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- May 18 – Public Awareness
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- June 1 – Health Committee
- June 6 – Joint Board Meeting, President Jen's house, 10396 Cavalry Circle, Reno
- June 8 – Business Meeting
- June 15 – Ceec Abrahams Award presentation
- June 22 – Photo/Scrapbook – Year in Review
- June 29 – Installation of 2017-2018 Board and Officers

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Second Floor Convention Center \$20 for lunch
 RSVP to sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com no later than noon on the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting.

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



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Record Attendance for SITM Members at 41st Annual SNR Conference

Twenty SITM members attended all or part of the conference workshops, events, programs and meals, as well as assisting with the quilt raffle, at the 41st Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference, held April 28-30 at the Atlantis. See pages 8-10 for details and photos.

President Jennifer Burnitt was presented with a Laurel Society membership and pin at conference, by President-Elect Rikki Hensley-Ricker, and Kay Dunham, Treasurer, Service Fund.



The 50/50 Raffle is Back for 2017



The Fundraising Committee has the 50/50 tickets now available for members to sell or purchase. Co-Coordinator Barbara Atwell and Penney Leezy are asking members to pick up packets of 15 or 21 tickets to sell.

The tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. The winning ticket will be drawn at the SITM meeting on December 14 and the owner will receive 50% of the total amount raised. Last year's winning ticket-holder pocketed \$3,060. You can help someone (and maybe yourself) win a very nice Christmas present this year.

An Important Message from Thanks to Youth

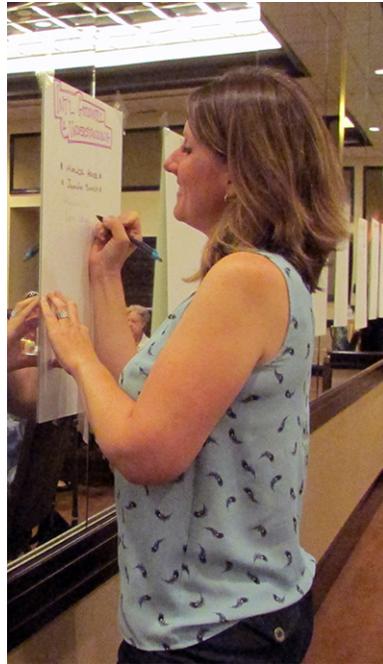
Thanks to Youth is next week, so it's time to get your tickets sold, your guests lined up and **DON'T FORGET TO LET VICKI SCHULTZ KNOW** who and how many will be attending, so she can make up the table assignments. Don't forget to bring friends, family and co-workers to this annual recognition of youth scholars and heroes on May 25.



Which committees are you serving on next year?

It's almost time for a new Club Year, and that means new committee assignments. Members had a chance to sign-up for their preferences at the May 4 meeting. Remember, the club asks that members serve on one Service, one Technical, plus one Special Committee.

President Rikki has compiled her preliminary list of committees and we're missing a lot of members. If you have a preference, contact President-Elec Rikki. She's looking for several coordinators and co-coordinators to lead committees as well.



Lynn Catrow signs up for her choice of committee assignments at the May 4 meeting.

Health Committee Toiletries Drive



The Health Committee is conducting a toiletries drive for Northern Nevada Hopes from April 20 through June 29. Small travel-sized toiletries, or larger family-sized items may be bought to each club meeting, for pick-up by Chris Fegert or Niki Ewing. If you don't have time to shop, you can give a cash donation and the committee will make the purchases for you. Please help, if you can.

Note These Adjustments to June Calendar

There have been some adjustments to the Club Calendar for the month of June based upon member availability.

- June 1 -- Health Committee program
- June 6 -- Joint Board Meeting with 2016-17 and 2017-18 board members will be held at President Jennifer's home at 10396 Cavalry Circle, Reno
- June 8 -- Business Meeting at the

Atlantis, as usual.

- June 15 -- This year's Ceec Abrahams Award recipient will be honored at this meeting
- June 22 -- The Photo/Scrapbook Committee will present their annual "Year in Review" in pictures and present President Jennifer with a scrapbook of her year's activities
- June 29 -- Installation of President Rikki and the 2017-2018 Board and Officers

Happy 75th Anniversary SI/Reno

SI/Reno celebrated their 75th Anniversary with an evening reception on April 27. SITM sent greetings in the form of a money tree with \$75 in singles forming the leaves. SITM President Jennifer is seen presenting the bouquet to President Suzanne. The Reno Soroptimist Club chartered SITM on October 23, 1978.

Your Soroptimist Club Needs Your Help

President Jennifer Burnitt is seeking members willing to clean-up, file and prepare for destruction of old outdated records in SITM's storage units. SITM has one unit in which supplies and other club materials are stored. SITM shares another storage unit 50/50 with the Sierra Nevada Region to store the club's records. She'd like to have this accomplished by July 1, if possible.

President-Elect Rikki is looking for "a few good members" to help with some pending needs of the club.

- Sign-up for next year's committees if you have not already done so. Consider taking on a coordinator or co-coordinators position for a committee. Several slots are open. Plus, some important committees have few members. Please consider joining them.

- SITM is hosting the District 5 Fall Meeting in Reno. The date is tentatively set for Saturday, September 16. President-Elect Rikki is seeking volunteers among members willing to work with District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco to handle the arrangements for the meeting and "staff it" during the day of the meeting. Willing members should contact P-E Rikki.



Member Feature Mary Beth Roselli**A passion for cycling, with a goal to pedal across the U.S.**

By Mary Beth Roselli

So here is my story, I am a Yooper and will always be until the day I am no longer on this earth. Some of you may know the terminology and even know what a troll is but for those not from the Midwest, I consider home the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the part of Michigan not connected to the mitt. The people below the bridge, Mackinaw that is, are trolls, above are Yooper's. I love going home and still am fortunate to have family there.

Escanaba is situated on Lake Michigan. I grew up with most of my activities centered on the lake, swimming and played a lot of tennis back then, regretfully without much sunscreen!!! It's a small enough town where the majority of kids did not have cars and we rode our



Mary Beth is a leader in the Procrastinating Peddlers cycling group, leading Tuesday night cycle rides.

bikes or even snowmobiles to get around. Our main industry is logging so you can imagine there were a lot of great places to explore and still is.

I moved around a lot after graduating in Agriculture and receiving a

teaching certificate. I taught in vocational schools in Michigan and Ohio for a few years. Then, I moved into the business sector and have remained ever since.

I've worn many hats over the past years and fortunately am in a job that I enjoy and with the same company for 25 years as of this fall. We have been known by various names but we are currently Presagis! We were the typical startup company that has changed hands many times and for the past 10 years, we've been known as Presagis. Our parent company, CAE is based out of Montreal and their main business is flight simulators.

As one of the longest and most likely one of the oldest employee, I have a lot of history with a lot of customers and have been very fortunate to have made many friends due to my longevity. I truly enjoy my job and feel blessed every morning when I roll out of bed, turn on my monitor and start working, all while still in my pajamas!!! Oh, if only the boss knew!!!

Now, one of my other passions is cycling. As I mentioned, we rode bikes all over town growing up and it's been a part of my life for quite some time. I've

completed the California Death Ride, AIDS LifeCycle, Ride the Rockies, Michigan West Shoreline, many multi-day camping/cycling trips in Montana, Michigan, Oregon, Colorado, Vermont, Wisconsin, and California. In fact, I've put together trips for friends and we have done most of the coast of California. My goal, and I am going to put it out there, is to ride across the US when I retire.

I am very fortunate that my partner, Andy Hill, enjoys the same activities. We both belong to a local bike club, Procrastinating Pedalers, and have served on the board in various capacities over the years. I still lead rides during the riding season, every week on Tuesday evenings. I have been leading these rides now for eight years. Again, they bring great camaraderie with people who share the same enthusiasm. And just a reminder, it is the law, you must give riders 3 feet clearance! Okay, off my soapbox.

If you see me cycling down the road, a simple honk will do. If I am changing a tire, please offer me a ride home!

When asked to attend my first SITM meeting with Liza Chapen, something resonated in me. Here was a group of women that have a mission to help other women in their community. Community is what shapes a person and that is why I chose to join. I am looking forward to getting more involved now that I've actually signed up for some committees. I'm not sure that crocheting is my thing. My first afghan looks like a rather large "A". But, I'm not sure if tearing it out or saving it to use as a cape on the Super Hero Pub Crawl might be a better use! I am sure I will find my niche somewhere!



Mary Beth, with partner Andy Hill, and her "crazy Lab Cosmo", pursuing another passion, skiing.

Annual Women’s Scholarship Luncheon Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

Six undergraduate and three graduate students were presented with a total of \$35,000 in scholarships on April 27 at SITM’s annual Women’s Scholarship luncheon.

Nearly 100 members, guests, scholarship recipients, the Sierra Nevada Region officers and several District Directors attended to honor this year’s women scholars.



Guest speaker Christine Fey.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was Christine Fey, who recently retired after 28 years with the City of Reno. She served as the Resource Development and Cultural Affairs Manager for the city. Christine was a 1986 recipient of an undergraduate scholarship from SITM. Citing her own

achievements in helping to shape the City of Reno over the years, she stressed the possibilities for the recipients to shape the world within their own professions after they graduate.

Following are this year’s recipients.



Nancy Gomes-Mary Gojack-Sue Camp Re-Entry Scholarship Recipients from left are: Lisa Perryman, Allison Smith, Shareena Mir, Danielle Lessard and Autumn Smith. (Missing was Melissa Wadsworth.)

The Nancy Gomes – Mary Gojack – Sue Camp Re-Entry Scholarships are presented to undergraduate women who have interrupted their education and now wish to return to finish or start their studies towards a degree. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 payable for multiple semesters.

Allison Smith
Autumn Smith
Danielle Lessard
Melissa Wadsworth
Lisa Perryman
Shareena Mir

Social Work – TMCC and UNR
Dental Hygiene – TMCC
Business – TMCC and UNR
Accounting – WNC and UNR
Engineering – UNR
Biochemistry – TMCC



Jack Simon Graduate Level Scholarships are from left: - Rhiannon Broersman, MacKenzie Butler and Esmeralda Salas.

The Jack Simon Memorial Scholarships are awarded to women pursuing a graduate level degree from a northern Nevada college or university.

Esmeralda Salas	Anthropology – UNR
MacKenzie Butler	Business – UNR
Rhiannon Broersma	Physician Assistant – UNR School of Medicine

Scholarship maximums have been increased for next year up to \$8,000 for undergraduate students and \$6,000 for graduate students.



Members of the Education-Women Committee responsible for the scholarship luncheon took a moment from their duties to pose, from left: Margie Hermanson, Co-Coordinator Pam Robinson, Carmela Cipollina, Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy, Marilyn Pearson and Marlys Pryor. Missing were Anna McArdle, Becky Moody, Millie Mitchell, Niki Champ, Jan Bogikes and Patty Mamola.

Soroptimists Speak Out on Empowering Women at CSW61



“Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work,” was the focus for the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61), held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, March 13-14, 2017. The

Commission is one of the largest annual gatherings of global leaders, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) (of which Soroptimist International is one), private sector actors, United Nations partners and activists from around the world focusing on the status of rights and empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.



SI President Yvonne Simpson attends a General Session at the United Nations in New York.

During the 12-day session, Soroptimist International presented a one-day session on March 15, “Opening the Door to Economic Empowerment for Women and Girls”, co-sponsored by Zonta International.

Each of the Soroptimist four Federations was represented with presentations on a variety of Soroptimist grassroots employment projects transforming communities through educating, empowering and enabling women and girls. Nisha Ghosh, a member of SI/Punè Metro East, SITM’s Friendship Link Club, represented the Great Britain and Ireland Federation, and spoke about the Sanitary Napkin Advocacy Program (SNAP). The program provides education to girls about hygiene, as well as self-help entrepreneurs to produce reusable sanitary towels as an employment opportunity for women.

Soroptimist International President Yvonne Simpson presented the 2015-2017 President’s Appeal, Educate to Lead: Nepal, providing women and girls in Nepal with the education they need to rebuild their lives following the 2015 earthquake. President Yvonne outlined the

three programs who already received funding through the program, including SITM’s own “Removing Barriers to Education in Thulipokhari, Nepal program.



Some of the presenters representing Soroptimist at CSW61 are from left are: Theresa Lyford, President of SI/South West Pacific; Sigrid Ann Garvie, Vice President of Advocacy for SI/Europe; Yvonne Simpson, SI President; and Nisha Ghosh, representing SI/Great Britain and Ireland.

SITM Member Patty Mamola Speaks at the United Nations

UNESCO and WomEng launch One Million Girls in STEM campaign

“The experience was surreal. A bit chaotic, thrilling, and filled with potential for real change”, was spoken enthusiastically by SITM’s own Patty Mamola, PE, about her experience speaking at the United Nations during the 61st annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61).

“After being asked to participate in the event I really had no idea what to expect. I was given no information other than it was a high-level opening session roundtable event,” Patty said. “So I prepared for a speech and prepared for roundtable comments. In the end, Leslie Collins with DiscoverE gave the official comments of our group. The real conversations happened in the hallways and at the lunch function.”



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and WomEng have together committed to reach one million girls through STEM education and awareness initiatives in at least 10 regions in the next 10 years.

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The campaign was launched on March 13, 2017, at an event during CSW61 at United Nations headquarters in New York, NY. The event, entitled "Women's Empowerment in the Engineering World," featured a roundtable of representatives from academia, industry, Non-Governmental Organizations and government.

"It was thrilling to have so many women packed into one room wanting to make a difference in empowering women in engineering in the world. There were over 120 roundtable attendees from all parts of the world packed into an over-capacity room--the energy was palpable," according to Patty.

Patty represented the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) at the roundtable event, which featured remarks from the UNESCO Director-General, the Executive Director of UN Women, representatives from Intel Corporation, the World Federation of Engineering Organizations, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and DiscoverE.

She said, "My focus in participating in the event was to promote the idea of empowering young women to overcome the obstacles they may encounter in pursuing STEM educations and STEM related careers. I made a number of great connections."



Patty Mamola, PE, center is joined by other panelists speaking on STEM education for girls.

WomEng, a non-profit, volunteer organization aims to attract, develop and nurture the next generation of women engineering leaders. They have partnered with UNESCO on the One Million Girls in STEM Campaign, which will be achieved through strategic global partnerships.

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

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Workers

Friday Night Set-Up
Pizza and Margaritas

Saturday Sales & Clean Up

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For Questions

May Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

As the 2016-2017 Club Year draws to a close, SITM's committees are busier than ever staging their scholarship and recognition programs, setting budgets, bylaws and matters for the coming year.

Fundraising Matters Current and Future

Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy reported that sales of raffle tickets at club and at SNR Conference for Jan Bogikes' beautiful donated quilt netted \$475 for the club's service fund. Thank you Jan for such a gracious donation. Thanks also to all of the members who sold tickets and bought tickets. The winning ticket was drawn Saturday night at conference and held by Kay Dunham.

50/50 Raffle Tickets now Available

The 50/50 raffle is on again for 2017 and tickets are now available for members to pick up to sell in packs of 15 or 21 tickets. See Co-Coordinators Barbara Atwell and Penney Leezy for tickets. The cash grand prize is 50% of the money raised prior to December 14, when the winning ticket will be drawn.

Book Sales to Benefit SITM Service Fund

Two published authors amongst SITM members have agreed to hold book sales and signings, with \$1 per book sold designated for the Service Fund. Patti Doty's new novel, "Finding Home" is the second in her Quinn DeMello series, a sequel to "Runaway". She will be signing her book at the June 15 meeting.



Moshay Akala has also agreed to a \$1 donation from her new book, "Extraordinary Lives: Stories of Triumph and Inspiration". A date has not yet been set for Moshay's book signing.

Air Races Calendar Sales Set for Next Year

Co-Coordinator Diana Dillon presented a proposed budget for this year's fundraising surrounding the Reno Air Races, including calendar sales by members. The committee will kick-off calendar sales at the July 28 meeting. SITM will continue to sponsor an artist at the Reno Air Races who shares a portion of his sales, as well as sells the popular "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars for us.

Second Reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

A proposed SITM Bylaw amendment brought by the Finance/Governance Committee for a second reading was approved by the membership. The first reading was made at the April Business Meeting. The amendment allows a current club officer, who has served two consecutive terms in office to "continue to serve until a successor is elected" in the event the Nominating Committee is having difficulty in finding a qualified and willing candidate to stand for any office.

Atlantis Contract Renewed and Approved

President Jennifer brought the yearly contract with the Atlantis Hotel Casino Resort Spa to the membership at the May Business Meeting. She reported no changes from the previous year, so SITM meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays at noon, for \$20 for a buffet luncheon.

April Happy Dollars Fund Northern Nevada Hopes

Some \$346.50 in April Happy Dollars were collected during April for Northern Nevada Hopes, a community health and wellness center in Reno. June Happy Dollars are designated for RenoCares Fund, a program of the Reno Municipal Courts to assist in paying for substance abuse and other counseling and treatment for misdemeanor offenders who cannot afford these services.

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



Members sang "Happy Birthday" to these members celebrating May birthdays and each received a sweet surprise of chocolate.. From left are Liza Chapen, Vivian Ruiz and Christy Clark.

Record SITM Attendance at Sierra Nevada Region Conference

Excerpted from the Delegate's Report by Bev Perkins

The 41st Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference was held April 28-30 at the Atlantis Hotel Casino Resort Spa in Reno. As many as 20 SITM members attended all or part of the conference workshops, events, programs and meals, as well as assisted with the quilt raffle.



Servings as Conference Marketplace Co-Coordinator was Penney Leezy with Annette Friedlander in front of her jewelry booth.

SNR Marketplace Co-Coordinators Barbara Atwell and Penney Leezy had been hard at work at



Conference Marketplace Co-Coordinator Barbara Atwell, right, helping a customer with her unique fabric creations.

Conference for several hours before members attended the first Friday afternoon workshop. For several



Greeting old friends is Jo Ann Roberts, right, with Norma Rash, a Past SITM President(2011-2012), now a member of SI/American River Club in Folsom, Calif.

years now Penney and Barbara have graciously volunteered to coordinate the clubs who are vendors selling items to members during conference. The workshop on Trafficking and Community Collaboration was presented by SNR Coordinator Joanne Tremelling and Kelly Ranasinghe, senior program attorney for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.



SITM's Delegates to Conference were Bev Perkins, Delegate; Jennifer Burnitt, President and Rikki Hensley-Ricker, President-Elect.

Additional Friday afternoon workshops were held showcasing the SNR Nominating Committee

candidates, and a delegate's briefing including protocol for voting on Saturday.

The conference was formally opened Friday evening by SNR Governor Vicki Watson and proceeded with a report on the Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation mission, "best for women and girls", and the signature programs of "Live Your Dream" and "Dream it, Be it" Club Awards were also presented.



Kay Dunham undertook the task of credentialing delegates at conference. She's shown here with Governor-Elect Lane Parks.

Saturday's business session began with a report from SIA Federation Director Kathy King presenting an update on SIA. Laurel Society and Laurel Legacy members were also recognized. SITM had the opportunity to present President Jennifer with a Laurel Society membership and pin on behalf of SITM. Member Carmela Cipollina decided to join the Laurel Society and was presented her Laurel pin that day.

Region Endowment Coordinator, SITM's own Margie Hermanson, reported on the nine clubs who received endowment grants for their projects during the past year.

The candidates to represent districts on the SNR Nominating Committee were presented and asked to speak before voting took place.



SITM members attend the Friday night dinner.

SITM's own Pam Robinson is the newly elected District 5 Nominating Committee representative. Kay

number of registrants.



First time attendees to a region conference were recognized on Saturday.. From left are: Patty Mamola, Carmela Cipollina, Annette Friedlander and Marlys Pryor.

Saturday afternoon featured a panel of five members under-the-age of 40 who had joined Soroptimist. They each answered a series of questions posed by Past SNR Governor Janice Labadie about why they joined and why they stayed. SITM's own Rikki Hensley-Ricker was a member of the panel (and the most articulate of the panel members). The afternoon also featured additional Club Awards for membership growth and member education.

Dunham played an integral part in the conference as the Registration Coordinator, making sure all of the voting delegates were checked into their correct districts.

Saturday evening began with the traditional "Parade of Presidents", Past Governors and current region

Delegates also voted to pass an amendment to SNR Fiscal Standing Rules adding a conference registration fee, not to exceed \$50 per member registered. Conference fees were previously accessed annually to each club, regardless of the



Joining the Under 40's" panel was President-Elect Rikki Hensley-Ricker, second from right.

officers. Headlining the evening was stand-up comedienne Sharon Lacey who cracked up the audience with stories from her years as a middle-school teacher; her travels to Iraq and Kuwait to perform for U.S. troops; her performances and project in Uganda to provide educational opportunities for girls; and the trials facing all women "of a certain age".



Carmela Cipollina also became a Laurel Society member. She shows off her conference badge with multiple "titles" in her life.

The traditional "Celebration of Life" opened the Sunday morning session, to memorialize those Soroptimists who had passed since last conference. The "Making Dreams Come True Brunch" spotlighted clubs' "Dream it, Be it" programs; presentation of the SNR Fellowship Grant to a woman doctoral candidate studying horticulture at UC Davis; "S" Club awards (for sponsored high school clubs); and reports from the region's Stop Trafficking Committee.

The "Live Your Dream" awards were presented to six women from clubs around the region. Five were presented \$3,000 scholarships. A \$5,000 scholarship, and a new laptop computer, was presented to Lisa

Perryman, SITM's Live Your Dream

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SITM's "Live Your Dream" recipient, center, was named the SNR LYD recipient and received a \$5,000 scholarship and new laptop. She is flanked by Education-Women Co-Coordinators Pam Robinson and Penney Leezy.

awardee. She is pursuing her dream of becoming a civil engineer. Lisa will now represent the region for a federation "Live Your Dream" award.



SNR Live Your Dream award recipient Lisa Perryman and 3-year-old son Jack. Thanks to Pam Robinson for playing "grandma" to Jack during the awards ceremony.

The keynote speaker was Shirlee Draper, the 2014 SIA "Live Your Dream" award winner and former member of the Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) religious sect in Utah. She provided an update on

her story of leaving the sect, her journey to complete bachelors and master's degrees, and her advocacy to assist people transitioning from fundamentalism.

Other highlights from the conference include:

During meals at conference, a table raffle was held for a chance to win a crisp \$100 bill. Patty Mamola was a winner during the Saturday lunch meeting. Margie Hermanson was the winner of the final table raffle, which netted her a \$1,000 Laurel Society donation made to her account, since she is already a Laurel Society member.



Enid Oliver prepares the wine prior to Saturday night's dinner.

Quilt Raffle Won by SITM Member

Ticket sales for a chance to win a beautifully hand-crafted quilt by Jan Bogikes were brisk among club members, leading up to SNR Conference. Total raised from sales at club and conference netted \$425. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and especially to Jan for her generous donation.



Selling tickets for SITM's quilt raffle were Ana Nadimi, top and Linda Lamke, bottom.



Kay Dunham is all smiles at conference after her winning ticket was drawn for the quilt raffle by Governor Vicki Watson at the Saturday night dinner at SNR Conference.



Some SITM Activities Happening During a Busy Springtime



Thank You for the Meeting Space

President Jennifer presented a “thank you” gift to Kelly Frerking, the General Manager of Staybridge Suites – Reno. The gift of a special water bottle emblazoned with, “Let The Adventure Begin” was thanks for allowing SITM to use their conference room for our monthly board meetings.

SI/Reno Donates to SITM’s Nepal Project

At the May 3 Scholarship Luncheon for SI/Reno, their President Suzanne Boroughf made a presentation to Jo Ann Roberts of \$1,000 for SITM’s project to “Remove Barriers for Girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal”. President Suzanne was given discretion on how to spend the money and she chose the Nepal project. SITM’s Jo Ann Roberts received the gift and spoke briefly about the project.



Help Me Help Her Presentation Focuses on Personal and Home Safety

On April 20, Committee Co-Coordinator Diana Dillon introduced guest speakers Vicki Kawelmacher, Founder & CEO, and Sue Foltz, Director of Development, from Help Me Help Her, a new Nevada-based nonprofit organization. Sue Foltz is Nikki Ewing’s neighbor and recently volunteered to help deliver afghans to the family shelter. The mission of Help Me Help Her is to educate, encourage and empower women through proactive personal safety and protection programs. The group’s vision is to provide nationwide and global resources for women through educational seminars and lectures focused on situational awareness, proactive personal safety programs and self-defense. Sue stated the theme of today’s program is “My Safety, My Choice” and that “Her” can be anyone, from young student to an elderly woman.



Honored Guests at the Women’s Scholarship Luncheon

SNR Governor Vicki Watson, left, and SIA Federation Director Kathy King were among many Soroptimist officers and guests attending SITM’s April 27 Women’s Scholarship luncheon. The annual luncheon is held the day prior to the opening of SNR Conference to allow region officers and directors to join in the celebration.



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- Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org
- Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
- Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



More memories captured at conference . . .





30th Annual Thanks to Youth Awards Luncheon

Honoring Young Heroes and Scholars in Our Community

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Seating at 11:30 am - Program Noon - 2:00 pm

\$30 per person/Sponsorships Available

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows
will recognize:

8 Outstanding Young Scholars
Receiving Scholarship Awards

8 Young "Unsung Heroes" Special Recognition
for Community Service and Other Activities

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Second Floor Convention Center
3800 S. Virginia Street— Reno, Nevada

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