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- Sept. 21 – Len Stevens, President of Junior Achievement
- Sept. 28 – Membership Committee
- Oct. 5 – Health Committee
- Oct. 10 – Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bristlecone Family Resources
- Oct. 12 – Business Meeting
- October 19 – Public Awareness
- October 26 – Halloween Social, wear a costume

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.



Happy Mid-September

As the days are getting shorter and a little cooler, we as a club are just as busy and gearing up for another exciting calendar of events and programs brought to you by SITM.

It’s very exciting to be a part of new programs, like Dress A Girl and Dream It, Be It, new funding sources like raffles and United Way, and even more new members. We are not only growing in members but growing our reach of women and girls.

We are expanding our programs and services to reflect the need in our community and our world, and I for one am thankful that I am a part of an organization that has the capacity and the ability to expand in the areas of service and the regions that we are needed. I am looking forward to our growth and development. This will be a great year for our club.



President Rikki Hensley-Ricker poses with SITM’s award certificates presented at the District 5 Fall Meeting by Governor-Elect Lane Parks and District Director Sarah Carrasco.

The “race” we are in this year will “finish” with a great amount of services that our club will have provided to our community and beyond.

See you at the finish line,

President Rikki



During an induction ceremony at the September Business Meeting, Amanda Strong, left, a transfer member from SI/Reno was welcomed to SITM. New member Linda Walker, center, is the newest member of SITM. She was sponsored by Harmony Hobbs.

Learn About Junior Achievement at September 21 Meeting

The Education-Youth Committee is sponsoring special speaker Len Stevens, President of Junior Achievement at the September 21 meeting. Make it a point to attend and bring a guest.



The purpose of Junior Achievement is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

Time to Get Scary October 26

SITM members, it's your chance to be scary, or maybe funny. How about naughty or nice? Start planning now for the October 26 meeting, when the Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Halloween costume contest during lunch. Prizes will be awarded for the top three costumes.



Heads Up Past Presidents for November 16 Meeting

Calling all Past SITM Presidents ... Search those drawers and bookcases and dust off your President's Scrapbook from your year leading the club. The Hospitality Committee is working on the November 16 club meeting and your scrapbook could be an integral part of the program. Stand by for more information.

Got a question? Ask SARA

Do you need legal advice?
Do you worry about aging parents?
Do you have questions about your future financial security?

Ask SARA.

Those were the questions ask by our August 31 speaker, Barbara Cook, R.N., presented by Health Committee Co-Coordinator Chris Fegert. Barbara is a nursing professional, an educator and a case manager at Manor Care.

SARA stands for Solutions and Resources Associates, a non-profit collaborative of specialized healthcare and life services professionals. Their services are free. Barbara is a founder of SARA.

The organization was brought to life by a team of healthcare and life services professionals who saw the need for a single information and resource destination service to assist families and individuals meet the complex challenges of life transitions. SARA provides rapid access to "the best of the best" services when faced with life changing events.

For more information or to contact SARA visit askSARA.org or call 775-742-3288.

Damsel in Defense

Learn how to defend yourself and your family with Damsel in Defense

Jessica Coggins will be hosting a free Damsel in Defense seminar

October 13, 2017
from 6-8 p.m.

at Jennifer Burnitt's home
10396 Cavalry Circle
Reno

Refreshments and small bites will be available

During the seminar, Jessica will discuss personal safety techniques unique to women, and will demonstrate the use of various personal safety products that she will have on hand for sale to interested buyers. Jessica is generously donating 100% of her commission from any sales to SITM's Service Fund.



Women in the Military**Yes, Girls CAN Do That; and She Did**

“Girls can’t do that!”

For women of a certain age (and some younger women even today) it’s a familiar refrain heard growing up. Some believe it. Some don’t. Some set out to prove it wrong.

One such woman is Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Sharlee W. “Charley” Smith.

At the August 24 meeting, Charley captivated SITM members with a little known history of women in the military, their unequal pay and treatment, especially regarding the lack of Veterans’ services available to women.

Her presentation was almost as interesting as her own personal history and how she came about a distinguished military career of 24+ years. Her ascension from an enlisted Army Private First Class to a decorated officer, along with achievements within and outside military service, completely fills a single-spaced page.

However, it didn’t start out that way. Charley grew up hearing that familiar refrain from her father. As a youngster, she idolized President John F. Kennedy, but was told, “You’re a girl; you can’t do that.” He told her women could not be politicians or serve in the military. She believed him.

Charley married at 16. By the time she was 17, she was a mother. A decade later, something happened to change her long-engrained beliefs. A friend introduced her to a young man who told her, “You’re pretty smart. You should go to college.” She didn’t believe him at first because, “Girls can’t do that.” She had never considered college. But he persisted and even went to the local college and brought her the information she needed to pursue a higher education.

Calling herself a “late bloomer”, Charley was 27 years old when she enrolled in college. Times were tough. She recalled receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from a Soroptimist Club while in school. With gratitude, she said, “That’s what fed us the entire winter while I was in school.” In gratitude, Charley has pledged \$1,000 to SITM’s scholarship funds.

As part of her college experience, Charley took a test to help determine a potential career path. It revealed that she would make an excellent military officer. Almost

immediately she enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Between 1981 and 2006, she served four years in the U.S. Army Reserves, three-plus years in the U.S. Army as an officer; and more than 17 years in the Nevada Army National Guard as a traditional Guard member at first, but mostly as a full-time member.

Along the way, Charley earned Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees, and completed the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. All things her Father probably believed “girls couldn’t do”.

During her service, her passion for helping Veterans, both men and women, grew. She took a special interest in how unequal, even unavailable, benefits and entitlements for women were, especially through the Veteran’s Administration system regarding healthcare for women.

Since retiring, Charley’s passion has exploded into a near full-time commitment to leading and serving with MANY local, state and national Veteran organizations.

Of particular note in her presentation was the number of women serving in the military during World War II who were not granted Veteran status, despite serving alongside men in many cases. It wasn’t until the 1970s that these women were recognized for their contributions and granted Veteran status for their time in service.



*Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
Sharlee W. “Charley” Smith.*

Another issue is the lack of medical services for women provided by the VA Hospitals. Designed to serve male Veterans, until recently the hospitals were limited to general medical care and not specific women’s healthcare. Of the 270 VA Hospitals, the Reno VA was one of the first five to provide OB/GYN services. The doctor to provide those services was SITM’s own Dr. Carmella Cipollina. Charley has worked with the local VA to provide contract services for women’s health issues.

She says, “In the last five years the VA system has really turned around regarding treatment for women Veterans. Many VA hospitals still don’t have female-specific equipment to perform tests like mammograms, but at least they have contractors outside to refer women Veterans.”

When Charley and her husband Russ Wyant are not serving Veterans, they are pursuing another passion, ballroom dancing. Charley is President of Ballroom Dance Reno, LLC and a dance instructor. Perhaps that is something her father would say, “girls can do”. Ha!

A History of Women in the Military

Women have served in the military in this country since the American Revolution. Predictably, for many years, women took on roles on the battlefield as nurses, water bearers, cooks, laundresses and even saboteurs. A few even posed as men, their identity only being discovered if they were injured or killed in battle.

A milestone occurred in the Spanish-American War in 1898 when the U.S. Army appointed about 1,500 nurses as civilian contractors to serve both stateside and overseas. Their patient care and preventive medicine made a lasting impression, advancing their future roles in military medical services.

In 1901 Congress created the Army Nurse Corps military medical services. However, nurses did not possess military rank, did not receive equal pay as men and did not receive retirement or Veterans' benefits. The Navy Nurse Corps was established in 1908.

During World War I (1914-1918) the Department of Navy employed enlisted women as Yeoman and Women Marines, performing clerical and other essential positions to free men to fight. Some 21,000 nurses served in the Army at the time, both in the U.S. and overseas.

Following World War I, the enlisted women were demobilized and nurses were reduced to pre-war strength. The Army Nurse Corps in 1920 was awarded "relative rank" (second lieutenant through major), but were not given full rights and privileges, such as equal base pay as that of male officers.

With the outbreak of World War II, women were again needed for military service. Congress established the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942. It was not a part of the Army, but was run by the Army. Issues due to the inequities in pay and entitlements and its "auxiliary" status prompted Congress the following year to establish the Women's Army Corps (WAC), with full military status.

Also in 1942, the Navy Women's Reserve was established and identified as WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, and the Navy Nurse Corps were also established.

The Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), and their predecessor organizations, were established to deliver new aircraft from factories to embarkation ports and other stateside locations. The WASPs were never militarized and were disbanded in 1944.

During this period more than 400,000 American military women served at home and overseas doing any and all jobs that did not involve direct combat. After World War II, the "Reconversion Period" began and women were forced out of the workplace in both civilian and military sectors. The percentage of women in male-dominated jobs decreased to pre-war levels.

During the Korean War (1950-1953), women nurses who joined the reserves after World War II were called to active duty again. Many of the women serving in the Korean War were nurses, and nurses were the only women allowed in combat zones.



The Women in Military Service for America Memorial is seen at night. It is located at the entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. and was dedicated in 1997.

An important milestone occurred in 1973 with the end of military conscription of American men and the All-Volunteer Force began. With women gaining more equality and societal rights, and a shortage of men willing to serve, more

women joined the military for increased opportunities. In the 1970s women were allowed entrance into military academies, the WASPs who served in World War II were granted military Veteran status, and the Coast Guard opened all assignments to women.

The 1991 Persian Gulf War saw the largest deployment of women in the history of the Armed Forces, as 41,000 women were sent to Kuwait. Also in the 1990s, existing prohibitions to women flying combat aircraft was repealed, as well as the repeal of prohibitions of women serving on combatant ships.

The military campaign in Afghanistan began in 2001, followed by the campaign in Iraq in 2003. Since the start of these operations, some 200,000 women have been deployed to these regions.

Do you sew? If not, you can still help support “Dress a Girl”

At the Soroptimist Development Retreat in July, SNR Governor Vicki Watson announced an international project and partnership with, “Dress a Girl Around the World”. The project is an existing endeavor by Hope 4 Women International and Governor Vicki is asking each club to participate by sewing dresses, donating fabric and materials, or donating money for others to sew the dresses.

VP/Service Penney Leezy took the project to heart and enlisted her sewing family (sister Linda and husband George) and friends to sew the dresses. The IGU Committee has now taken on the project with Penney still championing the cause. District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco is the liaison to take the dresses to the ambassadors in northern California for distribution around the world.



For interested members willing to do the sewing, Penney has sewing instructions available each Thursday at the Fundraising Table at the back of the room. Sewing handbooks, instructions, patterns, sizing charts and some important “do’s and don’ts” can also be found on the organization’s website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.org.



Penney Leezy's sister, Linda Webber, sits among some of the dresses she has sewn.

For interested members who do not sew, but still wish to help, you can donate money to purchase fabric and materials. Donations can be made to Penney or Service Fund Treasurer Lynne Catrow.

A special “Dress a Girl” patch is to be added to each 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.



Dress a Girl Around the World

Imagine a world where every girl owned at least one dress

Want to Help?

Members and friends have three ways to help with this project.

Volunteer to sew the dresses.

Depending upon your sewing expertise, each dress takes 2-4 hours to complete.

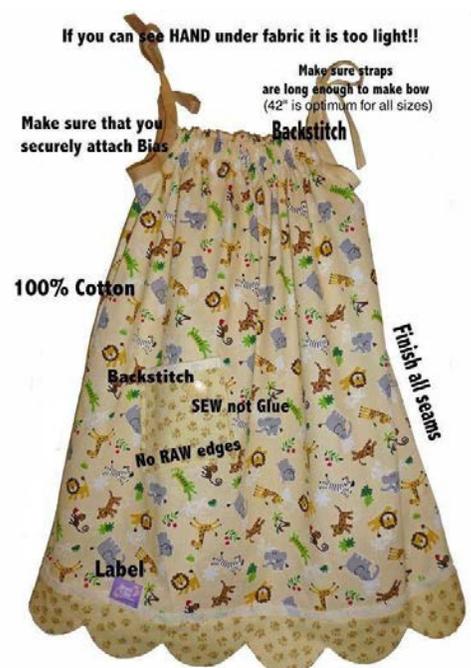
Donate fabric and materials

A single yard of material, depending upon dimensions, with accessories are needed for one dress.

Donate money toward fabric and accessories for the dresses

For just \$5-\$10 per dress (depending on girls’ sizes of 4 to 12), you can help “Dress a Girl”. Add an extra \$1 per dress and an appropriate sized girl’s panty will be included in the pocket.

See Penney Leezy with you donation of money or materials.



SITM Hosted the District 5 Fall Meeting

By Faye I. Andersen

Lead by our own President Rikki Hensley-Ricker, 19 SITM members turned out Saturday, September 16 for the District 5 Fall Meeting, held at



Handling registration duties, at left were: Jo Ann Roberts and Kay Dunham; while checking in were Margie Hermanson and Pam Robinson.

the Atlantis in Reno. SITM was acting as the host club for this meeting.

First Time Attendees Recognized

SITM's own District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco presided over the meeting. Following the morning's



Jeanne Naccarato recognized "First Time Attendees to a District Meeting, including SITM's own Piper Mullen and Linda Walker.

protocol, SITM member Jeanne Naccarato welcomed seven First Time Attendees with a poem written especially for them titled, "It Was My

First Time". Each member attending a District Meeting for the first time was presented with a bookmark imprinted with the poem. SITM had two "first-timers" attending -- Piper Mullen and Linda Walker.

Report of SIA and SNR Activities

Governor-Elect Lane Parks covered a myriad of topics that spanned information from our federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, to our region, Sierra Nevada Region. She attended



Margie Hermanson presents Patty Mamola with one of the door prizes, a Soroptimist license plate frame.

her first SIA Governor's Roundtable in Toronto, joining governors

representing the other 27 regions in our federation. Governor-Elect Lane reported that a survey of regions showed that Sierra Nevada Region is very healthy.

SITM was presented with certificates for participating in the 2016-17 club year in

SIA's Live Your Dream program, the Club Giving program and donating to Founder's Pennies.



Penney Leezy holds one of the raffle prizes from SITM.

In packets distributed to members attending, Governor-Elect Lane had included multiple hand-outs covering SIA's "Dream Programs", Live Your Dream and Dream It, Be It, Career Support for Girls; directions for use of the SIA logo; SNR's "Dress a Girl Around the World" project; the SIA Member and Club Campaign; and much more information.

Dress a Girl Project Highlighted

Governor-Elect Lane and Director Sarah spoke about the "Dress a Girl Around the World" program adopted by Governor Vicki Watson as her international project for the biennium. SITM's VP/Service Penney Leezy brought samples that her husband George, sister Linda and SITM



Paula Ringkob and Patti Doty pitched in to sell Soroptimist pins and jewelry for the region.

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members have sewn for the project.

SITM's own Pam Robinson, a District 5 Representative for the SNR Nominating Committee spoke about the upcoming election of region officers and directors and encouraged members to stand for nomination to those offices for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Good Attendance from District 5 Clubs

Kay Dunham, handling the meeting treasury, and registration duties with Jo Ann Roberts, gave the Credentials Report. Including guests, there were 47 attendees.

Governor-Lane Parks will be installed as Governor for the 2018-2020



Vivian Ruiz won this back-breaking basket from SI/Washoe County.

biennium and she is looking for volunteers to serve as coordinators and members on various region committees. Interested members should contact her. She also asked members for leads to garner corporate sponsorships for the 2018 SNR Conference. The sponsorships help hold down the costs for attendees.

SITM's Fundraising Raffles

SITM held a fundraising raffle during the meeting, offering eight different items, donated by members, as prizes. Margie Hermanson beautifully decorated the items and



Attending the District 5 Fall Meeting were, from left: SNR Governor-Elect Lane Parks, Linda Walker, Jeanne Naccarato, Annette Friedlander, Vivian Ruiz and Margie Hermanson.

Penney Leezy handled the selling and the drawing of the tickets, as well as the door prizes, which were Soroptimist license plate frames.

bequeathed the prize to her son. The Ritz raffle netted \$450 for the club.

WACCS Diaper Drive a Resounding Success

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



Piper Mullen and Carmela Cipollina try on scarves for sale by SI/Reno.

Tickets were also sold for the two-night's stay at the Ritz Carlton at South Lake Tahoe, generously donated by Niki Ewing. (Tickets were also sold at the September 7 & 14 SITM meetings.) The winner was new member Eve Johnson who



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

Sierra (WACCS), was the luncheon speaker. She spoke about the mission of WACCS and their services and emphasized teamwork of her agency's members and how they collaborate with other services in the community to assist disadvantaged women.



Attendees donated 1,765 diapers for the Women's & Children's Center of the Sierra.

The afternoon was devoted to President's Reports, including one from SITM's President Rikki Hensley-Ricker, who recapped our significant projects and fundraisers.

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Members attending were asked to bring a package of diapers with them to the meeting. The total count at the end of the day was 1,765 diapers. According to Pam, WACCS calculates in-kind donations of diapers at 25-cents each, so that totals \$445.71. Happy Dollars were collected by Jeanne Naccarato at the end of the meeting for WACCS and totaled \$85.

Thanks to Jeanne Naccarato and Vivian Ruiz for contributing photos from the meeting.

The Easy way to make money for our Club

By Barbara Atwell, Fundraising Co-Coordinator

Where do you spend your money?
Did you stop at CVS to pick up a prescription and maybe a card?

Did you stop at Target for a couple of things? Did you order a pizza from Papa Johns or Domino's?

Have you shopped at JC Penny?
Have you bought your pet something new or did you just get the food?

Are you making travel plans anytime soon?

Why am I asking these questions?
It matters where you spend your money. If you had shopped at one of these stores and used the Benefit mobile app, SITM would have received a portion of what you had spent and it would not cost you anything.

Using the Benefit app at CVS would have given 3% of your purchase to the club. Target would be 2.5%; a pizza that you ordered could have paid 5% with Papa Johns or 8% with Dominos. Again there is no cost



The Live Your Dream Award (formerly called Women's Opportunity Award) program was established in 1972 to assist women with primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills training and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family.

Each year, \$1.5 million in club, region and federation funds are awarded to more than 1,000 women in SIA's 19 member countries and territories. The women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including

to you over what you are paying anyway.

Now I hear you say that 5% of \$20 is only a \$1, but that's a dollar more than the club would have otherwise. Buying an airplane ticket? I bought a round trip on Southwest and used the Benefit app to pay for it. My purchase made \$16.36 for the club.

By using the app I have raised \$74.47 in the nine months that the account has been set up. It is safe and easy to use. If you need help, see me at a meeting and I'll help you. The Benefit mobile app is available for free in your Play Store or Itunes.

Benefit is a digital gift card platform and delivered within seconds to the mobile app for immediate in-store redemption. Each purchase earns up to a 20% rebate that is sent to a school, non-profit organization or a personal life expense of the user's choice.

By Pam Robinson

tuition, books, child care, and transportation.

The deadline to apply for the SITM Live Your Dream Award (LYD – another acronym!) is November 15, 2017. Education Women Committee member Sarah Carrasco is coordinating the Live Your Dream applications this year.

If you know of a deserving woman, please ask her to apply for this award. Applications may be found on the SITM website (www.sitmnev.org) and will be sent to TMCC, UNR, and other institutions by the Education Women Committee. The LYD recipient



will be honored at our luncheon in January, and her application will be forwarded to Sierra Nevada Region for consideration for a further award. The Region's winner goes on to Federation as well. Our award amount is typically between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Some of our previous LYD recipients have also qualified for our re-entry women's scholarships.

Last year's recipient of the LYD Award, Lisa Perryman, went on to become the top LYD recipient from the Sierra Nevada Region. She received an additional \$5,000 scholarship and a new laptop computer. She is studying engineering at UNR.

Wine Tasting at Lounge Nets Profits

“What a great wine event at Lounge,” was the refrain heard following the August 24 wine tasting and fundraiser.

Patti Kuhl, owner of Lounge, was so gracious and supportive in hosting the wine tasting, which featured four different wines. She also donated six bottles for a fundraising raffle to benefit SITM’s service fund. Many Soroptimists attended, as well as friends and other Lounge patrons. Harmony Hobbs and Eve Johnson each came away with a bottle of wine. Fundraising Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy reported proceeds from admission and raffle ticket sales netted \$373.



Harmony Hobbs was a lucky winner of a bottle of wine.

Thanks to Jennifer Burnitt for making the original contact and arrangements with Patti and Lounge. Thanks to Fundraising Co-Coordinator Barbara Atwell for taking the photos.



Eve Johnson was another lucky winner of a bottle of wine.



Some happy wine-tasting members, from left, Penney Leezy, Harmony Hobbs, Margie Hermanson, Jeanne Naccarato and Jennifer Burnitt.

This Meeting Brought to You by the Letters “S” and “T”

The August 24 meeting, was sponsored by the letters “S” and “T” representing our service and technical committees. As part of the program, members were challenged to complete a crossword puzzle using committee activities, names and tasks to fill in the blanks. Members completing (or almost completing) their crossword puzzles were awarded chocolate surprises. Pictured, from left, are Kay Dunham, VP/Service Penney Leezy, Doris Phelps, Patti Doty and VP/Technical Dot Watts.



These Committees Need Your Help

The new club year is off to a good start, but there are a couple of committees still needing members and expertise.

Public Awareness Committee

VP/Technical Dot Watts is looking for a coordinator or co-coordinators for the Public Awareness Committee. The committee is responsible for developing and disseminating external communications about the club and its activities, through media releases, promotional material, social media, SITM's website and other communications channels.

If you are interested, or if you have talents in these areas, please contact VP/Technical Dot Watts.

Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls

Dream It, Be It (DIBI) Co-Coordinators Patty Mamola and Kay Dunham are looking for committee members and volunteers interested in engaging with fourth and fifth-grade girls at Hunter Lake Elementary School to pursue STEM education. The DIBI program for girls is designed to bring self-esteem; encourage science, technology, engineering and math skills (STEM); foster a growth mindset in the girls; and bring community benefits.



The committee is looking for volunteers willing to work with the girls on simple science project like the one members tackled at the August 3 meeting to build a "lunar lander" out of straws, marshmallows and index cards.

Volunteers interested in working with the girls are required to have a background check through Washoe County School District. Patty and Kay have the forms to be completed.

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls is a program of Soroptimist International of the Americas designed to help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.



A small but mighty group of Public Awareness Committee members meet with VP/Technical Dot Watts. To the left of Dot is Christy Clark, Lynne Catrow and Sarah Carrasco.

Fundraising Professionals Speak



Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy presents our September 7 speaker Kristen Kennedy with a gift following her presentation on nonprofit fundraising. Kristen is President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Sierra Nevada Chapter, and is the Development Director of the UNR College of Liberal Arts.



Joan Griswold, also a member of the Board of AFP (and a former SITM member), joined us at the September 7 meeting, to thank SITM for our continued support of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN). September's Happy Dollars are dedicated to their backpack for kids meals program.

September Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Welcome to new members Linda Walker and Amanda Strong. Linda was sponsored by Harmony Hobbs. She is a co-owner of B&L Gift Distributors, Inc. Amanda is a transfer member from SI/Reno. She works for Clint D. Durocher Insurance Agency, Inc., Farmers Insurance. Welcome Amanda and Linda.

New Alternate Delegate Elected

Due to taking on a new position out of the area, Moshay Akala has had to resign her membership. Moshay was elected this spring as SITM's Alternate Director/Delegate. Acting as the Nominating Committee, the Board recommended and the membership approved Margie Hermanson to fill the unexpired term of office for the Alternate Director/Delegate position. Congratulations Margie and thanks for taking this on.

IGU Committee Takes on Dress a Girl

The International Goodwill & Understanding Committee has agreed to shepherd the Sierra Nevada Region's Dress a Girl project. The Board and membership had previously supported a motion proposed by VP/Service Penney Leezy to ask members and friends to donate time and resources to sew, or donate materials or money towards the sewing of "dresses for girls around the world" (including the U.S.).

Penney remains involved in the project distributing packets, encouraging sewers and packaging the finished dresses. District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco (and an SITM member) is the district's liaison with Dress a Girl Around the World Ambassadors located in Sacramento, Calif. They determine the greatest need and work to get the dresses delivered.

Fundraising Motions Approved

The Fundraising Committee has been working on their short and long-term plans and Committee Co-Coordinator Penney Leezy brought three motions to the Board and Business Meeting in September. All three were approved. All proceeds from these fundraisers are to be directed to the SITM Service Fund.

Motion #1 -- Members Jessica Coggins and Jennifer Burnitt generously offered to conduct a Damsel in Defense Seminar for interested members and their guests who wish to attend on October 13 from 6-8 p.m. at Jennifer's home. Jessica is generously donating 100% of her commission from any sales to SITM's Service Fund. See page 2 for more details on this event.

Motion #2 – The Fundraising Committee will conduct a pre-holiday fundraising raffle at the November 16 meeting being hosted by the Hospitality Committee. The Fundraising Committee is also seeking new, raffle-able items that members may wish to "re-gift".

Motion #3 – The Fundraising Committee is proposing a second "Sip & Shop" to be held at Ethan Allen in October 2018. As plans are developed by the committee, this event could include solicitation of members' time and money to support it. The committee will update members and prepare a budget for approval as the event timeframe nears.

Adding a Budget Line Item

The Board recommended and the membership approved a line item be added to the General Fund budget to include a \$50 gift to the SNR Governor at the end of her two-year term. It has been customary for clubs to donate towards a "Governor's gift" each biennium. (The General Fund budget used to include this item, but it was dropped sometime in the past.)

Happy Dollars for August & September

A total of \$324 in August Happy Dollars were collected for Care Chest of Sierra Nevada. September Happy Dollars are designated for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, specifically their kid's backpack program providing nutritious food over the weekend for them to take home.



Celebrating their September birthdays at the Business Meeting were Eileen Fuller and Bev Perkins.



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For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:

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Torrid Foundation Chooses SIA/LiveYourDream.org as Charity

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), our Live Your Dream Awards and our online volunteer community, LiveYourDream.org, have been selected as the first charity for the newly launched Torrid Foundation. The Torrid Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Torrid.LLC, a rapidly expanding women's retail clothing company with more than 500 stores in North America. Torrid is raising funds for the foundation through direct donations, rounding up both online and in-store purchases, events and possible product proceeds. This opportunity came to SIA through LiveYourDream.org. To learn more about this important partnership, visit Torrid.com/give.



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