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President's Message

At the time of this writing (December 29th), I can barely recognize the views from my East Valley home office. The Pine Nuts to our east are covered with snow and obscured by frozen fog. What is normally our beautiful view of the Sierras to the west stops with the neighbor's barn a half mile away. Surrounding us on all sides...tundra, frozen tundra. Happily, that's all a wintry illusion and I know that the sun will eventually return, along with the Pine Nuts and the Sierras.

When you work from home (as several of our club members do), it is easy to let the weather affect your mood. I have that tendency toward hibernation — sleeping long hours at night and huddled next to my computer screen all day. That, combined with consumption of holiday pies and cookies; well, it's not a pretty sight. But this is northern Nevada in the winter. I grew up with it, and it's no surprise when it returns each December.

Fortunately, all this is short-lived in our part of the world. By February we'll begin to see spring-like days; just an inkling of the magnificent weather that will follow not too long afterward.

SICV has had quite an active two months since I published the last issue of the *Source*. Sitting here on this frozen winter day all that seems like a distant memory, but it really was an amazing November and December. More on that inside this issue.

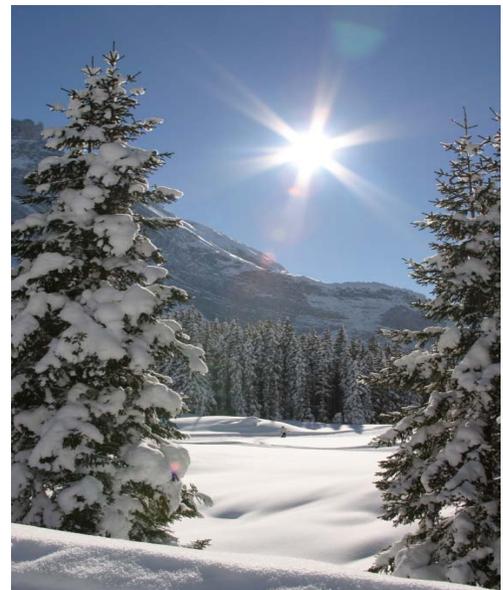
It was only two short weeks ago when I was thinking how it might be nice to take a little bit of a break from SICV. Being President along with putting together the newsletter and the other little miscellaneous SICV tasks I'm involved in are pretty time consuming, after all, and I thought that this two weeks off might be just the rest I need. But now, on this dreary Tuesday with no weekly meeting to look forward to, how I miss it! As silly as it may sound (and I have no doubt that it does), I can't wait to resume our regular meeting schedule next week and then start working hard at another Savor the Flavor shortly after that. Working at home has its advantages, but in the midst of winter doldrums without our SICV meetings to look forward to, it can make a person feel just a little isolated...or should I say "iceolated."

Yawn. All this writing is making me sleepy. Until we meet again next week, ladies, keep warm! And now, it's time for cookies and my nap.

President Cindy White

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SICV Fulfills Five-Year Commitment to Carson-Tahoe Cancer Center

Many of us wondered if this day would ever come, but come it did. On December 14, 2009, SICV President Cindy White presented a \$95,000 check to the Carson-Tahoe Cancer Center. This fulfilled our long-term, five-year commitment to that wonderful institution. The check was presented to Dr. Roger Miercort, radiation oncologist, at a ceremony held in the lobby of the Cancer Center. Johnye Saylor, president of Soroptimist International of the Comstock, was there as well to present a check for their \$5,000 part of the \$100,000 commitment. Many thanks to Johnye and SI of the Comstock for their participation in this important and momentous accomplishment for our two chapters. Thanks also to Director Trudy Mills for attending, and to the SICV members who also came to be a part of the ceremony.

But the most important thank-you of all goes out to each and every member of SI Carson Valley. Because of you and all the hard work you've put in over the past five years, we were able to achieve this stellar accomplishment!

This donation was one of the largest ones received by the Cancer Center in 2009, and a plaque commemorating SICV's donation will be proudly displayed at the Cancer Center.

SICV members, just think back over the past five years at all the work you've done to get us to this point. One hundred thousand dollars — that's a lot of wine-tastings, calendars, and cookbooks, ladies! Congratulations to every member of our club for helping to make this possible.



Winter District Meeting

Our District II winter meeting will be hosted by SI South Lake Tahoe in 2010. The meeting will take place on Saturday, February 20, at Harrah's South Lake Tahoe. There will also be a Friday night event, the details of which are still being worked out.

Not surprisingly, the theme for this year's event will be the Fighting Chance program, which is near and dear to our hearts and to the members of SI South Lake Tahoe. This should be a great meeting that we won't want to miss.

Our First Bunko

You might notice that the title of this article implies that there may be more bunko night fundraisers in SICV's future, and that's a distinct possibility given the success of our first bunko night. Approximately 60 ladies turned out for the first event, held on the evening of November 6 at Two Guys from Italy. What a party it was! Apparently, a lot of the bunko participants thought of this as a girls' night out, and partied into the wee hours of the morning after our bunko event ended at about 9:00 p.m. Talk about a win-win situation; Two Guys appreciated all the business and SICV raised a total of \$1450. Thanks to Jeannie Johnson and Amanda Evans for all their hard work in putting this together.

We also held the quilt raffle on that night, and our own Renee Mack was the winner! Our club was able to raise an impressive \$830 from the quilt raffle. Special thanks go to Linda Leiss for connecting us with her talented sister, who made the beautiful quilt that Renee is now enjoying in her home.

You can see why this may not be our last bunko event or quilt raffle!

"One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest."

Maya Angelou





Welcome Nathan Charles Bertucci!

SICV member Brynn Bertucci and her husband Brian welcomed Nathan Charles Bertucci into the world on December 17, 2009, at 9:57 p.m. Little Nathan weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Talk about a cutie! Congratulations, Brynn and Brian, and welcome to our newest "Soroptimister."



At Long Last: SICarsonValley.org!

It's been a long time coming, but we finally have our own web site. The establishment of SICarsonValley.org was recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the club at our November business meeting.

The site will include a list of our current Board of Directors, along with our mission statement, an introduction to Soroptimist International, our newsletter, a listing of upcoming events, and awards.

This web site should be a great help to us in our recruitment efforts, not to mention giving our events and fundraisers more visibility.

The site is still under construction, but we're getting there. Thanks to Linda Faff for doing all the ground work, and for continuing to work on the site. If you haven't checked it out yet, log on and take a look!



Christmas Auction

SICV's 2009 Christmas auction was, as always, one of our most enjoyable meetings of the entire year. Renee Mack, our auctioneer extraordinaire, led the action-packed noon hour on December 15, 2009, at Two Guys. Bidding was lively, to say the least. Auctioned goodies included pies, cookies, candy, Christmas decorations, and a beautiful quilted table runner. Thanks to the generosity of SICV members — and Renee spurring us on — we raised a total of \$816! Thanks to all members who participated in this fun annual SICV event.

"If you doubt you can accomplish something, then you can't accomplish it. You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through."

Rosalyn Carter

Get Ready for STF!

Our Savor the Flavor wine-tasting fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Genoa Lakes Golf Resort. Be sure to help out chairperson Rosann Turgliatto by attending all upcoming STF committee meetings, the next one of which will be held on January 12 at 11:15 a.m. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time! Remember that this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need everyone to pitch in.

Monthly Reminders

Remember we're still collecting food donations for the Food Closet at each business meeting (the first Tuesday of each month).

Remember also to bring in aluminum cans and empty ink/toner cartridges in support of DAWG (Douglas Animal Welfare Group) at each business meeting.

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*"The greatest danger to
our future is apathy."*

Jane Goodall

SICV Calendar

1/5: Business meeting
1/12: Guest speaker (STF comm. meets at 11:15)
1/19: Postal auction (Education comm. meets after regular mtg.)
1/26: Violet Richardson Awards Luncheon
1/28: Board meeting
2/2: Business meeting
2/9: WOA/Landis Awards Luncheon
2/16: Student Achiever Awards Luncheon
2/20: District II Winter Meeting (South Lake Tahoe)
2/23: STF Committee Meeting
2/25: Board Meeting
2/27: Savor the Flavor

Community Calendar

1/16–1/17: Genoa Antique Show, Sale & Appraisal Clinic, Genoa Town Hall, 10:00 am – 4 pm
1/22: Fishtank Ensemble concert, CVIC Hall, 6:00 pm
1/23: Minden Rotary Beast Feast, Carson Valley Inn, 6:00 pm
2/12: Great Basin Brass concert, CVIC Hall, 6:00 pm
2/19–2/21: Eagles & Agriculture

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CARSON VALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Club Birthdays

1/8: Brynn Bertucci
2/3: Paula Corley
2/15: Renee Mack
2/16: Nancy McDermid
2/25: Debra Lang
2/26: Jano Kelly

