



SITM Update

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- July 27 – “Ghosts” Calendar Sales Launch
- Aug. 3 – Dream It, Be It
- Aug. 10 – Dark for Hot August Nights
- Aug. 15 – Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bristlecone Family Resources
- Aug. 17 – Business Meeting
- Aug. 24 – VPs Technical & Service
- Aug. 24 – Wine Tasting, 6-8 p.m., the Lounge
- Aug. 31 – Education Youth

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.

Soroptimist Is:

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



New SITM Officers Installed for 2017-2018

It’s the beginning of a new club year, which means new officers (with some returning) and renewed support for new and recurring projects.

Donning their best running shoes, it was “Team Rikki” all the way at the June 29 installation of new officers, directors and delegates. Installing officer Kay Dunham introduced each elected officer with her new title and responsibility in President Rikki’s “Race to the Finish Line for Service”.

Each officer was presented with a

symbol of her office ranging from notebooks to mini-calculators, compasses and the all-important relay baton to demonstrate the importance of the “hand-off” and reliance on other officers and members to produce a winning team.

Kay presented each newly installed member with a “Team Rikki badge” and linked them together with the proverbial “finish line” that they all need to reach to win this year’s race.

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President Rikki Hensley-Ricker with President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato in running shorts.



SITM President Rikki Hensley-Ricker’s first board meeting was held on July 13 at the offices of Bristlecone Family Resources. Seated from left are: Parliamentarian Doris Phelps, President Rikki, President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, and Treasurer-General Fund Kay Dunham. Standing from left are: VP-Service Penney Leezy, Director Vivian Ruiz, Recording Secretary Patty Mamola, Alternate Delegate Moshay Akala, Treasurer-Service Fund Lynne Catrow, VP-Technical Dot Watts, Secretary Carol Dinneen and Delegate Valerie Hahn.

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Congratulations to SITM's 2017-2018 officers directors and delegates.

- President.....Rikki Hensley-Ricker
- President-Elect.....Jeanne Naccarato
- Vice President/Technical.....Dot Watts
- Vice President/Service.....Penney Leezy
- Recording Secretary.....Patty Mamola
- Corresponding Secretary.....Carol Dinneen
- Treasurer-General Fund.....Kay Dunham
- Treasurer-Service Fund..... Lynne Catrow
- Director, 2-years.....Jennifer Burnitt
- Director, 1-year.....Vivian Ruiz
- Delegate.....Valerie Hahn
- Alternate Delegate.....Moshay Akala
- Parliamentarian.....Doris Phelps

Photos by Chris Fegert



Recording Secretary Patty Mamola



Immediate Past President Jennifer Burnitt



President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato (in running shorts) with VP-Technical Dot Watts.

Installing Officer Kay Dunham



Pam Robinson with Parliamentarian Doris Phelps.



SITM's newly installed 2017-2018 officers, directors and delegates. From left, President Rikki Hensley-Ricker, President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, VP-Technical Dot Watts, VP-Service Penney Leezy, Recording Secretary Patty Mamola, Margie Hermanson standing in for Corresponding Secretary Carol Dinneen, Diana Dillon standing in for Treasurer-Service Fund Lynne Catrow, Vicki Schultz standing in for Treasurer-General Fund Kay Dunham, Director Jennifer Burnitt, Director Vivian Ruiz, Alternate Delegate Moshay Akala, Delegate Valerie Hahn, and Parliamentarian Doris Phelps.

Ceec Abrahams Award Presented to Vicki Schultz

Vicki Schultz is the 2016-2017 Ceec Abrahams Award recipient. The award was presented as a surprise to her at the June 22 Year in Review meeting. She joins 24 other current and former members who have received this award.

Membership Committee members Pam Robinson and Patty Downs gave some history about the award's namesake and Faye Andersen told some personal stories about Ceec Abrahams and lessons learned from her.

The nomination for Vicki described her as a "perennially-active member since joining, coordinating many of the

club's committees and taking an active role in others." Vicki served two consecutive terms as General Fund Treasurer and volunteered to serve a portion of an additional interim term this year.



Ceec Abrahams Award recipient Vicki Schultz with her silver bowl and flowers. The bowl is engraved with the names of past recipients and the year.

The nomination concluded: "She has done a lot of extra work to bring the fund into compliance with our bylaws and standard accounting

practices. Few in our club could have done that with such skill and finesse, but especially admirable is her willingness to take it on in the first place."

Each year the Membership Committee solicits nominations from members for this award that honors

an SITM member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in support for the club and its activities. It is named for a former member, Ceec Abrahams, a Charter Member and leading force in chartering SITM. Ceec was a tireless worker for Soroptimist, for women and children and an inspiration to all members. She passed in 1983.



Ceec Abrahams Award recipient Vicki Schultz with Pam Robinson and Patty Downs, who made the presentation and recalled some history of the award.

A Heartfelt Thank You from Vicki

Dear Soroptimisters:

My first response of shock and surprise immediately turned into feeling honored and humbled to be in the company of so many awesome SITM members to receive the Ceec Abrahams Award!

I will treasure the bowl for a year and promise to forward it on when next year rolls around.

Again, a big thank you to all of the members who enrich my life with friendship.

Sincerely,
Vicki Schultz

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Wine Tasting

Wine Tasting and Fundraiser
\$20 per person
(All proceeds support SITM)

August 24 from 6-8 p.m.

We will be raffling off 1 bottle of each wine during the event (total of 4 bottles) Must be present to win.

A full bar and various small bites will be available for purchase during the event.



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Suite 110, Reno

Limited seating –
must RSVP with
payment to
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Year in Review – The Funest Meeting of the Year

“It’s my favorite meeting of the year,” is the refrain often heard amongst members attending the annual Year in Review meeting each year. That’s because it is the annual review of the club’s activities in a Power Point slide show and a printed recap of projects supported and member-hours donated to the community.

Besides, it is so much fun to look back at the year and remember all of the fun and funny things that happened, while we were all busy working on our many projects.

Photo-Scrapbook Co-Coordinator Marilyn Pearson began the June 22 meeting with some opening remarks and then feigning that her slides and/or projector would not work. “It happens every year,” she explained. That was the opportunity for committee member Dot Watts to prompt all of the committee coordinators in the room to stand and report on their committee’s activities over the past year. She was just kidding.



Photo-Scrapbook Co-Coordinator Marilyn Pearson begins the Year in Review slide show of the year’s activities.



President Jennifer, left, accepts her President’s Scrapbook from Dot Watts and Bev Perkins.

As Marilyn launched her program, you could hear the giggles and side comments begin as members recognized themselves or their table mates in the multitude of photos taken of each event.

At the conclusion, members of the Photo-Scrapbook Committee presented President Jennifer Burnitt with a hefty scrapbook filled with photos and other materials to commemorate her term of office

The small contingent of committee members, including Dot Watts, Bev Perkins and Jan Bogikes, along with Co- Coordinators Marilyn Pearson and Patti Doty worked diligently throughout the year gathering photos and materials of projects, events and meetings to creatively display in the scrapbook.

A copy of the printed Year in Review recap in print is attached to this newsletter.

Save the Date

“Working as a Team”

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

District 5 Fall Meeting

Lunch cost \$21

Atlantis Hotel Casino Resort Spa



SITM is the host club for this meeting, so please save the date on your calendar and plan to spend about six hours with your fellow Soroptimists.

We will be conducting a diaper drive for the Women & Children’s Center of the Sierra, so plan to bring a package of diapers or two with you that day.

Watch for pending registration information and the tentative agenda.

Member Feature – Jo Ann Roberts**A Would Be School Teacher Turned Banker**

By Faye Andersen

Jo Ann Roberts was born the eldest of five siblings and grew up on a small ranch/farm in Sparks. Her father was a sheepherder, emigrating from Basque country to Nevada, before settling in Sparks, where he continued his heritage of raising sheep and then dairy cows.

She says it was a humble beginning, during a difficult time in our country's history.

Jo Ann excelled in school, graduating from Sparks High School with a \$4,000 Smith Scholarship (named for Harold Smith of Harold's Club). It was a "king's ransom" in the 1950s and would cover four years tuition to the University of Nevada. She was the first and only member of her immediate family to go to college or graduate from college.

It's one of the reasons Jo Ann attributes her affection for SITM's scholarship programs. "It's important to help women better themselves by paying for their education. Without that scholarship I would never have been able to go to college," she said.

As a new graduate with a degree in secondary education, Jo Ann was ready to tackle classroom teaching. Unfortunately, there were no teaching jobs open at the time. "I figured a teaching position would eventually open, so I went to work for First National Bank while I waited," she said. She started at the bottom as a clerk/typist. It was the inauspicious beginning to a 35-plus year career in banking.

Jo Ann married O.B. Roberts in 1962 and became an "instant mom" to his pre-teenaged son and daughter. A year later Jo Ann gave birth to her daughter Dee Ann. She fondly recalls the many camping trips the family took in the mountains.

With good friends Tom and Dee Healy, the two couples began building a cabin at Eagle Lake, California. It was a multi-year project as the couples built as they could afford materials, until they had their own little paradise in

the woods.

Tragedy struck in 1978, when O.B. was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and died three months later. Jo Ann then became a single mom to teen-aged DeeAnn

All the while Jo Ann worked her way up at the bank to become the first female branch manager in northern

Nevada, taking on a tough branch in Sun Valley. "We would have meetings of branch officers," she recalled. "And there would be 100 guys and me." But she's quick to point out, "I never had any problems with my peers."

Her branch experience was supplemented a couple of times with work assignments in administration and Human Resources. Then it was back to branch manager at the California and Arlington Branch, a job she called, "a pleasure to work there."

Recognizing her well-rounded experience and talents, Jo Ann was promoted to senior vice president of Human Resources for what had become First Interstate Bank, as the highest ranking female at the bank at the time. As the bank was transitioning to become Wells Fargo, Jo Ann retired in 1983, 35-years and four months after her inauspicious beginnings at the bank.

Through the years Jo Ann engaged in many volunteer and appointed community positions, serving on the State Board for March of Dimes, the City of Reno Task Force on Affordable Housing and the Nevada Self-Employment Trust, developing the state's first micro-lending fund. The City of Sparks appointed her for an eight-year term on the city's Civil Service Commission.

Jo Ann joined SITM as a charter member in 1978 and remains the only active charter member of the club. Her Soroptimist affiliation actually began back in 1958 as a member of the Venture Club, an organization of young



Jo Ann Roberts, seated with daughter Dee Ann and surrounded by grandchildren Daniel, Travis and Madison.

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women under the umbrella of Soroptimist. She served as SITM's President from 1983-84. She went on to become Sierra Nevada Region Treasurer for two terms, Governor-Elect and Governor from 1990-1992. She remains active at the region-level serving as SNR Archivist.

As part of her official duties as a Soroptimist officer, and on her own, Jo Ann has attended a dozen Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation conventions or meetings, including visits to Nottingham, England and Kyoto, Japan.

"What an opportunity I've had because of Soroptimist," Jo Ann says. "The people I've met and the experiences I've had are like no other."

She said, "The service we provide in our communities is the rent we pay for our place on earth."

For the past 21 years, Jo Ann's focus has been on grandchildren, including Travis, now 23 and a student at the University of Nevada, and twins Daniel and Madison, aged 13 and in the eighth grade. Grandma Jo Ann's pick-up and delivery service, after-school snack duty, and helping daughter DeeAnn occupy much of her time these days. But she's still an active Soroptimist volunteer on committees, advising others when asked, even cashiering at the garage sales. It's been a lifetime of community service.



Members surprised Jo Ann with an impromptu birthday celebration on Sunday, July 9 at the Soroptimist Development Retreat.

What is happening with our neighboring Soroptimist Clubs

Meet SI/Reno's 2017-2018 Officers

Soroptimist International of Reno installed new officers on June 20 during a breakfast meeting at Mimi's. District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco acted as Installing Officer.

President Anne Tavernia-Betts' theme for the year is: "We are all Wonder Women Making Awesome Happen".



Director Sarah Carrasco, left with SI/Reno officers wearing their Wonder Women Capes are: President Anne Tavernia-Betts; Vice President Suzanne Boroughf; Secretary Carol Driscoll; Treasurer Pam Sloan; and Director Glenda Allen.

SI/Washoe County's Dinner Meeting



SITM President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, right, with SI/ Washoe County President Lesli Brisson following their July dinner meeting. The speaker, Dr. Erin, presented "Three Steps to Get on Mission", which Jeanne described as, "an informative evening with a group of high energy ladies."

Delegates Report for Soroptimist Development Retreat 2017

By Rikki Hensley-Ricker, President • Photos by Jeanne Naccarato & Kay Dunham

The Soroptimist Development Retreat was held on July 8-9, at the Atlantis Hotel Resort and Spa. In attendance from SITM were District Director Sarah, President Rikki, President Elect Jeanne, Vice President-Service Penney, General Fund Treasurer Kay, Margie, Barbara, Carmella, and Jo Ann. There were many sessions on various aspects of Soroptimist leadership, and between the eight members we were able to attend all of them.

We learned about proper protocols for treasurers, parliamentary procedure for any member leading and participating in Soroptimist meetings. There were workshops on what we as individuals and as a group do to make being a Soroptimist great; and then how to market our clubs to others so they learn and know we are great.



District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco and President Rikki Hensley-Ricker.

The lunch presentation on Saturday was

“Dress a Girl”, a program that has many facets in our country and internationally. Sierra Nevada Region Governor Vicki Watson wants 100% club participation from the region’s clubs. (See page 8 for more information on the “Dress a Girl” program.)

We watched a movie after dinner Saturday night called “MISSrepresentation” about the inequality of women represented by the media - movies, news, commercials, politics, etc. A very interesting movie, if you have an opportunity to watch it.

Sunday morning there was a workshop on the SIA conference in Japan, summer of 2018, for anyone interested in attending. And a workshop on creating

(drawing) the ideal Soroptimist member, which was a fun activity; the creativity from each group was great to see. There was also a session on grant writing to further some of our funding sources.

The speaker at Sunday lunch was the program director from AWAKEN. The presentation gave more



Jo Ann Roberts and Kay Dunham.



Some of the SITM members attending SDR, from left: Barbara Atwell, Penney Leezy, Kay Dunham, Carmela Cipollina and Margie Hermanson.



Thirty-six members from the nine clubs in District 5 were represented at the Soroptimist Development Retreat.

information about their program than I think most in the audience were aware of. Each District had an opportunity to take group photos. There were 36 members from District 5 Clubs in attendance and then Soroptimist Development Retreat was called to a close.

The Calendars are Arriving July 27

Pick up your 2017 "Ghosts" airplane calendars for sale at the July 27 regular meeting. Due to increased shipping costs, the new calendar price will be \$17. Club members are asked to sell five calendars, with money turned in or calendars returned by September 1 (so they can be sold at the races). Artist Dan Whitkoff plans to continue to sell calendars on our behalf at the National Championship Air Races at Stead from September 12-17.

Calendar sales support SITM's numerous service projects throughout the year.



The Sierra Nevada Region Announces New International Project

Sierra Nevada Region Governor Vicki Watson announced the adoption of a new region project and she's seeking 100% participation from the region's clubs.

At the Soroptimist Development Retreat, July 8-9 Governor Vicki unveiled "Dress a Girl Around the World", an existing endeavor by Hope 4 Women International, asking each club to participate by sewing dresses, donating fabric and materials, or donating money for others to sew the dresses.



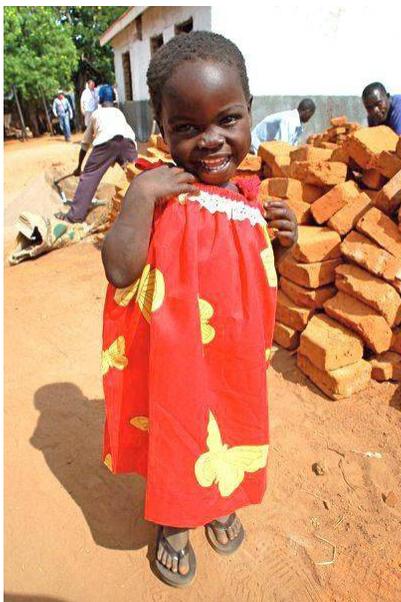
The "Dress a Girl Around the World" project was launched in 2009 by the Hope 4 Women International's

tailoring project in Uganda. It has spread to sewers in the U.S. and a dozen other countries, all sewing simple patterned dress for girls around the world, including the United States.

Sewing handbooks, instructions, patterns, sizing charts and some important "do's and don'ts" can be found on the organization's website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.org.

The simple-pattern dresses can be made from patterned fabric, but no cartoon characters or figures. Each dress is to contain a pocket where a "Dress a Girl" patch is affixed.** And an accompanying pair of girls panties should be included in the pocket to be donated with the dress.

**Some studies reveal that girls wearing logoed attire, signifying they are part of an organized group are less likely to be kidnapped or abducted by human trafficking rings.



"Because every girl deserves at least one dress."



Advance Strategic Planning Reviewed at the July 13 Meeting

The first meeting of the new club year was devoted to re-visiting SITM's Advance Strategic Planning effort undertaken in the 2014-15 year, with implementation beginning in 2015-16. (It is "Advance" Strategic Planning, because we do not "Retreat".)

Doris Phelps, who played an integral role in leading and recording the proceedings and discussion during the development of the plan, presented a brief recap of those actions. These included details of the club meetings and discussion, member surveys, committee discussions about their roles and functions and recommendations and findings from those efforts.

Following the recap, members at the meeting were asked to discuss "Table

Topics" to see if there had been any change in their perceptions and passions for the issues previously identified as important to members. Table spokeswomen reporting at the end of the exercise, expressed an interest in several similar topics as last time, including trafficking, youth "aging out" of the system, drug and alcohol abuse and hunger. A couple of newer issues surfaced including life skills and financial literacy for women and nursing home assistance for women.

If you missed picking up copies of the Advance Strategic Plan history, completed member survey, strategic issues or table topics at the July 13 meeting, please contact Doris Phelps for copies.



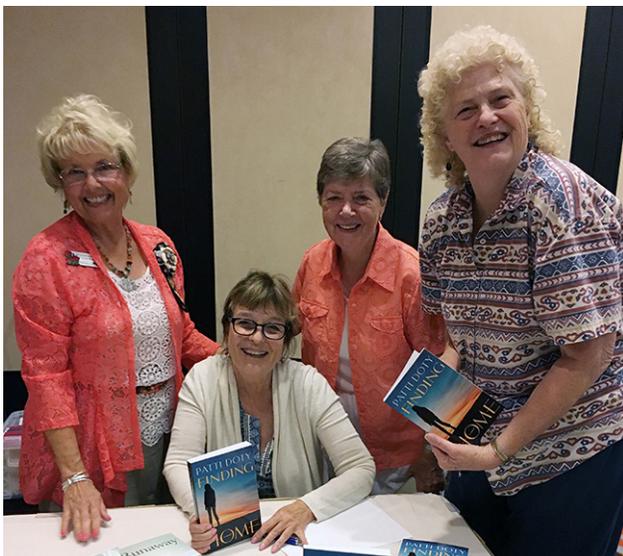
Doris Phelps led club members on a review of SITM's Advance Strategic Plan at the July 13 meeting.

Happy Dollars Designated for 2017-2018

At the July Board and Business Meetings, the Board recommended and the membership approved monthly Happy Dollar designations for the 2017-2018 Club Year. The following non-profit organizations are the future recipients.

- July - Northern Nevada HOPES
- August - Care Chest of Sierra Nevada
- September - Food Bank's Kids' Backpacks
- October - Disability Resources & New2u Computers
- November - Women & Children's Center of the Sierra
- December - SI President's Appeal

- January - Urban Lotus Project
- February - Sierra Stitchers
- March - SITM's IGU Committee
- April - Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada
- May - Because I Can
- June - President's Choice - Bristlecone Family Resources
- July - Adoption Choices of Northern Nevada



Author Patti Doty, seated, signed her new book, "Finding Home", the sequel to "Runaway". "Finding Home" is the second book in the Quinn DeMello series authored by Patti. She graciously donated \$1 per book sold to the SITM's Service Fund. Standing around Patti, from left are Penney Leezy, Dot Watts and Bev Perkins.



Author Moshay Akala, signed copies of her new book, "Extraordinary Lives - Just How You Are" at a July meeting and provided each purchaser with an aromatic lotion. She graciously donated \$1 per book sold to SITM's Service Fund.

July Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen



Welcome to new member Eve Johnson, sponsored by Penney Leezy. Inducted at the July Business Meeting, Eve is retired after 20 years with Renown (formerly Washoe Med) as the supervisor for the Cardiovascular Lab & EKG. She is currently

working in direct sales as a stylist for Ruby Ribbon. Her granddaughter is a past recipient of the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award for her work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Membership Committee member and Past President Margie Hermanson performed the induction. We're happy you have joined us Eve.

First Board Meeting of 2017-18

President Rikki Hensley-Ricker conducted her first SITM Board meeting on July 18. The meeting was held at her office at Bristlecone Family Resources, 704 Mill Street, at the corner of Mill Street and Wells Avenue. All members are welcome to attend the monthly Board Meetings. They begin at 5:30 p.m. on the Tuesday following the first Thursday every month.

New Fundraising Wine Tasting at the Lounge

The Board recommended and the membership approved the Fundraising Committee planning an evening wine tasting and raffle on August 24 at the Lounge in southwest Reno. Cost is \$20 and seating is limited. You must RSVP to Jennifer Burnitt. See page 3 for more information.

Sell Those 50/50 Raffle Tickets

If you haven't already picked them up, your 50/50 raffle tickets are waiting for you. Fundrai\$ing Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy and Barbara Atwell have packs of 15 or 21 tickets for you to pick up at any Thursday meeting. The cash grand prize is 50% of the money raised prior to December 14, when the winning ticket will be drawn.

Happy Dollars Set for 2017-18

The Board recommended and the membership approved the list of Happy Dollars for the 12 months of the 2017-18 Club Year. The year's list, month-by-month, can be found on page 9.

Happy Dollars for the month of July are designated for Northern Nevada Hopes. Happy Dollars in June netted

\$441.92 for Immediate Past President Jennifer's choice of Project 150, a non-profit dedicated to helping homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students at Damonte, Hug, Reno, Sparks, North Valleys and Wooster High Schools.

Special Committee to Work on Organizational Assessment

At the June Board and Business Meetings, members approved the recommendation from Immediate Past President Jennifer Burnitt to form a special committee to review the club's committees and board positions. The issue was raised again at the July Board and Business Meeting seeking members to volunteer for the committee.

So far, volunteers include IPP Jennifer Burnitt, Vicki Schultz, Pam Sutton, Connie Steinheimer, Diana Dillon, Valerie Hahn and Doris Phelps. If you are interested in joining this ad hoc committee effort, let President Rikki Hensley-Ricker know.

Soroptimist Delegate Retreat (SDR) Delegate's Report

Nine SITM members attended the Soroptimist Development Retreat, July 8-9 at the Atlantis. A recap of the workshops, speakers and programs can be found on page 7.

District 5 Fall Meeting Preparations

SITM will be the host club for our District's Fall Meeting on Saturday, September 16. A small group of members are working on preparations now. The meeting is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch costing \$21. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Membership Changes

Lynn Robins' leave of absence pending knee surgery was extended by the Board through August.



Members celebrating their birthdays in July were recognized at the July Business Meeting. From left are Eve Johnson, Chris Fegert, Jo Ann Roberts, Jan Bogikes and Diana Dillon. Happy Birthday Ladies.



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



Did you know . . .

Meet the Newly-Elected SIA President-Elect

Congratulations to Elizabeth Di Geronimo Annicchiarico who has been elected as the 2017-2018 SIA President-elect. She will assume that office on September 1, 2017 and will assume the office of SIA President on September 1, 2018, and serve in that position through August 31, 2019.

Elizabeth is from SI/Miranda in Caracas, Venezuela in the America Del Sur Region. She served as the Charter President of SI/Miranda, 2001-2004; Region Governor of America del Sur, 2010-2012; SIA Director, 2015-2017; as well as serving as delegate to SI Conventions and the United Nations Conventions on the Status of Women.

She holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the Universidad Metropolitana, specialization in Structural Engineering. She is a member of numerous boards of directors for hotels, shopping and medical centers and a construction investment company in Venezuela. She has also held member in other organizations including Women Leaders Foundation, Latina Women’s Rights and the Venezuelan’s social center.



Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

2016-2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

\$83,458 Donated to the community and Soroptimist projects
2,563 Volunteer hours raising funds and supporting community projects

CONTRIBUTIONS to COMMUNITY

\$37,450 in Women's Scholarships

6 Nancy Gomes/Mary Gojack/Sue Camp Re-Entry Women's Scholarships; 3 Jack Simon Graduate Women's Scholarships; 1 special scholarship; 1 Live Your Dream Scholarship.

\$17,300 in Youth Scholarships & Awards

Scholarships for 8 High School Graduates; 10 "Unsung Heroes" stipend shopping sprees and awards.

\$3,000 Making a Difference for Women

All-day skills training seminar for 43 unemployed or under-employed women, plus 16 local program managers.

\$2,334 SI & SIA & SNR Donations

Soroptimist International President's Appeal, Educate to Lead: Nepal; Soroptimist International of the Americas Laurel Society; SIA Club Campaign; SIA Federation; Founder's Pennies; Sierra Nevada Region Endowment; SNR Fellowship; SNR "S" Clubs.

\$6,170 Club, Committees, Members, Miscellaneous and In-Kind Donations

135 hand-crocheted afghan's for Volunteers of America Reno Women's shelter; 110 hand-beaded bracelets for Renown oncology infusion center patients and Making a Difference for Women clients; three Soroptimist Ruby Awards: For Women Helping Women recipients; member toiletries drive for the Youth Empowerment Program and Northern Nevada Hopes; 75 Christmas gifts for 40 disadvantaged Hunter Lake Elementary School children and their families; Make a Wish; Help Me Help Her; Between Horses and Humans.

\$13,500 Education Project for Girls in Nepal and the Village of Thulipokari

Dormitory housing and tuition scholarships for girls to attend school; micro-lending to help villagers obtain animals, animal upkeep, enclosures and shelters, and collective group herds of animals; plus enhanced vegetable gardening through the Vital Seeds program.

\$3,704 in Member Monthly Happy Dollars

Eddy House; Bristlecone Family Resources; Disability Resources and New 2U Computers; Noah's Animal House; Soroptimist International President's Appeal; Sierra Stitchers; Women and Children's Center of the Sierra; Go Care (Nicaragua); Northern Nevada Hopes; Reno Cares Municipal Courts; Project 150; Volunteers of America.

Source of Funds

\$36,700 Women's Scholarships & Grants
\$15,481 Thanks to Youth
\$4,276 Airplane Calendars, Art & Associated Sales
\$3,704 Member Happy Dollars
\$5,370 Club, Committees, Members, Miscellaneous & In-Kind Donations
\$13,500 Nepal Girls' Scholarships, micro lending & other donations
\$ 7,125 Semi Annual Garage Sales

Grand Total \$86,156

SITM Meets Thursdays at noon at the
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Tuesday noon for reservations