

# SITM Update

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## SITM Recognized for Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Nepal

*"When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible."* Howard Schultz

This quote is undoubtedly a true testament of our club and of our members. It is through our projects that we unite our common purpose, and that is to empower women and children.

Our IGU luncheon was the day SITM was placed on the International Map. It was a great honor to be recognized for the contributions that we have made in Nepal from

our esteemed guests. To be selected as one of the three grant recipients of SI President Yvonne's project has provided SITM with the additional justification that we are truly making a difference.

By removing barriers to education in Nepal, SITM has not



*SI President Yvonne Simpson speaks to SITM members, guests and Soroptimist visitors.*

only empowered women, but also a community, to believe in a better future for all. This is possible due to the commitment of our members, who united as one by giving their time, donations, and belief that anything is possible.

You may never know the profound effect that you may have made on another person's life. A helping hand, a kind word, or a listening ear can change the path for a woman who may not have dared to dream of the possibilities. It is through our commitment that we have made, and continue to make, the impossible happen.



*A group photo following the luncheon meeting. IGU Committee Coordinator, Monica House, left, with our Soroptimist visitors: SIA President Sam Bachenau, SIA Immediate Past President Poco Davis, SI President Yvonne Simpson, SIA Past President Cheri Fleming, SNR Governor Jackie DeMartini, Grant Coordinator Judge Connie Steinheimer and Past SIA President Sharon Fisher.*

Thank you to the IGU Committee for your dedication, compassion, new friendships, and for inspiring others to believe in themselves. Thank you to our members for their comradeship and gift of service, as it is our members who give their hard work and dedication to our club.

President Vivian

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## Greet Ruby Award Winner Moshay Akala on March 17

By Liza Chapen

The Human Rights/Status of Women Committee would like to encourage the members of SITM to make a special effort to attend our club meeting on March 17, where we will be spotlighting the Soroptimist Ruby Award and this year's SITM Ruby Award honoree.

The Ruby Award was formerly known as the Making a Difference for Women Award; however, the name was changed to Ruby Award to recognize and honor Soroptimist's first federation president, Ruby Lee Minar. The Ruby Award honors women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work. It's interesting to note that the name Ruby Award was also chosen because a ruby is a deep red gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love, all words embodying the strong and compassionate women who are Soroptimist Ruby Award recipients.

The HR/SW Committee has chosen as our club's Ruby Award recipient this year an incredible woman whose given name is Moseanola Akala, but who is known by everyone as Moshay. Those of you who attended the luncheon at the Making a Difference for Women event in February heard Moshay's brief speech and were able to see firsthand why she was the committee's choice. She simply exudes all the attributes that make her the perfect Ruby Award honoree for this club year. SITM will be making a contribution of \$750 in Moshay's name to a nonprofit of her choice and she will also be placed in consideration for an award from the Sierra Nevada Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas.

Moshay's life experiences include growing up in poverty in South Central Los Angeles, surviving an abusive relationship, raising two daughters as a single mom, and then pulling herself up by her bootstraps and

getting an accounting degree. After several years working with the Pacific Stock Exchange, she was diagnosed with Lupus and had to leave her six-figure job because of her illness. She eventually remarried and had two more children, and currently lives in Reno with her husband Sam and her two younger children Imani and Elijah. Her two grandchildren, Amari and Damien, are the joy of her life!



Moshay Akala

What most significantly qualifies Moshay for this year's Ruby Award is her current position as the Career Resources Manager for the Gateway to Success program at the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra. She was nominated for this year's SITM Ruby Award by her boss, Pam Russell, the Director of the WACCS, who described Moshay as intelligent, optimistic and enthusiastic, and wrote on the application that Moshay "holds an unwavering belief in the women for whom the WACCS work."

Moshay's first contact with the WACCS was through her placement by the Department of Education, Training, and Rehabilitation to accomplish her Community Based Assessment. She obviously had a natural affinity for the work at WACCS, and after her placement ended she was hired as a permanent employee of the nonprofit. On her first day in this position, as Ms. Russell describes it, Moshay asked what she needed to do and was told that she needed to develop the Gateway to Success program – from scratch. Unfazed by this challenge, Moshay dug in and got it done within a month. She based the program on her own experiences searching for work with no job history and the barriers she was forced to overcome. She met with area experts, conducted research, and then she also attended the SITM Making a Difference for Women event that spring.

Ms. Russell says of Moshay, "She consistently does whatever it takes to help women to reach their goals, and she is getting results. Since March 2014, 102 women have gained employment through Gateway to Success. Moshay's ability to relate to the women we serve is a thing of beauty. Her work ethic coupled with her capacity to care and her belief in the women WACCS serves make her deserving of SITM's Ruby Award."

Remembering the qualities of the ruby -- wisdom, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love -- please join the Human Rights/Status of Women Committee in honoring Moshay and the remarkable woman she is by attending our Ruby Award luncheon on March 17.

### Calendar

- March 17 – Human Rights/Status of Women , Ruby Award
- March 24 – Business Meeting
- March 31– The Reno Irish Dance Company and Bindee Eberle
- April 7 – Thanks to Youth Kick-Off Meeting
- April 12 - Board Meeting, 5:30- p.m., Disability Resources, Inc.
- April 14 – Business Meeting
- April 21 – Melissa Holland, Awaken
- April 29 - May 1 – SNR Conference

You can follow our weekly activities on:



## Annual Nepal Pledge Drive Draws Crowd of Soroptimists

By Paula Ringkob

At the March 10, 2016 SITM luncheon, members not only hosted international visitors but the International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU) Committee kicked off its 2016-17 Nepal Pledge Drive with an update from Dr. Purna Subedi. Some 130 Soroptimists and guests attended.

Purna, who moved to the U.S. to live with Jeanne Baxter and her family and attend the University of Nevada, is from Thulipokhari, Nepal, the village where SITM has built a girls' dormitory and funds other projects to assist women and girls living there. He had many new images to share with the club this year.

In 2001, the club sent \$13,800 and people in the village used the funds to build the dormitory which allowed girls who lived a distance from Thulipokhari



*Dr. Purna Subedi, our long-time and faithful liaison with the village and school in Thulipokhari, Nepal.*

to attend school. Purna reported that the dormitory survived the April, 2015 earthquake with only a crack. The man who designed the dormitory, Mahesh Subedi (no relation to Purna), was also at the luncheon with his parents who were visiting the U.S., his father, Guru



*The IGU Committee organizers and guests, from Left: Dr. Purna Subedi, Norma Webster, Judge Connie Steinheimer, Project Scholarship Chairman Guru Prasad Subedi, his wife Nundakali, Jeanne Baxter, Monica House, SI President Yvonne Simpson and Mahesh Subedi.*

Prasad Subedi, the IGU Scholarship Chairman in Thulipokhari, and his wife Nundakali. One thousand girls have benefitted from the dormitory and scholarship education.

Purna also reported the success of the Animal Assistance program. He said the animals are proliferating and offspring are sold at local markets. Chickens are larger and healthier because they live in heated coops using electricity which was brought to the village with the assistance of SITM funds. Honeybees also play an important role in crop success. The Vital Seeds program provides high quality seeds to villagers and seeds that do well in the short Nepal growing season. Produce that villagers can't use is sold at local markets.

Purna explained the impact of the April 25, 2015 earthquake on the village and showed pictures of the damage. He said there have been thousands of aftershocks and they are still occurring. SITM raised and sent \$18,500 for disaster relief for the village. Funds were used both for

immediate assistance, such as tents, and for rehabilitation of buildings.

He explained the current political situation which has caused higher food and fuel prices. It is fortunate that SITM funds are sent electronically so they arrive safely for use by villagers.

He said that SITM has lit candles in Thulipokhari brightening lives there but not dimming the lives of SITM members.



*Erin Breen, reporter for KTVN-TV Channel 2, interviews Mahesh Subedi about the girls' dormitory that he provided the blueprints for in 2000.*

## Educate to Lead: Nepal

### SI and SIA Leaders Visit SITM for SI President's Appeal Project

By Faye I. Andersen

SITM members were incredibly honored to welcome Soroptimist International President Yvonne Simpson to our club meeting on March 10, along with the current Soroptimist International of the Americas, our Federation President Susan "Sam" Collier Buchenau. They were joined by three Past SIA Presidents, Poco Davis, Cheri Fleming and Sharon Fisher. Sharon is currently serving as the SI Assistant Director of Advocacy.

When introduced to speak, President Yvonne was wearing the New Zealand Soroptimist korowai (cloak) called Te Amo Oranganui Ki Te Au (Bearer of Wellbeing to the World).



*SI President Yvonne Simpson.*

President Yvonne is from the small town of Hokitika in New Zealand, a community of about 4,000. She has served through the ranks of club and region to become President of the Soroptimist International of the Southwest Pacific Federation, taking the office of SI President in July 2015.

Over the past 35 years President Yvonne has worked with high school-aged students, organized adult community education, organized work placement for high school students, been the Career Advisor and Director of International Programs.

When President Yvonne announced her 2015-17 SI President's Appeal, Educate to Lead: Nepal, it was of particular interest to SI/Truckee Meadows members because of our 15-plus years of working to educate girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal. The

club applied for a grant and was one of two Soroptimist Clubs, along with another organization to receive a grant. The \$20,000 SITM is receiving will help fund 20 girls to pursue a baccalaureate program beyond our current high school education at Janata Sudarshan Multiple Campus.

The other two projects supported are the Australian Himalayan Foundation and its Teacher Training & Quality Education Program and a project developed by SI/Oita-Midori, Japan which aims to provide literacy opportunities to 200 women.

In the middle of a pre-planned trip to the United Nations in New York City to attend a meeting of the Commission on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), SI President Yvonne decided Reno, Nevada was half-way between New Zealand and New York, and announced she would like to visit SITM.

SITM's IGU Committee, along with others began planning an itinerary for their visit. In addition to the luncheon, our Soroptimist leaders were treated to a dinner with committee members at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home; a Thursday afternoon quick trip to Virginia City; a Thursday evening reception; plus a Friday tour of Tahoe, concluding with dinner and the show Foot Loose.

Coincidental with their visit, our project's Scholarship Chairman and his wife from Thulipokhari, were in the United States visiting their son. Guru Prasad Subedi (no relation to Purna), acts as our keeper of the girls'



*The IGU Committee members gather at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home for a welcome dinner for our International Soroptimist guests*

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scholarships, accepts and reviews applications with a committee and accounts for the money.

Guru's wife, Nundakali Subedi and their son, Mahesh Subedi also joined us for the luncheon and Thursday evening reception. During the reception, they were kind enough to let us all ask questions about Nepal, the village, the girls and how they are recovering from the earthquake.

As a civil engineering student in Kathmandu, Nepal, Mahesh drew the blueprints for our girls' dormitory in Thulipokhari. He subsequently received a scholarship to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He currently lives and works in Sunnyvale, California.

In all, the Educate to Lead: Nepal SI President's Appeal project is just getting started and SI President Yvonne expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about our project, meet our visitors from Nepal and learn about girls and education in Nepal.

Special thanks go to IGU Coordinator Monica House, Grant Coordinator Connie Steinheimer, Jeanne Daxter, Norma Webster and IGU Committee members for superb planning and coordination, providing lodging, coordination, meals, tour-guiding duties and a million little things that provided great hospitality to all of our visitors. Thanks also to all of the members who contributed towards and attended the Thursday night reception. It was an unparalleled time for some one-on-one conversation with our guests and other Soroptimists.



*Enjoying the reception are from left, Joanne Tremeling, SNR Human Trafficking Coordinator, SNR Govern-Elect Vicki Watson, SIA Past President Sharon Fisher, Kay Dunham and Trudy Mills, Past District II Director.*



*SIA Past President and current SI Assistant Director for Advocacy Sharon Fisher speaks about the Educate to Lead: Nepal program at the Thursday night reception.*



*At the reception, Soroptimists had the opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Purna Subedi, right, translates the questions for Nundakali and Guru Subedi.*

**2016-17 IGU-Nepal Pledge Drive**

Attendees at the luncheon received a four-page color brochure about the SITM projects in Thulipokhari and a pledge form that can be used to designate how the donor wishes their donations to be used.

Members can donate to the Girls' Scholarship Program, the Micro-Lending Program and/or the Disaster Recovery Program. Donations can be made at the time of pledging or payments can be made quarterly or semi-annually.

See any member of the IGU Committee for a brochure or pledge form.

## Delegate's Report on District V Winter Meeting

By SITM Delegate Barbara Atwell

The Winter District V Meeting was called to order on March 5 at 10am at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. In attendance from SITM were President-Elect Jennifer Burnitt, Kay Dunham, Jo Ann Roberts, Faye Andersen, Jean Neddenriep, Connie Steinheimer, Penny Leezy, and Barbara Atwell. Asma Aimal attended as a guest and was the speaker for the afternoon.

Nine of 10 clubs in the district were represented at the meeting. Sierra Nevada Region Secretary Lane Parks and Governor-Elect Vicki Watson represented the region. There were three first time attendees at this meeting. Total attendance was 31, including one guest.

The morning was devoted to the Bylaws Revision for the Sierra Nevada Region. Governor-Elect Vicki Watson went through the new proposed version comparing it to the one that is current. Questions were encouraged and answered. She explained that the changes were



*Asma Aimal was the featured speaker at the District V luncheon meeting.*

due to the incorporation of Soroptimist International. The hope is that with these meetings most questions will be answered and any major changes that need to be done are taken care of before SNR Conference in April.

After lunch, Happy Dollars were collected. Governor-Elect Vicki announced that the money collected would be given to the Sue Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$150 was collected.

Asma Aimal was our speaker. She spoke on Contrasting Education for Girls in Afghanistan versus the United States. Asma updated us on her progress in school and what is happening in her life. Connie Steinheimer invited members to attend SITM's



*SITM President-Elect Jennifer Burnitt, center is flanked by SNR Secretary Lane Parks, left, and Governor-Elect Vicki Watson.*

meeting Nepal Pledge Drive on March 10 and meet some SI and SIA leaders.

After Asma, it was "Proud of My Club" reports. Each club gave a progress report on what has been happening in their club. Fundraising was mentioned by most clubs and an increased focus on new members. SITM was represented by President-Elect Jennifer Burnitt who recapped some club projects and recent speakers. SI/Elko is currently in the top 5% of clubs worldwide in new memberships.

The meeting was adjourned with all present forming a circle, holding hands and reciting the Soroptimist Pledge.



*Attending the District V meeting were, from left: Barbara Atwell, Jennifer Burnitt, Kay Dunham, Asma Aimal, Jean Neddenriep, Faye Andersen, Penny Leezy, Connie Steinheimer, Jo Ann Roberts.*



## Clean Your Closets Year Round By Jeanne Baxter

### *Next Garage Sale May 21*

Donations may be made year round for spring and late fall IGU Garage Sales, as well as for Soroptimist's Making a Difference for Women program. Small household items and clothing can be dropped off on the far left south facing end of the complex at Ethan Allen's warehouse between 9 am and 3pm Tuesday through Saturday. There is a "people door" entrance to the warehouse next to a large roll up door facing south. If the roll up door is closed, please ring the bell to alert staff, and enter the warehouse. If it's during lunch, or if warehouse staff is absent, you may leave your items near the door. They will be stored with all donated items.

*Please mark higher end items and clothing for the Boutique, and if applicable, please mark clothing being donated for Making a Difference for Women.*

Large heavy items which require assistance from warehouse staff may require a little more scheduling due to availability of two warehouse staff members being present to off load. Please call the main store number, 826-1722, and speak with the receptionist or a manager. Let the attendant know what is involved, and when you would like to drop off those large items, so your trip can be coordinated with staff availability. Feel free to call ahead with any questions you may have. All staff are available to assist.

**Note:** *All donated items should be in working order; clothing donations should be gently used and clean; worn out and stained clothing are not acceptable. We are unable to accept TVs or used mattresses.*

## March 31 Speaker to Serve Up Nutrition

By Kay Dunham

*Translating the new U.S. Dietary Guidelines and other strategies for living a strong, healthy and fit life!*

Bindee Eberle is a board-certified sports dietitian, has a master's degree in nutrition and is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. She has worked in private practice in Reno as a sports dietitian for 16 years and has worked as a private, one-on-one personal trainer for 18 years. She has spoken to numerous high school, university and club sports teams about healthy athlete nutrition as well as given wellness seminars to corporate groups and medical centers.



Bindee Eberle

Bindee is the author of the e-book Sports Nutrition for Gymnasts and Gymnastic Athletes and is a regional and national conference speaker for USA Gymnastics. Bindee is an expert in health, wellness and exercise nutrition as well as strength and fitness. The name of her company is Sportsmenus, Inc. and you can find more information about Bindee at her web site, [www.sportsmenus.com](http://www.sportsmenus.com).



Pam Sutton and Georgia Baker, Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinators, presented a review of our club's fundraising and spending accounts at the March 3 meeting. They outlined this year's fundraising schemes and detailed how the money is distributed to the club's committees and projects. A copy of their Power Point presentation was available attached to President Vivian's Meeting Digest.

# March Board & Business Update and Meeting Highlights

By Faye I. Andersen

The March Board Meeting has been de-coupled from the March Business Meeting, due to our special visitors at the March 10 meeting. The March Business Meeting is scheduled for March 24. However, there are a few things to report in advance of the Business Meeting.

### Next Year's Budgets Drafted

The Finance/Bylaws Committee has met and drafted the 2016-2017 General and Service Fund Budgets. Treasurers Vicki Schultz and Kay Dunham will be reviewing them for the membership on March 24.

### Happy Dollars for February

February Happy Dollars in the amount of \$444 were collected for Eddy House, providing homeless, runaway, foster and other at-risk youth the opportunity to reach their full potential. March Happy Dollars are designated for the IGU Committee.

### 2016-2017 Slate of Officers Nominated

Nominating Committee Coordinator Doris Phelps presented the Board with a proposed Slate of Officers to join President-Elect Jennifer Burnitt during her 2016-17 term as President. The following will be presented

at the March 24 Business Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken at that time. Members will vote on the slate at the April Business Meeting.

Thank you to Doris and the other two members of the committee, Pam Sutton and Kathy Benson for your work to obtain members for each office.

Congratulations to the following members for agreeing to stand for election.

- President-Elect:.....Rikki Hensley
- VP/Technical:..... Barbara Arwell
- ..... Carol Dinneen
- VP/Service:..... Alysia Peters
- Recording Secretary: .....Doris Phelps
- Corresponding Secretary: ..... Jeanne Naccarato
- Treasurer/General Fund, 2 years: ..... Anna McArdle
- Delegate:..... Bev Perkins
- Alternate Delegate: .....Lynne Catrow

Offices completing unexpired terms:

- President: .....Jennifer Burnitt
- Treasurer Service Fund, 1 year: ..... Kay Dunham
- Director, 2 years: .....Vivian Ruiz
- Director, 1 year: ..... Pam Sutton



Beth Schuler, a member of the Board of Directors for Eddy House, spoke at the February 18 meeting. She spoke of the success of the Youth Resource Center program serving homeless youth. In 2015, some of the services they offered included 365 showers, 28,862 snacks served, 3,575 cell phones charged and 4,477 youth came to safety. Several SITM members toured Eddy House in February, to see their facilities firsthand.



Rebecca LeBeau, Executive Director of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) program, center, is flanked by Diana Dillon and Niki Champ, Economic & Social Development Co-coordinators as she receives a \$200 check for the CAP program. Rebecca spoke at our February 25 meeting. She outlined the programs the organization brings to second, fourth and sixth graders in the Washoe County School District. They teach children to remain "Safe, Strong and Free".

## From Fallon to NYC and Back --- Alysia Peters

By Niki Ewing

Alysia Peters was born in Fallon, NV where her family owned and operated Stockman's Casino and the Holiday Inn Express. At the age of nine, her parents divorced and she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with her mother where she resided through college. Growing up in a family business, Alysia spent her summer breaks holding a myriad of jobs, which she says helped her develop a strong work ethic. She also enjoyed theatre immensely as a teenager and was able to perform in *Oliver!* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. On her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, her mother even took her to NYC to see *Wicked*, *Boy From Oz* (staring Hugh Jackman), and *Hairspray* (staring Harvey Feinstein)! Alysia exclaims that the trip was absolutely life changing and because of that trip, she entered college as a Musical Theatre major.

She attended UNLV for both her undergraduate and graduate education. At UNLV, Alysia earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Masters degree in Public Administration. While pursuing her career in the political arena, Alysia interned on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, worked on various state and federal political campaigns, staffed non-profit organizations, and taught classes at both the elementary and collegiate levels. In 2012, she was offered a full-time position in the Secretary of the Senate's Office at the Nevada State Legislature in Carson City. But as fate would have it, on a trip in 2013 to Paso Robles, CA, Alysia stumbled across an incredible little store called "We Olive," which was not only franchising, but adding a wine bar component. A year later she left her job with the Senate's office and began her own franchise of We Olive & Wine Bar Reno (recently voted Nevada's Best Wine Bar).

Unfortunately, after leaving the Senate and setting up her business, Alysia began to feel disconnected in regards to her service life. It was at this time that Jennifer Burnitt was simultaneously looking to host a Soroptimist fundraiser at We Olive & Wine Bar. Upon learning about the mission of Soroptimist, Alysia became fascinated with SITM and soon after joined under the sponsorship of Jennifer herself. "It was an extremely serendipitous meeting!" Alysia recalls. And as if that wasn't enough coincidence, Alysia learned shortly after joining that her own grandmother had been a member of Soroptimist in St. Paul, MN for decades.

Alysia's service also extends beyond SITM. She recently became a big sister to a 9-year-old girl named Fabiola through Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Alysia adores being her "big sister" and hopes that she has been able to brighten Fabiola's world as much as Fabiola has brightened hers. She also helps groups such as the



*Alysia and her 88-year-old grandmother Bonnie, a former Soroptimist.*

American Heart Association and Awaken fundraiser and host volunteer appreciation nights at We Olive.

The majority of her family live in Las Vegas, NV and her father has homes in Fallon, Hawaii, and Panama. At this point in time, Alysia is not married nor does she have any children, but she would like to some day. For now, she has caught the travel bug. Alysia's perspective on the world changed drastically when she studied abroad for a summer in India. Since then, she has toured eight countries in Europe, visited Australia five times, explored the beaches and jungles of Costa Rica, enjoyed the ruins of Mexico, and experienced the French-Canadian history of Canada. This year, for her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, she will be traveling to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco for three weeks!



*Alysia playing the bongos with her dad on Fremont Street in Las Vegas.*

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For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:  
Sierra Nevada Region: [www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)  
Soroptimist International of the Americas: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)  
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## Did you know . . .

### Thanks to Youth and Unsung Heroes to be Honored May 26

The Thanks to Youth Committee is seeking business and individual sponsorships for the annual awards program honoring several young people who have made unselfish contributions to family and community. Graduating high school seniors will also be honored with scholarships. This year's luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort. Seating will begin at 11:30 am. Sponsorship letters are available at [sitmnv.org](http://sitmnv.org).

Four levels of sponsorships are available. The money received from our sponsors will help fund the Thanks to Youth Awards, Scholarship Program, and other Youth Projects.

- Diamond Level will receive the highest recognition in all publicity during the event and prominence in the program and a reserved table for eight Contribution of \$1,500.
- Emerald Level will receive recognition in the program and a reserved table for six Contribution of \$1,000.
- Ruby Level will receive four tickets to the event and recognition in the program Contribution of \$500.
- SITM Member Level will receive a reserved table for eight and recognition in the program Contribution of \$350.00.

Individual tickets to the event are \$30 each. Last day for tickets/sponsorships and tables is May 18, 2016. Other donations are also welcome --gift certificates, dinners for two, golf packages, spa treatments or other merchandise to be raffled at the event. Of course, monetary donations are also accepted