

SITM Update

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- Jan. 24 – Live Your Dream Award
- Jan. 31 – Parliamentary Procedure – It's Just Pancakes
- Jan. 29 – Crocheters Meet at 5:30 p.m., Diana DeMatei's office
- Feb. 7 – Dream It. Be It.
- Feb. 9 – District 5 Meeting, Tamarack Junction
- Feb. 12 – Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., President Jeanne's Home
- Feb. 14 – Business Meeting
- Feb. 21 – Membership and Attendance
- Feb. 28 – Fundraising

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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The Race is On for the Next Six Months



2019 is off to a running start. I am in total disbelief that I have been your President for six months already. And if I thought the last six months flew by, the New Year's calendar is packed

with activities that will keep us busily occupied in our local community and internationally.

Last week we had the Making a Difference for Women kick off for their event scheduled for February 26. They're looking for donations of clothing and accessories for the Clothes Closet. January 24 will be the Education-Women Live Your Dream award presentation. Plan to attend and invite friends to join us to find out what SITM is all about.

The Dream It. Be It. STEM program has its first session of the year on January 22, from 3-4 p.m. at Hunter Lake Elementary School. If you have an interest in demonstrating STEM activities to elementary age girls, feel free to show up and observe the activities of Girl Power.

January 29 crocheters, experienced and inexperienced, will gather at Diana DeMatei's office to practice and learn more about crocheting. All are welcome.

Fundraising has a fabulous event on January 30 at Whispering Vine. For every \$15 featured wine flight sold that day, \$15 will come directly to SITM. Grab your friends, family, book club members and head on over to any of the three locations of Whispering Vine.

Our District 5 Winter Meeting is on February 9, at Tamarack Junction, right here in Reno, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and hosted by SI Washoe County. Plan to attend and enjoy a day of networking and updates of other Soroptimists' District 5 activities.

Add to that the Empowerment for

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Whispering Vine Wine Co.



100% of proceeds from the featured wine flight sold January 30, 2019 will be donated to

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Featured wine flight \$15



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Women Committee is looking for nominees for the Ruby Award 2019. So if you know a woman who has made a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community, be sure to nominate her for this award.

The end of March finds us with the IGU Pledge Day on Thursday, March 21. This is always an exceptional luncheon, well attended by many in our community, as well as other SITM clubs.

And that takes us through the activities of first-quarter of 2019 for SITM. Our activity level speaks to the good works we do in our community and internationally. Plan to attend any or all our events and bring a guest, a friend, or a coworker. Many thanks to all for the dedication and hard work it takes to create successful SITM events. We ARE making a difference in the lives of women and girls locally and internationally, because we know, it STARts with me!

Yours in Soroptimism,
President Jeanne

Some of SITM's Past Ruby Award Recipients

2018 Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Sharlee "Charley" Wyatt Smith

2017 Karen S. Carey, Nevada Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

2017 Sherry Rice, Access to Healthcare Network

2017 Barbara Pinocchio, Moms on the Run

2016 Moshay Akala, Women's and Children's Center of the Sierra

2015 Julia Ratti, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada

2014 Cary Groth, UNR Athletics

2013 Becky Blank, Aly's Prom Closet

2012 Marcia Hoch, TMCC

2011 Cindy Hildenbrand, Safe Embrace

2010 Lilli Trincher, Celebrate Diversity Endowment

Meet Our Live Your Dream Award Recipient on January 24

By Pam Robinson, Co-Coordinator Education-Women Committee

Be sure to bring guests to our upcoming Live Your Dream Awards luncheon on Thursday, January 24. Our club received nine applications and has chosen a very deserving recipient! We have also invited two past Live Your Dream award recipients to share their stories and successes with us, and we are excited to hear from them.

Soroptimist International of America has been empowering women through access to education since 1972 through the Live Your Dream Program and has disbursed more than \$30 million to 30,000 women who have overcome life challenges and determined to turn their lives

around. Soroptimist invests in women's education because it transforms lives and communities. Our program has been recognized for its effectiveness and long-term impact.



Every year, Soroptimist distributes more than \$2 million in education grants to about 1,500

women all over the world. Our club has awarded nearly \$35,000 to 30 women since 1998. The Live Your Dream award is intended for women who are the primary financial support of themselves and their dependents, have a financial need, and are enrolled or accepted into a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.



The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Time to Submit Your Ruby Award Nomination – February 7 Deadline

The Empowerment for Women Committee seeks to honor deserving women in our community who have made a significant difference for women and girls through their business or profession, community or personal and volunteer contributions for the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. These women also serve to inspire and encourage other women to explore and act upon ways to assist women and girls.

Members and others are invited to nominate a women for this award. The selected recipient is awarded \$1,000 to the awardee's choice of non-profit recipient.

Nomination forms are available at each meeting, on the sitmnv.org website or from committee Co-Coordinators Kay Dunham or Penney Leezy. The deadline to submit nominations is February 7, 2019. SITM's awardee is submitted for possible further recognition by the Sierra Nevada Region.

Thanks to Members Generosity Students Receive Angel Tree Gifts



Hot on the wrapping trail were from left. Shirley George, President Jeanne Naccarato and Monica House.



Showing off their wrapping expertise, along with dinner, were from left: Scarlet Ewy, Darlene DeLancey and Eileen Fuller.



Cutting up during wrapping were Annette Friedlander and Dot Watts.

Thanks to SITM members, 25 Children in Transition (CIT) students at Hunter Lake Elementary School and their siblings had a brighter holiday than they might have expected. SITM members selected the children's names from an Angel Tree and went shopping for the items listed on the Angel.

A Subcommittee of the Education-Youth Committee comprised of Shirley George, Judge Connie Steinheimer, Teresa Mentzer, Monica House and Annette Friedlander facilitated the angels, coordinated the returned packages, organized the wrapping and delivered the gifts to the school.

In total, 114 gifts were purchased by members. A "wrapping party" was held at Connie's home on December 12, where a dozen members, wrapped, ate a feast of pizza, antipasto, sweets and wine. The committee donated an additional \$300 to provide a book for each student and balance out the number of gifts for students.

The Education-Youth Committee estimates that an approximate \$1,860 in gifts were donated by members.

Thank you all for your generosity for the CIT students at Hunter Lake Elementary School.



Relaxing after the work were Mary Ann Decker and Shirley George.



Sarah Carrasco hard at work wrapping the perfect package.



Making the delivery to school counselor Matt Albrecht were Connie Steinheimer, Shirley George and Teresa Mentzer.



Piper McMullan and her daughter Kayla found the floor a better table, than a table.

January Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Inclement weather and even snow couldn't stop January's board and business meetings from getting the business of SITM done.

District 5 Winter Meeting Set for February 9

The District 5 Winter Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tamarack Junction in Reno. See more details on page 7. If you plan to attend, sign-up at the weekly meetings, or contact President-Elect Penney Leezy.

Making a Difference Needs Your Help

Making a Difference for Women, our all-day skills training seminar is set for Tuesday, February 26. The committee is seeking volunteers to work the day of the event. They are also seeking your gently-used clothing and accessories and items to put in the goodie bags distributed at the event.

See page 6 & 7 for complete details. Sign-up at the weekly meetings and contact Co-Coordinators Carol Dinneen or Dot Watts about donating clothing.

Come Crochet January 29

The crocheting members of SITM, and anyone else who wants to learn to crochet, will meet on Tuesday, January 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Diana DeMatei's office, 1375 Greg Parkway, Suite 105 in Sparks. Bring your yarn, crochet hook and a snack to share with the group.

A Jewelry Party to Benefit WACCS

The Board recommended and the membership approved a motion from the Empowerment for Women Committee to allow Patty Downs to host a "jewelry party" at her home, asking members to bring their unwanted costume jewelry. The jewelry will then be donated to the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra (WACCS) for their "truecolors, old treasures, new futures" fundraising jewelry sale to be held April 18, from 5-8 p.m. at the Atlantis. Watch for announcements of the date for Patty's jewelry party.

Fundraising Reports Success at the Halfway Mark

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey gave a detailed report of the successful fundraising efforts of the committee over the past six months. Those included operating the 50/50, quilt; Ritz Carlson and numerous other raffles; vintage airplane calendar sales; the recent goodie auction; the pledges from UPS employees or

Target; and the donations as a percentage of sales from certain retailers. Total raised during the first six months is \$7,553. Way to go and kudos to the Fundraising Committee, and to all of the members for supporting their efforts.

December Happy Dollars Benefit the SI President's Appeal

Happy Dollars, in the amount of \$305, were collected in December for the Soroptimist International President's December 10th Appeal, "Women, Water and Leadership". An additional \$100 in the annual Service Fund Budget was also forwarded to the SI President's Appeal. January Happy Dollars are designated for the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project.

Membership Changes

The Board approved leaves of absence for Doris Phelps from January 1 through March 31, for personal reasons; and for Kathy Hudson from January 12 through April 12, for health reasons.

Thank You from Soroptimists for Camp Fire Donation

The Camp Fire that devastated Paradise, California in Butte County is the most destructive and deadly wild fire in California history. On behalf of SI/Chico and SI/Bidwell Rancho, we would like to personally thank you for your financial support to help give us the power to truly make an impact for those affected and provide a jump start to the citizens and the town of Paradise. Be sure to periodically check our websites and social media for updates on how your donation is helping an entire community.

www.SoroptimistChico.org
www.SIBidwellRancho.org

With heartfelt
gratitude,

Bonnie Chapman
President
SI/Chico

Angie Little
President
SI/Bidwell Rancho



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Celebrating the Holidays With Socks and Sweets

To get into the holiday mood, SITM members participated in a "holiday social" on December 20, sponsored by the Hospitality Committee, that included a jovial sock exchange, a profitable goodie sale, some festive sweaters and hats and lots of camaraderie.

Members eager to share their baking abilities brought their favorite sweet treats, which were auctioned off at the meeting. Thank you to the 32 members who contributed to the goodie auction. (There were more goodies than table space.) And thank you to all of the members who purchased the baked goods. A total of \$475 was raised in auctioned baked goods, plus \$103 was raised through two raffle baskets donated by Linda Walker.



Showing off their holiday garb was Darlene DeLancey and Patte Robnett.

Members show off their holiday socks.



Margie Hermanson and Bev Perkins marvel at the buffet table decorations provided by the Atlantis.



Hospitality Co-Coordinator Niki Ewing wearing her festive holiday hat.

The sock exchange produced a variety of foot coverings.



Eileen Fuller and Jan Bogikes ponder some of the goodies for auction.



Annette Friedlander and Patti Doty debating over some of the sweets at the goodie table.

Intrepid Fundraising Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker display raffle items for sale.



Getting Ready for Making a Difference for Women

The Making a Difference for Women Committee presented a "kick-off" program on January 10 to educate members about the upcoming one-day skills training event and learn a little about the participants who will attend the event.

Members heard presentations from four of the nonprofit organizations that will be sending attendees.

Bill Sero, Workforce Development Specialist, with the Empowerment Center, which offers safe, sober living for women and specializing in workforce development.



Lisa Torres, Workforce Development and Career Training, Job Opportunities in Nevada Inc. (JOIN), which provides access to educational and occupational training for individuals seeking careers, financial stability, and personal success.



Pam Russel, Executive Director, Women and Children's Center of the Sierra, which provides services to help women escape poverty in order to provide a better life for themselves and their families.



Rikki Hensley-Ricker, Executive Director, Bristlecone Family Resources, which offers the most comprehensive addiction and mental wellness treatment and prevention services.



At the kick-off, Making a Difference for Women Co-Coordinators Dot Watts and Carol Dineen, along with member Piper Mullen recreated a popular segment from previous events demonstrating improper dressing for a job interview.



Committee Seeking Items for the Goodie Bags

February 26 is quickly approaching and the Making a Difference for Women Committee members are collecting items for the bags that we will give to each participant. Listed below are some ideas for items that we would like to include in the bags. We're hoping to have at least 40 participants; however each bag won't have exactly the same items. So it is not necessary to donate 40 of the same item. Thanks for helping us make this event a GREAT ONE.

Please bring your items to the weekly luncheon meetings. [Cont. on pg. 7](#)



Making a Difference Committee Needs Members' Help

Even if you are not a formal part of the committee, the Making a Difference for Women Committee needs members' help to make this annual event a success. This one-day skills training seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 26 at the Atlantis in Reno.

Before the Event ...

You can help by donating your gently-used work-appropriate clothing, shoes and accessories for the Clothes Closet. At the end of the event participants are invited to shop at the Clothes Closet to find clothing appropriate for a job they have or are seeking.

Clothing can be brought to the Thursday meetings. Co-Coordinators Dot Watts or Carol Dinneen will arrange to meet you at your car after the meeting to pick up the clothing items. (No need to bring them up to the luncheon, unless it's just a couple of items.) Please mark clothing sizes and bring them on hangers if possible.

Before the Event and the Morning of the Event ...

Members are needed to sort, size and display the clothing and accessories for the Clothes Closet. It's very important this be organized and ready for "shopping" at the end of the event.

During the Event ...

Members are needed during the day to help facilitate the event. A clip board is circulating at meetings for sign-ups. Needed are greeters, registration table, assistance with resume writing and answering questions. Especially needed are members (and you can bring qualified friends or co-workers too) to act as interviewers for the Mock Interview sessions.

Cost to members of this event is \$35 for continental breakfast and a plated lunch. Make checks payable to SITM and give to Carol or Dot.

A BIG THANKYOU to all who have signed-up to help. It takes a great number of members to make this event a success.

Join Fellow Soroptimists at District 5 Winter Meeting

You're invited to join the nine other District 5 Clubs, plus a couple of clubs from District 6 at the District 5 Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 9. The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tamarack Junction, 13101 S. Virginia St., Reno.

This annual district meeting will feature a "President's Roundtable" and the chance to hear from other clubs about their service, fundraising and other projects.

The registration cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Costs for first time attendees to a District Meeting are covered by SITM.



*District 5 Director
Sue Chambers*

The registration deadline is February 1. Register on the sign-up sheet circulating at the meetings, or contact President-Elect Penney Leezy for a registration form.



Unsung Heroes and Scholarship Applications Urgently Needed

With the school winter break being extended this year, the Education-Youth Committee is short on applications for some special youth to honor with Unsung Heroes Awards and/or Youth Scholarships. If you know a teacher, counselor, pastor or youth group leader, please encourage them to submit applications right away.

Applications area available at www.sitmnv.org, or from Co-Coordinators Eileen Fuller or Jo Ann Lessley. The deadline to submit applications for both programs is January 21, but may be extended to encourage more applications.

SITM awards annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors and honors children whose acts or service reflect the higher ideals of the human spirit with an Unsung Hero Award.

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following the first Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

President Jeanne Naccarato's home

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Empowering Women & Girls Through Access to Our Dream Programs**LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS****\$2,414,864**

in Live Your Dream Awards was given through the program ▲15%

1,595

deserving women ▲9%

93%

increased their self-esteem

86%

completed their education and increased their standard of living

**DREAM IT, BE IT****14,547**

girls participated ▲19%

88%

feel prepared to pursue their career goals

91%

feel more confident about their future success

