we will have a good pool to choose from!

2nd Wednesday Lunch Bunch



Dessert!

Join us Wednesday, November 13th at Wholey Ravioli at 11:30a.m. They are located at 1067 C Street, #132, Galt. Click Here for their menu.

Last month we had a wonderful time at the Sloughhouse Inn. We had a great turnout! Here's a picture from that lunch; we hope you'll join us this month!





Want to see some more awesome carved photos? Click on the pumpkin graphic to the left and it will take you there! Get any new ideas? Share your pumpkin on our Facebook page.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 7th is "National Men Make Dinner Day"

Click here to read more about it. And, let your man know – you're not cooking dinner tonight!

It should be celebrated here, not just in Canada.

November's Speaker is Police Chief Robert Lehner



Chief Robert Lehner was appointed Chief after a national search in 2008.

EGPD serves a population of over 150,000 people with a total staff (sworn and civilian) of over 200 personnel.

Chief Lehner came to Elk Grove from Eugene, Oregon, where he had been chief for five years. Prior to that, he served with the Tucson police department in Arizona. Chief Lehner
earned his Master's
Degree in Business
Administration (MBA)
from the Eller School
of Business and Public
Administration at the
University of Arizona
in Tucson.

Chief Lehner and his wife Diane live in Elk Grove. They have two adult daughters, both in college out of state.



New Member Bios



Janet Brabender was born and raised in Wisconsin. She met David while attending the UW Madison. They married in 1976 and she became a military wife. They have three children and five grandchildren. Before moving to Sacramento in 1985 they lived in San Antonio, TX; Spokane, WA; Frankfurt, Germany; Riverside, CA; Biloxi, MS, and Belleville, IL. When David retired from the Air Force in 1993, they decided to make their home in Elk Grove, CA. Since moving to Elk Grove, Janet worked for the Elk Grove School District for three years, then for St. Joseph Church for 15 years. She has recently retired.



Denise Costello is the Crime Prevention Specialist for the Elk Grove Police Department. She has been with EGPD for 6 years.

Prior to that Denise was with the Sheriff's Department for 15 years. She is also the current President of California Design Out Crime Association. She enjoys entertaining, camping, wine tasting, traveling and spending time with her family and friends, and has two grown sons.



Tracey Edwards worked for the Department of Fish and Game for 23 years, and then left to follow her husband Jack into real estate where they worked as a Team for nine years. Tracey has branched out into the Social Media world as a Virtual Assistant. This means she helps people with their online Newsletters, Blogging, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn postings. She also volunteers at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop here in Elk Grove. Tracey has three children: Shannon. Casey and Joshua, and

two grandchildren: Jayce and Kaley. Tracey and Jack enjoy travelling together and working together.



Marie Jachino has been the Executive Director of the Elk Grove Food Bank Services for the past six years. Under her direction the program grew from services in portable trailers, closets, and random facilities to a large warehouse serving over 3,000 of the working poor, seniors and women with children using food programs monthly. In addition to food and clothing for those in need. Marie added the Helping Hand, Senior Brown Bag, Wellness Bag, Support Works, and Mobile Pantry programs to offerings at the Food Bank. Prior to coming to the Food Bank, Marie worked at the State of California, Department of Aging. Marie has dedicated much of her career to working with seniors, especially those with Alzheimer's. She

earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from CSUS and attended graduate school. She continues her education in gerontology. Marie has lived in Elk Grove since 1981. She has two adult sons, Shawn and Brent.



Sherry McLellan was born and raised in Sacramento; graduated from McClatchy High School and Sac State and earned a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Golden Gate University. She worked in Human Resources for thirty years and recently retired from ADP (Automatic Data Processing) where she was the HR Director for sales for the Western States. Sherry's husband John and she have lived in Elk Grove for 14 years and enjoy spoiling their two granddaughters who live in Lincoln.

We're on Facebook. Are you? Find us here: www.Facebook.com/SoroptimistElkGrove

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"Out 'n About"



Art of the Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) was at the California Museum, and **Genny** & Doug **Fulp** were invited to the event.

It is a day that the Latin American cultures commemorate the dead and grace an alter with flowers, candles, and skull heads in honor of their dearly departed. There were many skulls made of sugar. Nice art and very colorful. There were Aztec Dancers and lots of food and margaritas for the invitees. A fun time was had by all.



Tracey Edwards spent the last weekend in October with girlfriends at Sea Ranch. This is her favorite sunset picture.





3 of the 11 Turkeys



2 of the 5 Deer

She was also visited by the wildlife seen above. The Berry House in Sea Ranch is "white-water" rental home. It sits right above the cliffs.

While Tracey was there, she made more Sashay

scarves to be sold at our Holiday Boutique.



One More Thing

Tracey Edwards has also offered to teach anyone who wants to learn how to crochet these beautiful scarves. They are so much easier to make than they look. Here is a video that shows just how easy!

If you are interested in a hands-on lesson, give Tracey a call.

SOLT - Learning More About Soroptimist

Newer members may wonder, "What's the deal about Founder's Pennies?" A portion of our annual dues to the Federation goes to 'Founders Pennies," an amount computed at six cents per member per year since the founding of Soroptimist back in 1921. The money helps to fund the Federation's service programs. That \$.06 per person per year of existence has grown to \$5.58 per member for the 2013-2014

year. Founder's Pennies is a voluntary donation, but our club has always contributed as a means to support Soroptimist service programs throughout the many countries our Federation serves. That way, SI Elk Grove has a part in providing clean water, education, safety and shelter for the trafficked, and a sense of hope for women and girls in the nineteen countries of our Federation.



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

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Email us at: hello@SoroptimistElkGrove.org

SNR's Redistricting Proposal 2013

If you didn't have the opportunity to attend the October 26th District V Meeting, here's a link to the SNR Redistricting Proposal 2013. The results will be submitted to the Realignment Committee for review and consideration. The proposal will ultimately be voted on as a body at the SNR Conference. Just click here to read more about it.

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"I'm Just Saying..."

This is the space where every member can express an opinion, provide a few words on a topic of your choosing, brag about grandchildren or anything else you want to say (keep it clean!). Please don't be shy. We agreed at the retreat that more members will be contributing to the newsletter from now on, and that means YOU too! So here's my two cents worth from **Tracey**....

At the Mayor's Volunteer
Award night on October 23rd,
Mayor Davis complimented
the service organizations on
the combined fundraisers
they held this past year that
benefitted our community.
He referred to us as the "fabric" of the community. We
need to make that fabric
stronger and larger. We can
do this by reaching out to
other Chamber members. As
a member of the Chamber of

Commerce, we should make use of that connection to support other Chamber members. What do you think of the idea of picking a restaurant listed in the Resources Directory to go to for 2nd Wednesday Lunch? Or, schedule a monthly or bi-monthly Mixer at a local restaurant? What about shopping in the community wearing our name badges? If we make these connections, doing what we nor-

mally do, it will make it **so** much easier to ask for donations when that time comes. These connections will help us in other ways as well. By partnering in the Community, we enhance our reach. We're advertising our mutual fundraisers, and so are they; press is good for everyone!

I'm just saying....



November's Special Folks

To the best our knowledge, no current members celebrate a birthday in November. We have too many other things to do getting ready for Thanksgiving and opening our store! Of course, we have Pilgrims and Indians responsible for Thanksgiving, and some special members and their spouses for the store readiness. Other women with November birthdays are known for other things: Sally Field for flying with a big hat on; Caroline Kennedy for conviction; Tina Turner for incredible legs at age 73; Condoleezza Rice for diplomacy; Whoopi Goldberg for sarcasm; and RuPaul for...uh, a whole lot of makeup!

Women Honoring Women Who Serve

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all.

William Faulkner

Soroptimists of the Sierra Nevada Region unite to begin a new program honoring women serving in our military and veterans in each of our communities with a yearlong show of appreciation and celebration of their commitment to keeping peace.

We have two members who also proudly served: **Holly Taylor** and **Diana Holcomb**. Holly served in the Air Force for 16 years; her rank was Staff Sergeant. Diana was a Lieutenant in the Navy from 1997-2000. Thank you for your service!

Random (and sometimes wacky) Tips

Submitted by Sherry McLellan

RED SOLO MEASURING CUP

Who knew? Not me!



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Tracey Edwards Peggy Ursin Newsletter

Baked Sweet Potatoes and Apples

Submitted by Sherry McLellan



Your house will smell great when you make this!

Ingredients:

6 medium sweet potatoes 2 medium tart apples, peeled, cored and cut into rings

1/2 cup packed brown sugar 1/4 cup butter

2 tablespoons unsweetened apple juice

2/3 cup finely crushed gingersnap cookies (about 10 cookies)

Directions:

Place the sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven; cover with water.

Cover and bring to a boil; cook for 30 minutes or just until tender. add ginger; beat until smooth.

Drain; cool slightly.

Peel the potatoes and cut into 1/2-in. slices.

Arrange half of the slices in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish

Top with the apples and remaining sweet potato slices.

In a small saucepan, bring the brown sugar, butter and apple juice to a boil, stirring constantly.

Pour over potatoes and apples.

Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 30 minutes or until apples are tender.

Sprinkle with gingersnap crumbs.

Bake 15 minutes longer.

Yield: 8-10 servings.

MEETING CALENDAR

Nov. 1 Program Meeting – Fire Dept. Admin Bldg., 10573 E. Stockton Blvd., EG.

Nov. 4 Board Meeting – Diane Hollingshead, 8736 Via Media Way, EG

Nov. 21 Business Meeting – Jesse Wright Suites, 9275 E. Stockton Blvd., Ste. 100

Dec. 6 Program Meeting – Fire Dept. Admin Bldg., 10573 E. Stockton Blvd., EG

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Nov. 9 Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8-10am, Senior Center

Nov. 13 Lunch Bunch Wholey Ravioli, 1067 C Street, #132, Galt

Nov. 23 Our See's Store and Holiday Boutique opens!

Soroptimist Websites

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Soroptimist Int'l of Elk Grove



NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Black – SIEG					<u>Program</u>	
Green – Fun					Meeting 7:30-9:30am	
Orange – Sup- porting					Fire Dept. Admin Bldg.,	
Blue - Info					10573 E. Stockton Blvd., EG	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Board Mtg.	EG Lions Tri	Lunch Bunch	See's Candy		Senior Center
	Diane Hollings-	Tip Dinner to Go by Nov. 14	11:30-1:30pm	ordered.		Pancake Break- fast
	head, 8736 Via Media Way, EG	for pick up				8-10am
		Nov. 19				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Price/stock Candy 10am		Price/stock Candy (If necessary) 10am
				Last day to order EG Lions Tri Tip Dinner		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Candy arrives Need help shelv- ing		See's Candy Store orientation 5:30pm		See's CANDIES
		After Hours		Business Mtg		Store Opens!!
		Business Mix- er at EG Food		Jesse Wright Sts, 9275 E. Stockton		10am-6pm
		Bank, 9820 Dino Dr. Ste. 140 5:30-7pm		Blvd., Ste. 100 6:30pm		916.686.6485
		EG Lions Tri Tip Dinner Pick-up 3:30-6:30pm				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
See's CANDIES®	See's CANDIES	See's CANDIES.	See's CANDIES.	HAPPY	See's CANDIES	See's CANDIES.
10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	THANKSGIVING!	10am-6pm	10am-6pm