



# SITM Update

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## Calendar

- April 20 – HelpMeHelpHer Guest Speakers
- April 27 – Women’s Scholarships Awarded
- April 28-30 – SNR Region Conference, Atlantis
- May 4 – Committee Sign-Ups
- May 9 – Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Staybridge Suites
- May 11 – Business Meeting, Atlantis
- May 18 – Public Awareness
- May 25 – Thanks to Youth

## SITM Meets...

**Thursdays at Noon**  
 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
 Second Floor Convention Center  
 \$20 for lunch  
 RSVP to [sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com) no later than noon on the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting.

### Soroptimist Is:

a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



## Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers



Hello April! It has been a very wet and cold year. With each day the season promotes and encourages exciting and new growth in the world. As the year progresses, so does our club!

Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers! I am very excited as to where this new growth will take us!

From my family to yours, we wish you all a very happy spring!

President Jennifer

## Amazing Scholarship Women Coming to April 27 Meeting

You don't want to miss the April 27 meeting where SITM will award \$35,000 in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to local women. The Nancy Gomes-Mary Gojack-Sue Camp Scholarships for re-entry women will have six recipients. The Jack Simon Scholarship will have three recipients. You'll hear from these amazing women and their struggles to complete their education.

Come early and bring guests.

Congratulations and thanks to those members who were elected to lead SITM, along with President Rikki Hensley-Ricker, beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Elected to office for the 2017-2018 Club Year are:

### President-Elect

Jeanne Naccarato

### Vice President, Service

Penney Leezy

### Vice President, Technical

Dot Watts

### Corresponding Secretary

Carol Dinneen

### Recording Secretary

Patty Mamola

### Treasurer/Service Fund

Lynne Catrow

### Delegate

Valerie Hahn

### Alternate Delegate

Moshay Akala

The following officers are completing a multi-year term of office.

**President:** Rikki Hensley-Ricker

**Treasurer/General Fund:** Vicki Schultz••

**Director, 2 years:** Jennifer Burnitt

**Director, 1 Year:** Vivian Ruiz

••Appointed through June 30



*Delivering the 135 crocheted afghans is, in front from left, Alicia Dillon (Diana's Mom), Sue Foltz, Niki's neighbor and Niki Ewing. In the back are Soroptimister Jeff DeMatei and Diana Dillon.*

*See page 6 for complete story.*

## SI/Reno Celebrates Their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The year was 1942 when business and professional women in Reno banded together to form the first Soroptimist Club in Reno. That was 75 years ago and the members of SI/Reno are inviting other Soroptimists to join them for a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

SI/Reno was responsible for chartering SI/Truckee Meadows on October 23, 1978.

**Please RSVP to the numbers below.**

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
5-7 p.m.

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
Grand Ballroom 5 & 6  
Hors d'oeuvres, No Host Cocktails, Raffle Prizes,  
Fun & Activities

RSVP to Anne Tavernia-Betts, 775-722-3820 or  
Carol Horsley, 775-771-7069



## HelpMeHelpHer to be Featured at April 20 Meeting

Vicki Kawelmacher, an award-winning women's safety advocate, will be the featured speaker at the April 20 meeting, sponsored by the Economic & Social Development Committee. She will be joined by Reno resident Sue Foltz, Director of Development for HelpMeHelpHer

Vicki founded Help Me Help Her in 2001 to EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE and EMPOWER women through proactive personal safety and protection programs. Her vision is to provide a nationwide global resource for women through educational seminars and lectures focused on situational awareness, proactive personal safety programs and self-defense.

"The greatest gift you give those you love is when you can take care of you," according to Vicki. "You are worth protecting! Your safety IS your choice!"

Don't miss this program.



Vicki Kawelmacher



Sue Foltz

## Thanks to Youth Needs Your Email Contacts

The Thanks to Youth Committee is hoping you would be willing to share any of your email contacts that you think would be interested in attending our annual program of youth scholarships and recognitions program on May 25.

They would like to email an invitation to join us on May 25 at TTY. So please peruse your contact list and send some names with email address to Faye Andersen at [fia@pyramid.net](mailto:fia@pyramid.net).

## GARAGE SALE

We're doing it again.  
We need your donations!!!  
Drop-Off at Ethan Allen

### SITM'S GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home  
1140 Alpine Circle, Reno



Proceeds to benefit the  
Nepal dormitory/scholarship

**NEEDED**

**Workers**

**Friday Night Set-Up**  
**Pizza and Margaritas**

**Saturday Sales & Clean Up**

Sign-up sheets at the meetings

See Linda Lamke

Call Judge Connie at

**(775) 771-7512**

For Questions

## Celebrating Harmony and Scott's New Family

Harmony and Scott Hobbs adoption of their son Ricky became official in February. The traditional "baby shower" didn't seem appropriate, so SITM members contributed to a "get away" fund for Harmony and Scott. A celebration in honor of the new family gathered together at Bistro Napa at the Atlantis on March 18.



*Kay Dunham and Carmela Cipollina with the gift from SITM members for the new parents to have a little "get-away" when they need it.*



*Vicki Schultz and Lynne Catrow joined in the celebration.*



*President-Elect Jennifer Burnitt, Scott and Harmony Hobbs with Ricky, Margie Hermanson and Lynne Catrow at the Bistro Napa.*



*Jeanne Naccarato and Joanna Moran enjoying the evening.*



*Michael Burnitt with Harmony Hobbs.*

## Member Feature

## Jan Bogikes - Quilter Extraordinaire

By Jan Bogikes, as told to Jo Ann Roberts

Jan was born and raised in Long Beach, California and spent her entire life in Southern California until moving to Reno in October, 2015. She graduated from Cal State University (then called Long Beach State) with a degree in Marine Biology. Jan began her employment in the banking industry at Farmers and Merchants Bank of Long Beach shortly after graduation waiting for an opportunity to work in her chosen profession. She enjoyed the banker's life and stayed for four years. Tired of the long Southern California freeway commuting, she took her father up on the opportunity to start her own business in manufacturing. Jan's father was a banker in need of carriers for his drive-up systems and since he had designed and patented a product, it was an easy choice for her. In 1976, Jan and her husband, John, opened the business and began driving all over California to sell their product. The business was successfully operated until 2010 when Jan retired and then in 2015 the business was turned over to their son who still has it.



*Jan Bogikes in her backyard with one of her and John's passions, a Porsche Cayman that John drives in autocross competitions.*

Jan was active in high school with the orchestra (playing the violin, and then the viola) the competitive swim team, and a girl's sorority. She never lost her desire to pursue sports later in life, including snow skiing, water skiing, camping, biking, competitive club tennis and dressage horseback riding. At one time, she and John owned seven horses!

John and Jan became very interested in vintage cars, so their hobby became collecting them. At one time, they owned thirteen cars but running out of space to keep them, they pared them down to their favorite seven. Their trips to Reno started ten years ago when they came to their first Hot August Nights. Jan and John learned that their former neighbors in SoCal were Reno residents, so they looked them up, met their car friends, and came back every year. Finally growing tired of the SoCal congestion and crowds, they made the decision to move which Jan describes as their "best decision ever"!

Through this friendship and connection to vintage cars, they met George and Penney Leezy. They would see them every year when Jan and John were in Reno and formed a great friendship. After moving to Reno, Penney suggested Jan attend a Soroptimist luncheon. Jan volunteered to donate a quilt for whatever purpose SITM needed and Penney accepted the quilt the first of several Jan has donated. Jan enjoys "showing off" the quilts and is especially happy when they generate some funds. She is certainly pleased with being able to assist with this fund-raising.

Jan has joined volunteer organizations since moving to Reno, such as the National Auto Museum, several quilt groups, Newcomers Club and SITM. Their time is spent between visiting their three kids in North San Diego County, a second home in Iowa and here in Reno. She also travels with John to autocross

racing with the Porsche Club and the Cowboy Fast Draw contests. Even though the scheduling sometimes gets complicated, to quote Jan "hey, it is all worthwhile"!



*John and Jan at the National Automobile Museum in Reno.*

## Thanks to Youth Coming Up May 25



*The WINNER of the Rubik Cube challenge was Pam Robinson and she won bags of cookies for the whole table.*

Corporate sponsorships and tables are also available. A membership rate is available for Soroptimist members buying a table.

To add to the fun and get a jump start on fund raising, the committee provided a Rubik Cube to each table to solve. The winning table was awarded bags of homemade cookies by Margie Hermanson. Members purchasing their tickets that day were entered into a raffle to win gift cards.

This annual fundraising luncheon will award \$16,000 in youth scholarships to high school seniors. This luncheon also recognizes young "unsung heroes" in our community with shopping sprees. Applications are

distributed to local elementary, middle, and high schools.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of amazing young people! Students receive recognition not only in monetary form but from government officials and community leaders.

Plan to attend and bring guests and sell those tickets.



*Moshay Akala tries her hand at one of the Rubik Cubes.*

The Thanks to Youth Committee staged their annual program kick off at the April 6 meeting. Coordinators Ana Nadimi and Lynn Robins gave a brief history of this annual program for our newer members and sought ideas from members to enhance attendance and fundraising.

The committee distributed tickets to members to sell for \$30 each to attend the event.



*Committee Co-Coordinator Lynn Robins shows off the cookie prizes.*



*Jeanne Naccarato was one of the winners of the drawing for members that bought their Thanks to Youth tickets today! Other gift card winners were Ana Nadimi and Marilyn Pearson.*

### Thanks to Youth - What's it all about?

At this year's Thanks to Youth, eight high school scholarship recipients will receive \$2,000 scholarship towards their advanced education. The recipients are from the following high schools: Damonte Ranch, Galena, Hug, Reed, Sparks (2), TMCC and Wooster.

The Education-Youth Committee, led by co-coordinators Eileen Fuller and Moshay Akala has been diligently working to gather applications from local high schools and Unsung Heroes applications from schools, churches and youth organizations. The onerous task of selecting the recipient was undertaken following a potluck dinner and lots of conversation.

According to Eileen, the committee had hoped to get applications from all of the local high schools, a goal they have set for next year. That means raising the bar by an additional \$5,000 to cover the schools not represented this year. She said, "Sell those tickets and tables," along with, "encouragement to buy lots of raffle tickets."

The luncheon, the room, and the wait staff are all donated by Mr. John Farahi, CEO, COO of Monarch Casino Resorts, parent company of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa.

## A Carload of Afghans Delivered to the Family Shelter

One-hundred thirty-five afghans, hand-crocheted by SITM members, family and friends, were delivered to the Volunteers of America Family Shelter in Reno on March 16. Approximately one-dozen members, family and friends spent this fall and winter crafting these beautiful gifts for the families at the shelter. Another five members, who weren't quite prepared to crochet, donated yarn for those more talented.

Each afghan was washed and dried by Alicia Dillon (Diana's Mom). The entire lot was stuffed into Diana Dillon's car for delivery. Assisting with the delivery were Diana and Alicia, Soroptimister Jeff DeMatei, Niki Ewing and her neighbor Sue Foltz. VOA Director Sandy Isham was on hand to receive the shipment and help residents select their favorite afghan to take home to their family.



A full load of 135 afghans filled Diana Dillon's car.

Getting ready to distribute afghans are from left, Sandy Isham, Volunteers of America Shelter Director, Sue Foltz, Niki Ewing and Alicia Dillon.



Soroptimister Jeff DeMatei provided some "muscle" for the afghan delivery, along with Niki Ewing and neighbor Sue Foltz.

### Thanks for the Afghans

Thank you very much for the gift of 135 beautiful, handmade blankets for residents of the Volunteers of America Family Shelter and Women's Shelter

The generous support we have received from your caring team of ladies is truly appreciated and helps make our mission possible: to transform the lives of people we serve. Thank you again, and please contact me with any questions or to schedule a program tour at your convenience.

Sandy Isham  
Senior Development & Community Relations Officer,  
Volunteers of America

## Update on SITM's Nepal Project from Dr. Purna Subedi



*Dr. Purna Subedi, center with, from left, Sheliah Capurro, friend of Jeanne Baxter's, Jeanne, Monica House, IGU Committee Co-Coordinator and Connie Steinheimer, long-time IGU member.*

The March 16 meeting was a full house, with special guest speaker Dr. Purna Subedi providing an updated slide show of all aspects of SITM's projects in Thulipokhari, Nepal, including educating girls; the animal assistance micro lending project; the Vital Seeds projects, an entrepreneurial project for women; and poultry farming.

IGU Co-Coordinator Monica House introduced the program. Every March the IGU Committee kicks off its annual Pledge Drive seeking contributions from members, family and friends of the project to support these programs. For a colorful brochure explaining the projects see any member of the committee.

Committee member Connie Steinheimer gave a recap of funds to support projects in 2015-16. Approximately \$14,500 have been sent to Thulipokhari in support of the girls' dormitory and education support as well as other village projects; additional disaster relief funds in the amount of \$3,700 were also raised to help the village with the 2015 earthquake damage.

Jeanne introduced IGU Committee founders of the project including Norma Webster, Connie Steinheimer, Faye Andersen and Jo Ann Roberts. Jeanne then introduced Dr. Purina Subedi and told of her meeting him in 1983 in Nepal and his journey to founding his own wireless communication system company in southern California. Dr. Subedi is the crucial link between SITM and the village in facilitating communication and progress there.

The girls' dormitory was built in 2000 in partnership with the villagers. The dorm is available to all girls and provides

them with an education and housing, meals, supervision of a house mother, a library, computer resources and personal safety.



*Some of the girls during classes at the Janata Sudarsham Multiple Campus. Girls now outnumber boys in classes.*

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### Program Highlights

#### **Girls' scholarship tuition and dormitory housing**

- 1338 girls (458 belong to the Dalit caste, known as "untouchables") educated to date improving women's literacy rate. Graduated girls are employed in many sectors including: Business owners; Bankers; Social Workers; Teachers; Mothers; Politicians; Government workers
- Hundreds of families have benefited from the Animal Assistance program and Vital Seeds program lifting their standard of living in an unimaginable way
- This program has improved the village economy

#### **Vital Seeds Program**

Socialization activities of women have increased; consumable vegetables are being produced by the women themselves and women have been more commercial in their product:

each month, farmers are earning income.

#### **Micro-lending**

Beneficiaries earn 3000-4000 Nepal Rupees. monthly from buffalo farming; approximately 30-40 liter of milk per day is absorbed and/or used in local market; farmers are motivated to use and sell local manure/ compost for vegetable production, prompting minimal use of chemical fertilizer due to goat manure; the market of meat has been expanded; farmers from other parts of country are interested to visit the area, so internal tourism has been growing.

#### **Poultry Farming**

Income is made from selling meat and poultry manure; increase in living standards of people involved in poultry farming; market area has been expanding with its meat and manure supply which is attracting more farmers in poultry farming.

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Other improvements to the village include propane cooking stoves (reducing pollution from wood fires and slowing deforestation), hoop houses for year round crops, sanitation and computers. The village has seen other improvements to provide electricity from a new hydroelectric dam on the nearby river, a cell tower, a nearby hospital and improved roadway access.

Vital Seeds: This program provides socialization for the women in addition to income from the sale of their produce. The program needs



Some of the 2015-16 girls from the dormitory and two of the teachers with the Campus Chief.



A recent new addition is computers and internet service in the dormitory.

an irrigation system and a vegetable collection and cooler center. A rudimentary water system was built for the village while Peace Corps worker John Miller was in Nepal from 1980-84. The system needs significant upgrades and expansion.

Dr. Subedi concluded his presentation with heartfelt gratitude from the villagers of Thulipokhari for all SITM has done for them. He said they were especially thankful for the assistance providing shelters, food for people and animals following the 2015 earthquake disaster. They said, "You did not forget us."



A Nepalese woman tends her garden supported through the Vital Seeds program.



Millie Mitchell was the lucky ticket holder during an impromptu in-club raffle during the March 30 club meeting hosted by Fundraising Co-Coordinators Penney Leezy and Barbara Atwell. Millie had her choice of "bling" as a raffle prize, as well as two other lucky winners. The winning table received Starbucks gift cards.



Chris Askin, CSPG, CFRE, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada was the speaker at the March 23 meeting, sponsored by the Finance/Governance Committee. SITM's funds supporting the IGU Committee's scholarship program for girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal are managed by the CFWN.

## March Happy Dollars for Go Care Nicaragua

By Carol Dinneen

The International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU) committee has decided to contribute the Happy Dollars it received in March to a charitable organization that operates in Nicaragua. We thought that members may wish to learn a little about this organization. In the spirit of transparency, my husband and I were close friends of Jan and Pam Lindsay, who started Go Care, when we lived in California.



A group attend a Leadership Camp for teens at Go Care.

In many ways Go Care is similar to our own Nepal project. It focuses on education as a way out of poverty. The organization was founded in 2001 and the bulk of their projects occur in the city slum of Pantanal outside the city of Granada. Jan was inspired to take action when he met several women from Pantanal who reported that they made their living by picking through

the city dump. The charity has a “come back to give back” philosophy that encourages graduates of their programs to become community leaders and return to mentor others.

Go Care has a variety of programs including adult education, a pre-school program, computer instruction, vocational training, university preparation, and tutoring and mentoring to name just a few. They also provide transportation for students attending higher education

institutions in Granada. Approximately 1,000 students have graduated from their programs since its founding.

If you wish to learn more about the program they have a website – [gocarekids.org](http://gocarekids.org).



Excerpted from the Soroptimist International of the Americas FY15/16 Annual Report

For a complete copy visit [Soroptimist.org](http://Soroptimist.org) or [liveyourdream.org](http://liveyourdream.org)

### EMPOWERING WOMEN & GIRLS THROUGH OUR ACCESS TO EDUCATION DREAM PROGRAMS

#### LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

- **1,355 deserving women** received an award (+5%)
- **\$1.9 million** in education grants was disbursed through the program (+7%)
- **82%** of recipients who completed their education increased their standard of living
- **81%** club participation rate (+3%)



#### DREAM IT, BE IT

- **8,634** girls participated
- **80%** said they have the tools to overcome obstacles to their success
- **87%** feel more prepared to pursue their career goals
- **24,825** volunteer hours by clubs (+27%)



### GAINING NEW MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS

- **3,761** new members (+1%)
- **22** new clubs chartered (+38%)
- **414** clubs had a net increase in members (+17%)
- **77,387** LiveYourDream.org supporters (+24%)



## April Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

### Newly Elected Officers for 2017-2018 Club Year

Thank you to all who agreed to stand for election to the 2017-2018 SITM Board. Congratulations to all who were elected at the April Business Meeting. See page 1 for a complete listing of officers.

### New General Fund Treasurer Appointed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Treasurer – General Fund Anna McArdle has had to resign her post. According to the Club Bylaws, the Board appointed former Treasurer Vicki Schultz to complete the duties and Treasurer's reports through June.

### Health Committee Toiletries Drive

The Board recommended and the membership approved a motion by the Health Committee to conduct a toiletries drive for Northern Nevada Hopes from April 20 through June 29. Toiletries may be brought to each club meeting, and if you don't have time shop, you can give a cash donation and the committee will make purchases for you.

### Increasing Dollars for Women's Scholarships

Education–Women Co-Coordinator Pam Robinson and Penney Leezy brought a motion to the Board and membership to increase the maximum undergraduate scholarship amount from \$6,000 to \$8,000 and the maximum graduate scholarship amount from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Further, the maximum combined undergraduate and graduate scholarships to any one person will be \$10,000. Pam and Penney met with our anonymous donor who funds these scholarships and gained approval for the increases. The motion passed.

### First Reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The Finance/Governance Committee brought a proposed bylaw amendment to the board and membership, to correct a conflict in club officers' terms of office that was discovered during this year's nominating/election process. The proposal is an addition to Article IV, Officers; Section 3, Terms of Office, which reads: "Beginning July 1, following heir election, all officers shall hold office for one year except the treasurers and the directors who serve two years, or until their successors take office. No officer is eligible for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office." The addition would extend that last sentence to include, "but may continue to serve until a successor is elected." The first reading was made at the April Business. The amendment will be voted upon after the second reading at the May Business Meeting.

### Ceec Abrahams Award Nominations Sought

The Membership Committee is seeking nominations for the Ceec Abrahams Award honoring a member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to support SITM and its activities. Contact committee member Patty Downs for a nomination form or more information. The award will be presented at the June 22 meeting.

### Purchase a Copy of Patti Doty's New Book

The Board recommended and the membership approved a request from Patti Doty to sell her new novel, "Finding Home" during an upcoming club meeting. Patti graciously agreed to donate a dollar from each book sold to SITM's fundraising effort. The new novel is the second in her Quinn DeMello series, a sequel to "Runaway". The date is to be determined.

### Happy Dollars for March to Fund Go Care

Happy Dollars in the amount of \$478 was collected during March for the IGU Committee's project Go Care, to improve the lives and education of the people living in the city slum of Pantanal, outside the city of Granada, Nicaragua. See page 9 for more details. April Happy Dollars are designated for Northern Nevada Hopes.

### Membership Changes

Remaining on leave is Teresa Mentzer through June for family and personal reasons; and Alysia Peters through June as she works at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City.



*Scarlet Ewy was the solo April birthday woman in attendance at the April Business Meeting. Happy Birthday Scarlet.*

## Letters of Thanks to SITM

### Thanks for the Happy Dollars

On behalf of the board, staff, and especially the women and children we serve, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$313, February Happy Dollars! WOW! As you know, your gift will go a long way towards helping women escape poverty.



It is the generosity of organizations, like SITM, that we can help women attain their dreams. Thank you for making our work possible. Thank you for this and all you do for women

Pam Russell  
Executive Director, Women and Children's Center of the Sierra

### Thanks from Another Ruby Award Recipient

Thank you to all of my "Soroptimist Sisters" for honoring me with the Ruby Award. I am honored to be among the outstanding women who have received this award. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to meet so many new friends.

I'm proud to have been a member of SITM, and I will always cherish the relationships I made that will last a lifetime.



Sherri Rice  
President and CEO, Access to Healthcare

### Thanks From Ruby Award Recipient

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$250 to Pinocchio's Moms on the Run! Your willingness to help women with breast or gynecological cancer in Northern Nevada weather the crisis makes all the difference to women. Thanks to you, we provide financial assistance on an average of 35-50 women a month. With donations like yours. Moms on the Run was able to give almost \$4 million back into our community.



None of what we do could be accomplished without you, so thanks for all you do for our women. You are a part of their lives too.

Barbara Pinocchio  
Founder, Pinocchio's Moms on the Run

### Thanks for the Chartering Gift

Thank you for your warm welcome and gift of \$25 towards our Service Fund. We very much appreciate the support of our sister clubs and look forward to making a difference in the lives of women and girls in our communities, and spreading "Soroptimist love".

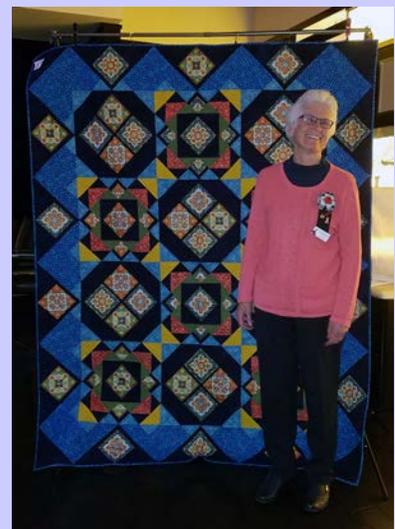


Kathy Dickinson  
President, SI/Sutter-Yuba

## Fundraising Quilt Raffle at SNR Conference

*Jan Bogikes stands in front of her beautifully crafted handmade quilt that she has donated to SITM to use as a fundraising opportunity. Tickets are available for \$5 each or five for \$20 at club meetings. The quilt will be on display in the Market Place at the Sierra Nevada Region Conference on April 28 and 29. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday night at conference. Thank you Jan for donating your time and creative talents, to provide SITM with such an exquisite quilt.*

*If you are attending the SNR Region Conference April 28 or 29, the Fundraising Committee is seeking a couple of hours of your time to sell quilt raffle tickets in the Market Place. See Penny Leezy if you are available.*



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### SITM Board 2016-17

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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)

Soroptimist International: [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)



## Did you know . . .

### SIA Elects New President-Elect

Congratulations to Dawn Marie Lemonds, who has been elected as the new President-Elect for Soroptimist International of the Americas. Dawn will work with President RoseMary Reid to oversee Soroptimist's strategic planning and program development in an effort to increase the organization's collective impact in helping women and girls around the world lead better lives. She will become president September 1, 2017.



Dawn is a member of SI/Newport Harbor Area, California. A member since 1982, Dawn has held several leadership positions at all levels of the organization including international program director, international board director, region governor, and club president and treasurer.

Dawn retired in 2014 after serving as the director of the South Coast Region Project for the State of California. She holds a master's of science degree from Cal Sate University, Fullerton, with a bachelor's degree in social ecology from the University of California. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Dawn also serves as a board member of the Global Center for Women and Justice, board member of Peppermint Ridge and volunteers with the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Tustin.