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Leigh Nurre, President

Greetings From The President

who attended are always fun to be with. The gift exchange was interesting and fun. I enjoyed receiving two beautiful candleholders.

working with you in the new year.

Hope you have a great New Year.

Leigh Nurre

It looks like we should have our new club name within four weeks. Our new name should help us attract new members. I want to acknowledge John Hall who was especially helpful in getting our documents through the Secretary of State's office.

Happy New Year to everyone!

I look forward to working with you this new year. The past year has been very rewarding.

It looks like the See's Candies store was another big success. I look forward to finding out how much money we raised. Thanks to everyone for your hard work and an extra thanks to Betty Hall for making the store possible.

The Christmas party was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was a great way to end the year. All the food was very good and of course, the club members

I look forward to our next Bunco party on Feb 23, 2013. It will be at Camden Springs again. Diane Hollingshead is committee chair and several of you have volunteered to help. One of our primary needs is for everyone to collect raffle gifts. Please make that a top priority. Diane will be calling a meeting soon so keep an eye out for her email. Be sure to come to the Bunco party. Bring all of your friends and ask them to bring their friends.

This year we will continue with our main focus on helping foster youth who are aging out of the system. I'm grateful to all of you for your help this past year. Once again I look forward to





Club Holiday Party a Hit

What a great turnout for the Dec. 20 holiday party and potluck. This year's party committee outdid themselves! There was plenty of space in the Jesse Wright Suites venue so everyone could visit, have access to all sorts of wonderful food – appetizers, main dishes, and desserts - and the bar was overflowing with beverage options. The gift drawing was a lot of fun, with some definite “stealing” of

coveted items. Bobbi Jordan had Tim going back for yet another try multiple times! Thank you to the busy committee for a beautifully decorated room, organizing great food selections, and a lot of fun. Thanks, too, for the song-leading by Carole Crump and her lovely voice. We are truly lucky to have so many wonderful members - and outstanding Soroptimists: Paul

Johanneson's smoked salmon, Charlie Nurre's handcrafted wine, and Gary Lindner for...getting there!

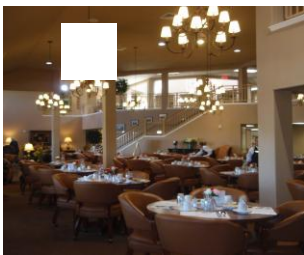
January Program Meeting has Moved

The January 4 program meeting will be at a new site – Camden Springs Gracious Living! Our hosts for Bunco parties have graciously invited us to have our monthly program meeting at their location, 8476 Sheldon Road.

There is a bit of parking on site, and more around the corner on the side street. We will continue to gather at 7:15 to socialize, with the meeting coming to order at 7:30 a.m. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from

guest speaker Renee Roberts, a financial advisor, providing information to us about California Municipal Bonds. Bring questions and get answers!

**Program Meeting:
January 4th, 7:30am
Camden Springs
Gracious
Retirement Living**



Gear Up for Bunco!

Get ready for another fun Saturday of **Bunco on February 23rd**! We will once again have the fundraiser at Camden Springs Gracious Living (and Bunco Center?). Diane Hollingshead has volunteered to chair the event, with Leslie, Kristine, Diana, Sandi, Peggy and Leigh on the committee. Leigh created the model by

chairing the 2012 event at Camden Springs, so a lot can be duplicated from last time. Your job, members and friends, is to both attend and bring more friends. Watch for more news about the Bunco Party in upcoming bulletins and the February newsletter.



Holiday Achievements for Foster Youth Effort

It was a great evening for a group of high school foster youth in the Living Skills class as our members hosted a holiday dinner with all the trimmings at the Elk Grove School District Office site. Dozens of students and advisors enjoyed a catered dinner at beautifully decorated tables. Students enjoyed what might have been the only special dinner of the year for some. Each special guest also received a small box of See's candy (a donation from See's), a gift card, and special wishes from Soroptimist. Committee chair

Diane worked with Mike Jones and the EGUSD staff to make the evening very special for the students. Thank you to all the members who helped greet, serve and create such an enjoyable event.

Another opportunity for our club to support foster youth in our community happened when Diane was given the names of ten junior high foster girls in serious need of a Christmas gift. The board approved the expenditure of up to \$50 per girl – the idea was to actually make a difference.

So Diane and Ramona really went to town! Each girl received an attaché bag, a computer memory stick, cosmetics and a \$30 gift card to Old Navy. Both members and friends contributed money to the project, reducing the amount of club funds required. A giant "Thank You" to everyone who supported the cause by either donating or shopping – you made a definite difference for some junior high foster girls in need. Hmmm....are we looking at a wonderful annual event?!?

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT:

Friday, January 4 - Program Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Camden Springs Gracious Retirement Living

Wednesday, January 9 - Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Jane Morse's Home

Monday, January 14 - Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Sandi Russell's Home

Thursday, January 17 - Soroptimist in the City, 5:30 p.m. Zinfandel Grille

Thursday, January 24 - Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Jesse Wright Suite 100

Saturday, February 23 - Bunco Party, Camden Springs Gracious Retirement Living



Elk Grove Officials welcome the students and thank Soroptimist.



What you do today defines your tomorrow. Choose the seeds you're planting with care.

J.J. Goldwag



Let's Go to the City!

Soroptimist in the City, that is! Time once again for the cocktail party for the five clubs of District V that are on the east side of the Sacramento River. On the subject of fives...it's the fifth annual celebration this year! SI Sacramento is the host club this time around, and the party will be at Zinfandel Grille, 2384 Fair Oaks Blvd. on Thursday, January 17.

Time is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and it's always a fun occasion. Ticket price is \$25, which includes a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Our own Governor Janice encourages our attendance, and it's a great way to meet members of other clubs and share our similarities (besides all being

members of Soroptimist). All reservations must be paid in advance by Jan. 14, so bring your checkbook to the Jan. 4 program meeting, and Treasurer Peggy will forward one club payment for everyone. So let's dress up a little, carpool and have an enjoyable evening out on the town, er, city!

IMPORTANT



Meeting Date Change

Our January business meeting date has moved to the 4th Thursday as the Soroptimist in the City event is on the 3rd Thursday in January. So be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, Jan. 24 this month. Regular time, 6:30 p.m.; regular place, Jesse Wright Suites Conference Room; regular expectation, ALL members will be there!

What a Year for the Christmas Store

The final numbers are not complete yet, but we did bring in more money than last year – that's for certain. Some of the bills haven't arrived, but it was readily apparent that we sold a LOT of candy and Christmas items. Customers and workers alike enjoyed the new space – and many expressed hope that we can be there next year. Thanks are due to so many for helping make our major fundraiser a success: Chris Wight of the shopping center for the space, Jim Cline of Frontier for telephone service, and multiple businesses in the community for patronizing our store for their holiday shopping. Centerline Striping purchases

a major amount of candy every year, as does Elk Grove Appliance Service and many other businesses and service organizations. Thank you Elk Grove Mayor Gary Davis for your generous purchases, too! It's a lot of work, and Betty Hall starts in the summer, but we are definitely a known entity in the Elk Grove community.

The word is out about the store: Be early to snap up the best Christmas decorations and gift items! Within the first few days, the holiday stock decreased dramatically, and we even had more to sell than last year. It's

apparent that we are known for unique items at bargain prices. Remember looking at that sea of red candy boxes when the store opened, wondering if we could possibly sell it all? Well, by the early afternoon of Dec. 22nd, there was not a single red box left! And that's after Marie and her committee picked up additional candy - multiple times. No question about it, our store was a success and thank you to every member who volunteered to set up, work shifts, pick up candy, and promote our fundraiser.

Can't Keep Our Jane Down

We're happy to report that Jane Morse is recovering at home after her hospital stay. Someone needs to remind Jane that women in their 90's don't need to try hurdling over cement parking lot curbs! Thankfully, her ribs are mending. It's no surprise that she was the darling of the ICU, as she's our darling, too! We wish her a speedy recovery. Right now it

only hurts to laugh, breathe or move!



Begin the Year With a Birthday!



January finds three members with birthdays; and two on the same day! Rose Geerts and Genny Fulp both celebrate on the 4th; Diana Holcomb celebrates on the 24th. Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to all three dynamic ladies!

One very important aspect of motivation is the willingness to stop and to look at things that no one else has bothered to look at. This simple process of focusing on things that are normally taken for granted is a powerful source of creativity.

Edward Bono

The Lunch Bunch

Plans for the monthly "Lunch Bunch" to gather at Jane Morse's home were shelved while she was out of commission, but she is home and anxious for us to bring her some "junk" food and fun! Please call Betty Hall, 685-5170, if you plan to join us at Jane's (8637 Lodestone Drive), January 9th at 11:30.



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Our Donation at Work for SI

Remember last spring when our club sent \$400 to the Birthing in the Pacific effort? Soroptimist International President Alice Wells reports that over \$270,000 has been raised so far, and she's selected the BIP effort for a second year in her SI President's Appeal. Money raised has been used for training programs completed by 24 village birth attendants, 16 doctors and midwives, and 7 community health workers. 15,000 obstetric wheels have been printed to help pregnant women calculate their due date and plan their delivery; 120 essential tools for safe delivery and 90 training dolls and simulators have been purchased or donated. Soroptimist is making a difference! Every day in Papua New Guinea three women die in childbirth or from complications of pregnancy. With only 278 registered midwives in the entire national healthcare system (in a country of over 7 million people), the Australian government has

now committed to fund nursing and midwifery scholarships. There is no doubt whatsoever that Soroptimist does indeed improve the lives of women in our world!

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is bliss, taste it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is a sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

Mother Teresa

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