

SITM Update

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President's Message

August brought several life members, Shirley George, Elsie Doser, Doris Phelps, Joan Hughes, and Sande Reimers-McLaughlin to most of our meetings and the Hospitality Committee started the Secret Pal program. It is always wonderful to see all our members at the meetings and the joy that members are getting by receiving a gift from a member unknown to them.

We were fortunate to have Samantha King, Transition Specialist, with Nevada PEP speak to us about what this non-profit organization is doing to educate, empower, and encourage families of children with disabilities. With the kindheartedness of the Education Youth Committee, we were able to purchase backpacks, lunch boxes and school supplies for two disabled children. Thank you again to Monica House and Carol Dinneen, Co- Coordinators of the Education Youth Committee for making this special gift happen!!



Our field trip to the Landscape Design Center at the Moana Lane Nursery was a first for your President!! It was so refreshing to be at a different venue for a change and the sandwiches from Deli Towne are always the best.

It was such a success that the Hospitality Committee may suggest another venue in the spring. Thank you again to Mich Glazier, Sue Camp, Ann Steckline and the Hospitality Committee for making this such an enjoyable luncheon for everyone that attended!!

It's really hard to believe that fall is here, especially when the temperatures continue in the 90's. With fall though, comes the Air Races and we are so thankful that we have the opportunity once again to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Thank you to all the members and their families, friends, and co-workers who are volunteering their time to ensure the success of this worthwhile project. A special thank you to the Food Bank, Nevada Youth Empowerment, Bristlecone, our scholarship recipients and others for providing volunteers throughout the week. Our member and community support is incredible!!

Our District III Fall Meeting is also right around the corner on Sept. 22nd in Fallon which I am very much looking forward to attending.

Thank you everyone for your continued participation in SITM and our projects and for making me so proud to be your President!!

President Becky

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Niki Ewing strikes her best "Vanna" pose. See more Air Race photos on pages 6&7.

August Board & Business Update

By Faye I. Andersen

SITM's Board and Business Meetings were short on members because so many members were working at the Reno Air Races. Nevertheless club business goes on as scheduled.

First Reading of Bylaw Revisions

Finance/Bylaws Co-Coordinator Paula Ringkob presented the first reading of a Club Bylaw revision to allow any SITM member of any status (regular or life) "in good standing to be elected to or retain office in the club". Current bylaws restrict elections to office to regular club members. The revision will be voted after a second reading at the October Board meeting. This revision applies only the SITM Bylaws and has no effect on SNR or SIA or Bylaws or the SI Constitution.

Gold Party Coming September 27

Gather up your old, broken, unwanted gold jewelry, other unwanted gold items, even gold fillings and join SITM members at a "Gold Party" at Shirley George's house (3060 Camill Drive, Reno). A reputable gold buyer will meet with each member directly and pay her for her gold. At the end of the evening he surrenders a percentage of the total bought to the club. Food for the evening will be pot luck, so sign up at a club meeting to attend and bring a dish.

Wine Pairing Fundraiser Set for November 7

SITM's first fundraising wine pairing is scheduled for Wednesday evening November 7 at Napa Sonoma. Seating is limited to 30 and the cost is \$40 per person. The evening will feature four different wines served with a four-course food pairing. Tickets will be on sale at an SITM Meeting from Jennifer Burnitt.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

The Board and membership approved the IGU Committee's request to solicit funds from members for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Throughout the month of October the committee will place the Trick-or-Treat boxes on the lunch tables for members wishing to donate.

Garage Sale Set for September 29

Don't forget you only have a couple of weeks to gather up your unwanted treasures and donate them to the IGU Committee's Fall Garage Sale at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home. Volunteers are needed Friday for

set-up September 28 and sales on Saturday, September 29. Remember, if you have items to donate, but just can't hold onto them until then, Ethan Allen will store them in their warehouse. Call the store at 826-1722 for a time to make your delivery.

Happy Dollars for July and August

July Happy Dollars netted \$321 for the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project. Monica DuPea from the agency spoke at the July 26 meeting. Happy Dollars for August netted \$263 for New 2 U Computers, a division of Disability Resources, Inc. September Happy Dollars are designated for Aimal Halim Education Fund and family support.

Membership Notes

The Board approved a leave of absence for Kathy Martin through November for work and personal reasons. Remaining on leave are: Marna Griffin, through September, for personal reasons; Teresa Mentzer through November for work reasons; and Jayne George through December for work reasons.

Calendar

- Sept 20 – Candidate's Forum
- Sept 22 – District III Fall Meeting – Fallon
- Sept 27 – Health Committee Program
- Sept 27 – Gold Party Social – after work – Shirley George's home, 3060 Camill Drive, Reno
- Sept 28 – 29 – IGU Garage Sale, Connie Steinheimer's home, 1140 Alpine Circle,
- Oct. 3 – Soroptimist Founder's Day
- October 4 – S.O.L.T. Committee Program
- October 7 – Race for the Cure, Join SITM's Team
- October 9 – Board Meeting, Dermody Properties
- October 11 – Business Meeting, Flu Shots
- October 18 – IGU Committee Program
- October 24 – United Nations Day
- October 25 – Halloween Social
- October 28 – SNR Board Meeting, Las Vegas
- November 1 – Human Rights/Status of Women, International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

New Nepal Dormitory Security Wall Completed

SITM's dormitory for girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal now has a new security wall encircling the building. SITM contributed \$2,500 to the bricks and building of the wall from funds donated to the project by SITM members and friends. According to Dr. Purna Subedi, villagers started a quarry to hand-make the bricks when they remembered they had a road to the village and could easily buy and transport the bricks from a nearby village.

The IGU Committee continues to accept pledges for the 2012-13 year or donations in any amount to support school scholarships for girls, the animal assistance program for villagers and the new women's empowerment program. Contact any member of the IGU Committee for more information.



Purna Guyan (Whole Knowledge), the girls dormitory at Thulipokhari, Nepal with the new security wall complete.



Village women load bricks into their baskets, which they will carry on their backs to the workers constructing the wall.



Workers put the finishing touches on the brick wall.



So long to IPP Norma Rash

Members gathered August 23 at Margie Hermanson's home for a farewell party for Immediate Past President Norma Rash. We'll all miss seeing IPP Norma on a regular basis, but will look forward to seeing her again at Sierra Nevada Region events. She plans to continue her Soroptimist service from her new Sacramento-area home.



IPP Norma Rash and Jo Ann Roberts



Reviewing President Norma's scrapbook are from left: Doreen Rogers, Dor Watts, Bev Perkins, Mich Glazier and Mary Mead.



Taking "little bites" are Doreen Rogers and Marilyn Pearson.



Enjoying Margie's beautiful backyard on the golf course are seated, from left: Mary Mead, Ann Steckline, Mich Glazier, Margie Hermanson, Christel Neldner, Jean Neddenriep and Paula Ringkob. Standing from left are: Jo Ann Roberts, Linda Lamke, Faye Andersen, Marilyn Pearson, Norma Rash, Dor Watts, Bev Perkins, Doreen Rogers and Sue Camp.

20 Things You Might Not Know About Michelle Jones

by Judge Connie Steinheimer

1-4. She LOVES the sunshine, sitting on the beach, stars and fall.

5. Graduated from White Pine High School, with a graduating class of 75 students.

6. Was the Football Manager for the White Pine Junior High Cougar football team.

7-8. Was a Girl Scout. Her parents owned the only local Bowling Alley, so she and sister, Khrystal would set up a "cookie shop" during league nights and sold cookies to just about everyone in town!

9. Will be celebrating her 12th Wedding Anniversary with husband Quentin on September 30th.

10. Her 3-year-old son, Braden, likes getting vanilla milkshakes from "Inside Out" – a.k.a. In-N-Out.

11. She has two Laborador Retrievers, Jersey (7) and Bella (5). They are complete opposites of each other in everything they do. Jersey loves playing fetch – Bella loves playing keep away.

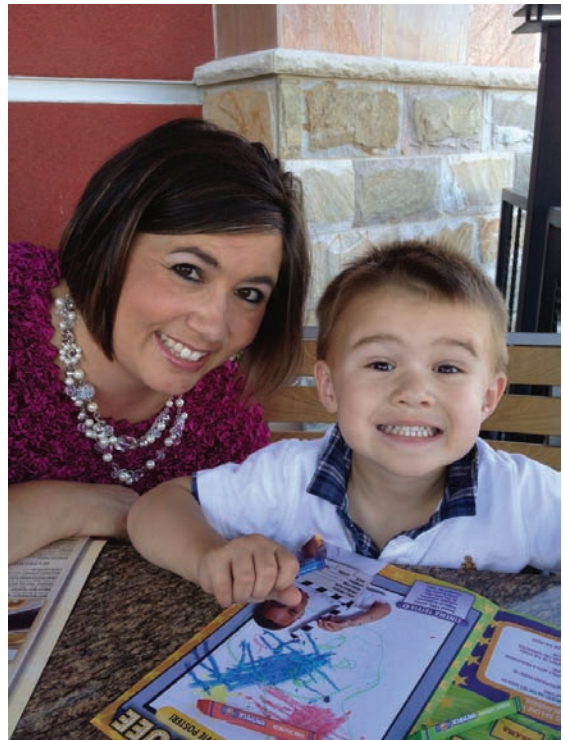
12. Since her parents owned the Bowling Alley, it was only fitting that her first job was a "scorekeeper". It paid pretty well for a 10-year old! One of her favorite jobs was working at the local Flower Shop (Flowers Unlimited) in Ely for a wonderful family. It was such a fun place to work, and it was great to see the smile on one's face after delivering them a beautiful bouquet of flowers. For most of the rest of her working career, she has been in the Financial Industry holding positions such as a Bank Teller, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Assistant, and Accounting Specialist.

13. Has been a member of Soroptimist since 2002. She is currently serving as VP Service, and served as the General Fund Treasurer in 2006-2008.

14. A special memory is attending a SITM retreat at Monica House's cabin in Lake Tahoe.

15. Enjoys relaxing by treating herself to a massage, manicure, or pedicure.

16. Favorite sport is football, and she has been a New England Patriots fan for many years. She and husband Quentin got the opportunity to attend the ProBowl Game in Hawaii in 2008.



17-20. Michelle's favorite things about SITM are:

- The friendships that are formed
- The rewarding feeling of giving to others
- The Nepal Project
- Serving on the Board. It is such a great way to learn more about the club.



Monica House, left, Samantha "Sammie" King, transition specialist with Nevada PEP, and President Becky Moody pose with school supplies the Education Committee donated to two children who are PEP clients. Sammie spoke at our August 23 meeting.

SITM and the RENO AIR RACES

SITM members, family, friends and others staffed the main sales tent at the TravelNevada.com Reno Air Races September 9-16 selling hats, shirts, pins, patches, programs and much more.





Making a Difference for Women Grant Program Update

By Pam Robinson

The Education Women Committee administers the Making a Difference for Women (MDW) grant program as well as Gomes/Gojack undergraduate and Jack Simon graduate scholarships.

Each year the committee budgets \$5,000 for these small grants to be awarded to attendees at our annual MDW Event. We have also received donations from the community as well as SITM members.

We ask for biographical information, a statement of goals, what is needed right now and approximate cost on a short application. This year the Committee set aside funds for 17 women, totaling \$5,700. Although a few of the women unfortunately weren't in a position to take advantage of the grants, the Committee has distributed over \$3,500 thus far.

The grant funds were used for a variety of things. This year, we awarded 4 laptops (thank you again to New2U Computers!) at a very reasonable cost to 4 very excited women. We also assisted two women with flagger certification funds, helped another woman obtain internet for her home, and gave a grant for a counseling license certification to another. We assisted a woman with funds for books at TMCC bookstore, gave funds for scrubs to a woman finishing up medical assistant classes, and reimbursed two other women for TMCC tuition costs.

Two other women received funds for office clothing and alterations, and another received funds to obtain her dental hygienist license fee, the last thing she needed before accepting her first job.

This program has helped many women in our community in several different ways. This is a wonderful extension of our Making a Difference for Women event!

*We're doing it again.
We need your donations!!!*

**SITM'S
GARAGE SALE**
Saturday, September 29, 2012



at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home
1140 Alpine Circle, Reno

Setup Friday, September 28

Proceeds to benefit the
IGU Nepal Project
including the Nepal dormitory/scholarships

Drop-offs accepted at Ethan Allen until
September 27, 2012



Field Trip: Lisa Braginton, a horticultural consultant, plant doctor and long time high desert gardener spoke to SITM members at the Moana Lane Nursery at the August 30 meeting, about the "Challenges and Opportunities of Growing in Northern Nevada."

BOOK PILLOWS for Libby Booth School



Just a few of the book pillows are displayed here. Books are inserted into the front panels of the pillows. SITM members and the Sierra Nevada Stitchers have sewn 147 book pillows, enough for fifth and sixth graders at Libby Booth Elementary School. They're busily working on 55 more for the fourth graders. If you sew, you can help. If you can't sew, they can use plain material for the pillow backings. Or, you can donate children's books to the project. See Marilyn Pearson or Dot Watts for more information.

Become a Laurel Society Member for \$10

You read that right! Kay Dunham, as the SNR's Federation Fundraising Liaison, has bookmarks selling for \$10 each which will enter you into a drawing for a chance to win a membership into the SIA Laurel Society. You have a one in 100 chance of having your name drawn. Drawings are held as often as 100 contributors are entered. See Kay for your chance today.



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Revised Club Brochure Available

SITM's promotional brochure has been revised and is available to any member or committee wishing to distribute it. The brochure can be given to program speakers, potential donors and potential members. Public Awareness – Website - Facebook Coordinator Niki Ewing has the extra copies.

Live Your Dream Launch



SIA launched Live Your Dream.org, a new initiative at the 43rd Biennial Convention in Hawaii. The initiative is a strategy to increase SIA's impact as an organization. The initiative offers an alternative way to engage others in delivering our mission, strengthening and growing our Soroptimist brand and increasing resources to improve the lives of women and girls. The SIA board directors are looking to Live Your Dream initiative to help SIA move forward and energize the organization.

Live Your Dream is a community that connects people online to do volunteer work offline that helps women and girls to live their dreams. When you join the Live Your Dream community, you join a group of like-minded individuals who dream of making the world a better place for women and girls. JOIN <<http://www.liveyourdream.org/GetInvolved.html>> the community now and let's make those dreams a reality.

Live Your Dream Goals:

- Advance SIA's mission
- Build recognition of the SIA brand
- Be viewed as a thought leader in the cause for women and girls
- Provide funding resources to advance the mission
- Recruit and engage an online community
- Retain SIA members and clubs
- Recruit new members

LiveYourDream.org is a place where Soroptimist will offer anyone interested in helping women and girls a way to make a difference. It will inspire people online to make a difference offline in the real world. The more people who engage through Live Your Dream, the greater Soroptimist's capacity to increase its impact by helping women through Soroptimist programs. SIA asks that all members sign up and encourage everyone they know to sign up as well. Join the initiative at LiveYourDream.org!

To see the historical launch of Live Your Dream, or for more information:

FREE DOWNLOADS: Share our badges, song and video on your website, blog or social network!

Awareness Badges: Download some of our **Awareness Badges** <<http://www.liveyourdream.org/GetInvolved/AwarenessBadges.html>> and post on your website or social networks!

Live Your Dream Today Song: To download **Live Your Dream Today Song** <<http://www.liveyourdream.org/Extras/LiveYourDream.mp3>> right click on the link and "save link as" to your desktop.

Live Your Dream Video: To download the **All About Us LYD Video** <http://www.liveyourdream.org/Extras/LiveYour_Dream_Video.mov> right click on the link and "save link as" to your desktop **-OR-** the easiest way is to watch, share and embed it from **YouTube** <http://bit.ly/LYD_Video> !

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SITM meets every Thursday noon at the Atlantis Resort & Spa, 3800 South Virginia Street in Reno, second floor convention center. For reservations www.sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com. no later than 8 a.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting. Lunch is \$16.

Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.



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 . . .

These neighboring Sierra Nevada Region clubs are hosting these fun and informative activities.

Sierra Nevada Region

Region Night Out in Sacramento to see "The Miracle Worker" an Exclusive Soroptimist Performance, on Oct 7. Get your tickets here <http://themicrleworker.brownpapertickets.com>, or go to [The Miracle Worker Information](#) for more info.

SI of the Comstock

Hosting a fun filled family evening of Bingo on October 20, 2012 at the Dayton Senior Center; 320 Old Dayton Valley Rd., Dayton. Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Snacks provided - No Host Bar Available. Advanced sales of tickets are available for \$15.00 each. Tickets at the door are \$20.00 each. Contact President Sharon Atkinson at 246-1630

SI/Chico

Hosting a guest speaker on Human Trafficking. Dr. Kate Tranchel, a professor of Russian History at CSUC will be speaking on human trafficking at a luncheon meeting on September 19. The cost for lunch is \$13.50. For further information or to make a luncheon reservation, please contact Dina Volenski, program co-chair. Her email is smilesinparadise@att.net.

SI/Marysville-Yuba City

Presents the second of the ongoing series of "Inspiring Women". Public Awareness to combat Sex Trafficking is a worldwide cause for Soroptimist International. Local victims will share their stories of Underage Sex Trafficking in the North Valley on September 18 from 12:00 to 1:30p.m. Cost is \$20. For tickets, reservations or further information Contact Kathy DeMille at (530) 671.5688 or kathydemille@gmail.com