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## **VALLEY SNAPSHOT - A Saturday of service**

### **FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A group of 85 individuals, mostly local high schools girls, recently spent the day learning there are endless possibilities in the future. Soroptimist International of Victor Valley Inc. presented “Endless Possibilities to Live Your Dreams” as their Saturday of Service project. The event was geared toward local high school girls and focused on providing the young women information on being empowered, while providing details on different career options available to them, Event Chairperson Laurie Brown said in a press release. The event demonstrated the importance of education, certain life skills and community involvement.

Several local professional women donated their time to speak to the attendees about their careers and important life skills, including Carroll Yule of Shear Realty, who was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included the Honorable Debra Harris, Dr. Margaret Peterson, Jeanne Huber, Rebecca Tennison, Patricia Gonzalez, **Retired Major Sherry Hoyt-Cline, Laura Doxey**, Delores Williams, Cindy Vedder, Karen Michaels-Baca and Cindi Burklow. These women discussed career options and required education for careers in the legal, medical, educational, military and non-profit fields. In addition, they shared information on resume writing, interviewing, money management and safety issues related to date rape, domestic violence and human trafficking. The attendees were sent home with a resource guide that included information about 60 different careers, along with tips for various life skills.

An essay contest was part of the event, and several high school girls submitted essays about their goals and dreams and the path they plan to take to make them happen. The essays were judged by local professional women and awards were given to the top three submissions. The winners were first place: Magali Espinoza of Apple Valley High School, second place: Alysa Bruscino of Victor Valley Christian School and third place: Heather Landry of Apple Valley High School.

Soroptimist International of Victor Valley, Inc. (SIVV) is one of the local Soroptimist clubs in the High Desert. The membership includes local professional women from several career fields all working together to help improve the lives of women and girls in the local community. SIVV donates to various community programs throughout the year, as well as presents several awards and scholarships to local women and girls.

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Approximately 85 attendees recently participated in the Saturday of Service event sponsored by Soroptimist International of Victor Valley.

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