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- Nov. 22 – Dark, Thanksgiving
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- Dec. 11 – Board Meeting, President’s Jeanne’s home
- Dec. 13 – Business Meeting
- Dec. 20 – Hospitality Committee
- Dec. 27 – Dark, no meeting
- Jan. 3 – Dark, no meeting

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Second Floor Convention Center \$22 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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Remembering Our Many Blessings

As we ready to celebrate Thanksgiving and the holidays to follow, I reflect on the past year and the many blessings my family and I have received. Thanksgiving seems to be a thoughtful time of year when we all take a moment or two to pause from the hustle, bustle of our jobs, family commitments, and the approaching holiday season to remember the many blessings received and, if you are like my family, share by acknowledging those blessings around the Thanksgiving table.

On a personal level, as the events of the year unfolded from my husband’s bypass surgery to the birth of our newest grandson, I felt the support and encouragement from my SITM friends. I count among my many blessings being a member of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows. The many friendships formed; the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world; and the support from so many members as I traverse my way through my year as your President have filled my heart with gratitude and thankfulness.

The boundless energy; the care and concern for each other; especially in times of personal and family distress; the selfless dedication to our mission;



President Jeanne Naccarato with certificates awarded at the District 5 Fall Meeting by Governor Lane Parks for SITM’s Live Your Dream, Dream It. Be It. programs and an SIA Club Award.

all embody nothing short of a remarkable and a constant inspiration to me.

As our 40th Anniversary Celebration showcased SITM’s accomplishments, our reach far and wide will continue to impact the lives of yet unknown women and girls. When I count my blessings around the family Thanksgiving table this year, I will be thankful for all of you and the important work we do. I wish for all abundant blessing of your own and plenty of pie!

Happy Thanksgiving to All,
President Jeanne

Going ... Going ... Gone November 15

This is your last chance to win a beautiful bed quilt or half of the 50/50 raffle pot. Winning tickets will be drawn at the November 15 meeting.



50/50 tickets are available for sale at \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.

Tickets are also available to win Jan Bogikes’ beautifully hand-crafted Lucky Star Quilt, for just \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The Lucky Star pattern is framed in warm golds and browns and could be just right for a standard double bed, or hanging on your wall.



You're Invited to an Adoption Shower for Maddix Hobbs

The Hospitality Committee invites all members to an adoption shower to celebrate Harmony and Scott Hobbs' adoption of Maddix. Please join in the fun on Thursday, November 15 at 5:30pm. Pam Robinson is kindly hosting. Please see at right for her address and directions.



No gifts are required, but if you would like to get something for Maddix, Harmony has some suggestions.

Books -- Maddix loves looking at books (I love the idea if someone has a favorite to write a note in it & it's something he will be able to keep)

Diapers - size 4 or 5 (prefer Huggies little movers) but will use anything

Clothing size -- 24months

He needs PJ's that have the feet built into them, size 24months+.

He could use a winter hat that covers his ears (he doesn't have much hair to keep his head warm).

Shoe size- 5 or 6 in toddler, not children's sizes.

Gift cards to Target or Walmart (are always useable for diapers/wipes/ etc.)

Thursday, November 15, 5:30 p.m.

**Pam Robinson's Home
4390 Dundee Road, Reno**

Take S McCarran to Caughlin Parkway by the shopping center. Turn right or left on Caughlin Parkway depending on which direction you are coming from. Turn left on Village Green Parkway, just past the Wells Fargo branch. Turn left on Lockerbie (you will see the Castleridge sign there). Turn right on Aberfeldy. You will see Dundee Rd almost right away, but continue on Aberfeldy to the second Dundee. We are on the corner of Dundee and Aberfeldy.

Angel Tree Gifts Selected for Hunter Lake Elementary Children

By Eileen Fuller

At the November Business Meeting, the Angel Tree project committee of Shirley George, Connie Steinheimer and Teresa Mentzer (in absentia) presented the Hunter Lake Children-in-Transition to the membership.

Volunteer shoppers select a child to buy gifts for and then bring those to either Connie's or Shirley's home by December 10. Members who weren't able to select a child, can help by attending the gift wrapping party at Connie's home on Wednesday December 12, 6 p.m.

President Jeanne asked if, in addition to the \$40-\$50 limit per child, gift certificates could be presented to the families, and that would be acceptable. The Angel Tree project is part of the Education Youth committee, and we are grateful to the club in supporting this, since these children are not otherwise able to celebrate the wonder of the season. Any questions, please text Shirley 813-1265, Connie 771-7512 or Teresa 232-3660.

If you selected an angel, here's what you need to know ...

1. The angels are color-coded so you can coordinate with another member who might have a sibling to your selection. This is important to try to equalize the gift-giving.
2. Spending is recommended at \$40-50 per child total
3. A good rule of thumb is something to read,

something they need (usually clothing), something fun.

4. After shopping, place all of your purchases in a single bag and affix the angel to the outside. Gift boxes and bags are appreciated.
5. DROP OFF at Connie's house (OK to leave on the porch) 1140 Alpine Circle, or Shirley George's house, 3060 Camill Drive NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, earlier if possible.
6. Join the WRAP PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 6 p.m. at Connie's House.
7. ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE WRAP PARTY. Text Connie, Shirley or Teresa if you plan to attend.
8. We need wrap, scotch tape, ribbon and YOU and your nimble fingers!

Thank you for your participation.

From left:
Education-Youth
Co-Coordinator
Eileen Fuller,
Connie Steinheimer,
Shirley George and
President Jeanne
Naccarato.



First District Meeting of the Sierra Nevada Region Biennium

Excerpted from the Delegate's Report by Diana Dillon

The District 5 Fall Meeting was held October 13 at the Beach Retreat and Lodge in South Lake Tahoe, California. The meeting was jointly hosted by SI South Lake Tahoe and SI Tahoe Sierra and conducted by District 5 Director Sue Chambers.



Dr. Jean Creasay from the Kellerman Foundation.

Governor Lane gave a very informative presentation with the theme of "Girls With Dreams Become Women With Vision". She asked everyone to refocus on women and girls and Dream Programs to be a part of everything that we do. Those include Live Your Dream and Dream



Annette Friedlander was the lucky winner of one of SITM's beautiful baskets

It. Be
It. Sierra Nevada had 100% participation in the Live Your Dream program in 2017-2018.

Our Federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, is trying to

refocus and rebrand that we stand for women. They would like to "Invest in the dreams of one-half million women and girls through access to education and empower women and girls

through our programs." Governor Lane then shared a slide presentation about the Federation Convention in Japan. An interesting fact was attendance at convention was 2,762, of which 1,700 were Japanese.

Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco provided great information about Treasurers' forms, SNR e-blasts and guidelines available online for reference. Her role is to "engage members with the Soroptimist organization and mission." She explained the Soroptimist International President's December 10th Appeal project which is "Women Water and Leadership." Sarah is also serving as the 2019 SNR Conference Coordinator. The region conference will be held April 26-28 at the Atlantis.

Region Committee Coordinators also gave reports of their recent activities.

The luncheon speaker was Dr.



Leaders gathered at the District Meeting. From left, Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco, District 5 Director Sue Chambers, Governor Lane Parks and President Jeanne Naccarato.

Jean Creasay from the Kellerman Foundation who spoke about her work providing hope and health in Uganda with the Botwa Pygmy people.

Leslie Brisson, SNR's Northern Nevada Trafficking Representative gave an eye-opening presentation



SITM members attending the District 5 Meeting were, from left: Diana DeMatei, Linda Walker, Faye I Andersen, Darlene DeLancey, Jo Ann Roberts, President Jeanne Naccarato, Annette Friedlander, Sarah Carrasco, Kay Dunham, Anna McArdle and Penney Leezy.

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on trafficking in the Reno area and on the I-80 corridor – right in our own backyard. She encouraged all clubs to come up with a project. They can be as simple as stickers left in public restrooms or a school art contest to promote awareness.

Nine of 10 District 5 Clubs were represented with an attendance of 87. Fundraising Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey sold 50/50 and quilt raffle tickets, vintage airplane calendars and three specialty baskets assembled for the occasion.

Soroptimist Inspiration for First Time Attendees at District Meeting

Each of the First Time Attendees at the Fall District Meeting was presented with a bookmark including this inspirational message.

Soroptimists are in the business of making dreams come true. We enable education through scholarships.

We encourage women in concrete ways to improve their lives.

We help girls envision the possibilities their future holds.

We spread joy through small gestures.

Lalial Akita said: "With determination, discipline and hard work, all dreams can become reality."

May we remain focused on the good needing to be done; approach each task with optimism and joy, and encourage each of our sisters with this journey.

Amen



Fundraising Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker set up an attractive and profitable display to sell SITM's raffle tickets.

SITM Members Donate Calendars to Veterans

By Pam Robinson

SITM members donated over 60 "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars to veterans in our community. Approximately half of them were donated to the Veterans Resource Center (VRC). VRC provides low income veterans and their family members, case management and assistance in getting public benefits, as well as temporary financial assistance for rent and utility payments. They also assist veterans in applying for benefits and provide a clothes closet, toiletry items, and food. Their website is www.vetsresource.org.

The remaining calendars were donated to Veterans Guest House. The Guest House is located close to the VA Hospital and offers 33 beds to serve veterans and their families while in Reno for medical treatments. Before the house was built, families would often sleep in their cars as they had no other option. Their website is www.veteransguesthouse.org.



Pam Robinson delivering calendars to Shawn Lee, Program Support Specialist for the Veterans Resource Center.

Both agencies are very grateful for our club members' donations of the "Ghosts" calendars. It was a privilege to deliver them!

It All Began 40 Years Ago in October

From the chartering in October 1978, through years of service programs, fundraising projects, volunteer efforts and entertaining meetings, the club's history was captured in a Power Point program presented to current and many past members at a 40th anniversary celebration on October 25.

Members and guests were entertained by a collection of period-photos and program covers assembled by Faye I. Andersen, showing many of our current members as their younger selves. A highlight was a 24-year-old video of the "Air Race Calendar Girls" singing and dancing to Neil Sedaka's song, "I Love My Calendar Girls".

Members and guests were treated to a "40th Anniversary Pin", especially crafted for the occasion. Long-time members will also have 20th and 30th anniversary pins in their collection.

The Atlantis provided special decorations for the club's "Ruby Anniversary", including a special cake adorned with the likeness of the 40th Anniversary Pin.



Jennifer Crowe, center, a former SITM Member and representative for U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto presented a Certificate of Commendation to SITM: "To commemorate 40 years of public service and your ongoing commitment to improving the status of women and girls in our community and around the world." Jennifer is flanked by two charter members, Jo Ann Roberts, left and Larma Volk.



Our hardworking Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey, left and Linda Walker, center, award one of several baskets to Scarlet Ewy, that was part of a fundraising raffle that day.



Faye I. Andersen assembled the Power Point presentation from 40 years of photos, programs and other materials collected over the years since SITM's chartering.



The Atlantis prepared a special 40th anniversary cake for the occasion.

How to Access the Power Point Program and the Air Race Calendar Girls Video

The 40th Anniversary PowerPoint has been added to the Member's Area of our www.SITMNV.Org website in both pptx and pdf formats. The pptx will download to your computer and the pdf will open on the screen for viewing (you can also download the pdf). I had to split it into two files because they were larger than the Wordpress file size limit.

To access the files, just sign into the Member Area, find the History category and click on the desired file. The Calendar Girls video is there too – just click and it will start.

HISTORY

40th Anniversary PowerPoint Part 1 (Download to your computer)

40th Anniversary PowerPoint Part 1 (View online as PDF)

40th Anniversary PowerPoint Part 2 (Download to your computer)

40th Anniversary PowerPoint Part 2 (View online as PDF)

Valerie and Blane Harding



Valerie became SITM's third new bride in the last year when she married Blane Harding on September 22 at their new home. Congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes for many happy years.



SITM Receives 40th Anniversary Congratulations

On the occasion of our 40th anniversary, SITM received a congratulatory greeting card from our District 5 Director Sue Chambers, and a lengthy letter of congratulations from Soroptimist International of the Americas President Elizabeth DiGeronimo. An excerpt from President Elizabeth's letter is below.

Dear SITM,

You know you are amazing right? Keep up the good work! So sorry I am unable to attend your celebration!

Sue Chambers,
District 5 Director



Dear President Jeanne:

Congratulations on your club's 40th anniversary. I hope you use this occasion to celebrate your club's many accomplishments while sharing our future direction—to transform the lives of women and girls who face obstacles such as poverty, violence and teen pregnancy by economically empowering them through access to education.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, headquarters staff, and the women and girls we serve. I wish you all the best for continued success.

Elizabeth Di Geronimo
2018-2019 President
Soroptimist International
of the Americas



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District Director Feature

Meet Our New District 5 Director Sue Chambers

By Faye I. Andersen

She's a retired nurse, a retired educator, current cattle rancher and farmer, and our new District 5 Director for the Sierra Nevada Region (2018-2020). She's Sue Chambers from Fallon.

Sue was an Air Force "brat" for the first 12 years of her life, residing in six different states, before her U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant father retired, and bank teller mother settled near family in Camarillo, California. She is a middle child, sandwiched between two sisters.



Sue and Husband Bill share a giant coffee cup at a coffee plantation in Hawaii.

Sue recalled the life lessons taught by her parents, "My father, who had a lot of experience with young military couples and their struggles, strongly suggested I get a college degree so that I could forever support myself should my life require it," she said.

Monetary lessons were taught by her mother. "My mother, the conservative banker, managed to set aside money every month for a college fund. My older sister and I were able to graduate college with the assistance of that fund," Sue recalled.

After graduating from high school in that small farming community she was off to California State University, Long Beach to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She later attended California State University, Northridge, achieving her Master's Degree in Public Health in Health Education.

After a couple of years working at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard, she returned to Camarillo to open the Intensive Care Unit of a new hospital in Camarillo. At the age of 26, she became the Evening Nursing Supervisor. "The love of critical care is in my blood," Sue said. "It was a great experience."

In 1993, Sue and husband Bill made the bold move to Fallon, Nevada, when their two sons, Clint and Brett, were in high school. Sue gradually moved out of the health care field into the education arena. "I began working with grant programs for the Churchill School District and eventually became the Director of Federal and State programs for the

school district," she said.

Sue learned about Soroptimist from co-workers, including one that she hired. That was 18 years ago and she has

been an active member ever since. Just prior to taking the mantle of District 5 Director, Sue was President of Soroptimist International of Fallon for three years and nine months, taking over after an unexpected departure from the area by the previously elected president.



Son Brett, with wife Ericka and son Cole live in Camarillo, California.

"I am most proud of the growth of our club over the past four years and the renewed interest in our projects to raise money to help women and girls,"



Son Clint with girlfriend Tammy.

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Sue says with great pride. “We also worked hard to help charter a new club, Soroptimist International of Fernley.”

Sue retired a few years ago and now shares her volunteer time with the Churchill County Museum serving as secretary of that association. She’s excited about a new strategic plan which will see the museum expand their footprint, upgrade and modernize their exhibits and displays.

When not volunteering, Sue assists husband Bill and youngest son Brett maintain their beef cattle production and farm. “We call it our “franch”, she said, combining the ranch and farm

operations. With 50 acres of alfalfa and 50 head of cattle, Sue says, “I can sling those bales of alfalfa hay twice a day.” But with a slight correction, she admits, “I use my body mechanics to load bales of hay and feed them. I can also run a tractor and swather.” She refuses to learn to bale hay, dreading the 4:30 a.m. work during the summer months.

Sue travels about every six weeks back to Camarillo, to visit her father, who is just months short of 100-years old (her mother lived to age 94) her sisters, and oldest son Clint and his family. She has one

grandson.

Traveling is in her blood, she says. Having one of the largest Districts in the Sierra Nevada Region doesn’t

faze her. Sue says, “I’m willing and eager to visit every club. I want to learn about the culture of each club and to assist where I can.”

Her goal for District 5 over the next two years is to pursue the Human Trafficking issue to conduct an awareness campaign. My goal is to have every club conduct a project, big or small, to bring awareness to our communities. She also hopes to help clubs focus on our federation’s two signature projects of Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women, and Dream It. Be It. Career Support for Girls.

With her first Fall District Meeting under her belt, Sue said, “I am so proud of our District! We had the most fabulous District Meeting recently at South Lake Tahoe. We witnessed presentations that help us to focus on our activities for the next year!”

Plan now to join Director Sue for the upcoming joint Districts 5 & 6 Winter District Meeting, set for February 9, 2019 and expected to be held in Carson City.



At Sue’s “retirement job”, she loves designing floral arrangements at Doreen’s Desert Rose Florist in Fallon.

Encouraging Words from a Former Scholarship Recipient

MacKenzie (Butler) Cortez received an SITM scholarship in 2017. She recently sent this letter to the club.

Good Morning Ladies,

I hope all is well!

I wanted to thank you and SITM once again for choosing me to be the recipient of one of your scholarships—it truly impacted my life in such a huge way. I graduated from the MBA Program this summer and ended up winning the Outstanding MBA Student Award, motivated to succeed by my scholarship and the confidence that was instilled in me by such an incredible group of women. Compelled to encourage others in the field of education, I recently began working at a literacy nonprofit called Spread the Word Nevada.

Spread the Word Nevada has given out over 4.7 million books to more than half of a million students in southern Nevada in the last 17 years. We currently provide

programming in 55 schools and give out over 55,000 books each month. We are so excited to be moving to the north of the state and to be serving some of the area’s most vulnerable and low-income students. Here is the link to our website if you would like further information <http://spreadthewordnevada.org/>

Warm Regards,

MacKenzie Cortez
Program Manager, Washoe County
Spread the Word
MacKenzie@spreadthewordnevada.org
www.SpreadtheWordNevada.org



A Glass Fusion Team Building Retreat for Board Members

By Chris Fegert, VP Membership

Some SITM board members had a glass fusion team building event in October. They had a great time tapping into their creative genius and all made some Christmas gifts for themselves or loved ones. It's really hard to give them away! Margie and Jeanne enjoyed their third class and made votives and appetizer plates and Dot and Linda made a votive and ring dish. There was a wonderful spread of appetizers and desserts and of course wine.

Here's what some members had to say about the experience



Dot Watts, VP-Service

The Team Building event was amazing! Chris and Keith take a group of novices and help them become artists! We have fun in a warm inviting environment and get to come home with lovely "works of art". I can't wait for my next class!!
Margie Hermanson,
Parliamentarian



I went in to the glass event knowing I am not artistic at all...but low and behold—I made something really pretty thanks to Chris' great encouragement. I enjoyed it totally.
Linda Walker, Secretary



The Team Building Event was a grand time had by all, hosted by Chris Fegert and her charming husband, Keith. We laughed, ate munchies, and learned how to be artists together. We succeeded in not only creating a closer knit Board, at times laughing at fingers crazy glued together, but also in celebrating our works of art that we are proud to display as artists! Thank you Chris and Keith for a wonderful artistic adventure.
Jeanne Naccarato, President



Chris Fegert, VP-Program, shows off some of her glass art.

Do you Crochet? Want to Learn?

The next "Afghan Social" is planned for Tuesday, November 13 from 5-7 p.m. at Diana's office, 1275 Greg Parkway, #105. Yarn and crochet hooks are available for beginners and extra yarn for those needing it.

Advanced, beginning and/or remedial crocheters are welcome!

Finished afghans are donated to a community service agency and/or nonprofit serving homeless or low income families in the area.

Don't Want to Crochet, But Want to Donate?

Donations of yarn, or money to buy yarn, is greatly appreciated. Yarn can be found reasonably priced (and sometimes on sale) at Walmart or Michael's. Here are some guidelines:

Red Heart Knitted Worsted solid skeins are 7 ounces
variegated skeins are a little smaller.

What it takes to make an afghan ...

2 skeins each of 2 different complimentary solid colors
OR
2 skins of solid color and 3 skeins of a complimentary varigated color.



More than a dozen crocheting members, and those who want to learn to crochet, met up October 23 for an "Afghan Social" at Diana DeMatei's office. From left clockwise were: Sarah Carrasco, Kathy Hudson, Jo Ann Lessly, President Jeanne Naccarato, Diana DeMatei, Eve Johnson Pam Robinson and Patte Robnett.



From far let is Mary Beth Roselli, Kathy Hudson, Patti Doty, President Jeanne Naccarato and Jo Ann Lessly.

What Happens to All of Those Crocheted Afghans?



Jeff and Diana DeMatei delivered 150 afghans crocheted by members to Sister Carmen and Sister Carol at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Reno. The afghans will be used with the Sisters' outreach program which provides assistance for approximately 450 families. Priority to receive afghans will be given to families with children, the elderly or the ill.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women November 25

By Doris Phelps, IGU Committee

The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This declaration, issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.”

While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

- 35% of women and girls globally experience some form of physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime with up to 7 in 10 women facing this abuse in some countries.
- In the U.S., 74% of female domestic violence victims stay in violent situations because they lack the financial means to support themselves and their children.
- As Soroptimists, we know that 47% of Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence.

Here in Nevada, the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (formerly Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence established in 1980) has gathered statistics from the 15 identified domestic violence service providers in the state in its 2017 Annual Report, as follows:

- 63,561 victim contacts
- 59,009 bed nights provided
- 10,423 temporary protection orders prepared
- 14,064 law enforcement contacts
- 106,462 referrals

Resources and funding, of course, are limited. The most significant needs of victims in Nevada include housing/shelter, counseling and legal advocacy, child support groups and health care resources.

Prevention of domestic violence has been an organizational focus of SIA (Soroptimist International of the Americas) since 1994. SIA members participate in the Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence. In addition, SIA and SNR have also worked to raise awareness about sex trafficking and teen dating violence. SITM continues to focus on these issues each year through its committees and other outreach.



Volunteer Efforts to Bring Clean Water to Third World Countries

**Don't Miss this November 29 Meeting
Bring a Guest**

The International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU) Committee will present a special speaker on November 29.

Dr. Cathy Fitzgerald, civil/environmental engineer with PlaceWorks will speak about her adventures in bringing clean water to remote villages throughout the world.

Since 1998, Dr. Fitzgerald has been volunteering with various non-profit organizations and has completed water projects in Sudan, Haiti, Uganda, Cameroon, Kenya, and Sri Lanka. In addition, she was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bolivia from 1999 through 2001 designing and installing gravity flow water systems for small villages in the Altiplano area north of La Paz.

Since 2004, Dr. Fitzgerald has been leading trips with University of Nevada, Reno students to Africa and Guatemala to implement various water projects. She will be discussing some of the completed water projects and the empowerment of women in the villages where she has worked.

The IGU Committee is hoping for a good turnout for this very interesting presentation.

November Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Club business at the November Board and Business Meetings was quickly dispatched, a hopeful indication that committees are all busy with their programs and projects well underway.

Human Trafficking Event Final Numbers

Coordinator of SITM's Human Trafficking Special Committee Sarah Carrasco issued a final report on the results of the Nevada Attorney General's Fifth Annual Benefit for Survivors of Human Trafficking. The event was co-sponsored by SITM, SI Washoe County, the Nevada Trucking Association and the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

Six SITM members worked at the August 23 event, plus one member packaged and displayed many of the auction items. Members donated 13 items for the silent auction and purchased a table for the dinner.

Service Fund Treasurer Lynne Catrow receipted \$45,000 in proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and raffle sales, dinner plates and donations. Lynne also disbursed funds to pay the Silver Legacy for the dinner and remitted the balance to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

According to Sarah, the total raised by the event, after expenses, was approximately \$60,000.

Three Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities

The members approved two motions from the Fundraising Committee proposing two upcoming events. The first was to conduct a fundraiser at Whispering Vine (4th Street location) in Reno on January 30, 2019. Whispering Vine would donate the proceeds of the sale of "wine flights". Food would be available for a charge by the business.

The second approval was for a proposal to plan and execute a Miniature Golf Fundraiser, possibly in the spring. The committee will be working on time, location and details in the coming months.

A third fundraising proposal from Margie Hermanson was approved by the membership to hold a bake sale at the December 13 Business Meeting. The motion was approved.

District 5 Fall Meeting Delegate's Report

Delegate Diana DeMatei reported a recap of the Fall District Meeting held October 13 at South Lake Tahoe.

There were 11 SITM members in attendance. For the complete report see page 3.

November Happy Dollars Benefit WACCS

Some \$291 in October Happy Dollars were collected for Disability Resources Inc. November Happy Dollars are designated for the Women's and Children's Center of the Sierra. WACCS provides a comprehensive approach with services to support women as they work to move out of poverty and improve their lives.



Vicki Shultz and Dot Watts celebrated their November birthdays at the Business Meeting by recalling a memorable (good or bad) high school event, plus a memorable Soroptimist event.

Public Awareness Committee Wants to Help YOUR Committee



Members of the Public Awareness Committee from left; Pam Sutton, Faye I. Andersen and Doris Phelps.

The Public Awareness Committee presented the meeting on October 18. The focus of their program was on "What We Can Do For You" meaning committees with projects or programs that need news releases or news media contacts, posting photos or information on SITM's Facebook Page or Website and other awareness services.



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SITM Board 2017-18

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| VP/Program Dot Watts | Director Rikki Hensley-Ricker |
| VP/Membership Chris Fegert | Delegate Diana DeMatei |
| Secretary Linda Walker | Parliamentarian Margie Hermanson |

Board Meets monthly on Tuesday
 following the first Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
 President Jeanne Naccarato’s home



For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:
 Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org
 Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
 Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



Did you know . . .

SI President’s Message: Be a #WWLSOROPTIMIST *Reprinted from SI’s “Global Voice”*

10th December, Human Rights Day is traditionally the day Soroptimists join together to show their support for SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen’s President’s Appeal. Between now and the 10th of December, SI will be sharing news from the Appeal projects in *Malaysia, Bulgaria, Kenya, and Indonesia*, and we would love to hear your news too! If you are holding an activity or fundraising event for the SI President’s Appeal please tell us all about it and share your activities and photographs with us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), using the hashtag **#WWLSoroptimist**.

Let’s join together as one voice, to empower women, girls, and communities!

We have already raised £160,000 towards our goal of £350,000! Your support is invaluable and is creating change for women and girls through sustainable projects in Bulgaria, Kenya, Malaysia and soon in Indonesia! A huge thank you to all of you for showing your support in whatever way you can, and we promise to keep you updated regularly on all the news – let’s keep up the great work!



‘Women, Water & Leadership’
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